

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2014 (amended 11/16/14)
Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– *Executive*: Ambrogi, Foster, McSherry, Ryan, Spallone
Other: Allen, Byrnes, **Christy**, Gardner, Jefferis, Miller, Protesto, Pusey, Webb
Absent: Bolger, D’Angelo, Dockstader, Eckels, Gingrich, Hewitt, McFillin
Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director, Brian Courtney-LYA Intramural Soccer Co-commissioner, Craig Reed and Michael Pryor – 360 Soccer

I. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Guest Presentation** – Brian Courtney-Intramural Soccer Co-commissioner gave a presentation about offering additional training to LYA players through 360 Soccer in Chester Springs. (PowerPoint slides attached and made a part of these minutes.) He stated that, based on feedback he received this year, LYA parents want access to more training than our intramural program currently provides. 360 Soccer provided weekly clinics for LYA soccer in fall 2014 and would like to work with LYA to provide winter/spring training for LYA players who want to participate. The main idea would be to offer soccer training in the winter and spring at 360 Soccer’s facility, not on LYA Fields, since LYA’s fields are fully booked in the spring for lacrosse and baseball/softball. LYA would advertise the training to our families and would receive a portion of the proceeds for doing so.

Last year, UK Soccer provided 3 weekend training sessions for each league. This year, 360 Soccer provided 5 weekday training sessions per league. Brian feels that weekday training sessions are better, because weekends are the prime time for league games. He stated that he has no personal stake in the proposal, but just wants to look at other avenues where LYA can offer services to its families.

Board members engaged in a discussion of the proposal, including the following questions:

- What impact would this have on LYA Summer Camps and its programs?
- Could this help draw more soccer players to LYA, instead of losing them to GEYA because they offer both a fall and a spring league.
- How and when would people register for this training?

Gardner stated there LYA has two types of soccer families – those who just want their kids to kick the ball around and those who want to get their kids good training. Spallone stated that Courtney and 360 Soccer should work on a more detailed proposal, including financial projections, and then come back to another board meeting to present.

- III. Approval of Minutes** – Gehret presented the minutes of the August meeting. Allen stated, for the record, that some of the items mentioned in the minutes did not actually occur, specifically getting college kids to line the baseball fields and having Tom

Burkhardt prep Zulu field for fall softball. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Foster and seconded by McSherry. Approved unanimously.*

- IV. Treasurer's Report** – Gehret stated that she had emailed current financial statements to the board but since board members had not reviewed the statements, approval was postponed until they had a chance to do so. The statements will be handled via an email motion before the next meeting.

Allen requested that financial information be made more transparent and available to the Board. To that end, Gehret will send out a weekly list of payments processed. She is also going to send out the check request form she would like all board members to use when requesting payments or reimbursements.

- V. President's Report** – Ryan – No report.

- VI. Sports Administration Reports** – McSherry went through the updates he received from each commissioner:

Intramural Soccer – There are a few more weeks left in the season. At the end of the season, Ambrogi will see that Uwchlan Township takes down the goals. He will also make sure that the nets get stored in the LYA House so they do not deteriorate outside during the winter.

Softball – Need new nets for the softball cages. This should be included in capital budget. Remind everyone to lock the Foster cages when they leave.

Travel Soccer – no report.

Lacrosse – Lacrosse goals keep getting moved out onto Pipeline field, and field hockey goals were moved from Pipeline to Hoffecker. Need to find out who is doing this. LMS also wants to know.

Travel Softball – no report.

Basketball – Registration is going on now.

Field Hockey – Their annual food drive to benefit The Lord's Pantry will be held next weekend on 10/25 & 10/26 in Lionville Park. Gehret will send out an email about this activity.

Track and Field – no report.

Baseball – Games end the last weekend of October. Field Day will be on November 9th. All sports will be invited and encouraged to help with field cleanup/maintenance that day. Baseball would also like to expand the 50/70 program in Lionville Park, but there is no good field to use there.

- VII. Administrative Report – Foster/Ambrogi**

Ambrogi reported:

1. The branch that came down at the LYA House has been cleaned up and the gutters have been cleaned.
2. Mold remediation was completed at the LYA House and dehumidifiers are now running there. The indoor environment of the LYA House seems much better.
3. Roof leak on lower garage near Field E – Ambrogi is reviewing two proposals.
4. Benches in Lionville Park – had a volunteer to redo them but found out that they must be brought up to code first, with risers and treads so that kids cannot fall through the bleachers. Need to include this additional cost in capital budget.
5. Concession Stand – Foster and Pat Cameron had the stand open this fall. No current plans to add water/sewer.

6. Ambrogi will make sure that Uwchlan Township has a key for the chain at Lionville Park so they have emergency access to the fields.

VIII. Old Business

1. Outstanding Budgets – travel softball – Allen will provide a budget for the next fiscal year
2. New Field/Indoor Facility– McSherry/McFillin – tabled for now. They will continue to search for new facilities next spring.
3. DCED grant - expires 12/31/14 – Gehret will gather and submit necessary data to earn this grant.

IX. New Business

1. Election - # board members/candidates – 4 of the 10 incumbents up for election are not running for another term. There was discussion about the optimal size for the board. Ryan discussed a motion to reduce the board size to 18 members, but no motion was made. The discussion should continue via an email motion prior to the November meeting.
2. Sports budgets for FY 2015 – due for approval by November meeting. They should complete their budgets and send them out for approval prior to the November meeting.
3. Update items in sports budgets – for registration system and field maintenance - Gehret stated that new data for insurance, field maintenance and registration system expenses will be provided to sports commissioners for use in their budgets.
4. Concussion education for coaches – Pusey discussed the need for concussion education for coaches and will provide information that can be sent out to all coaches in all sports.

- X. **Adjournment** - With no other business at 9:08PM – *Ambrogi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McSherry and unanimously approved.*