

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2014
Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Foster, McSherry, Ryan, Spallone

Other: Allen, Byrnes, Christy, Gardner, Hewitt, Miller, Pusey, Webb

Absent: Ambrogi, Bolger, D’Angelo, Gingrich, Jefferis, McFillin, Protesto

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director, Dave Owsik and Chris Allen –
Nominees for Board Positions

Resignations since October meeting: Dockstader, Eckels

I. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Board Size and Election of Board Members/Officers** – Spallone stated that the Board should discuss whether or not to amend the LYA By-laws to reduce the number of Board members, currently at 21, because of how difficult it has been to have a quorum at all meetings. A lower number of total Board members would allow for less needed for a quorum, and it might be easier to consistently find enough committed Board members if the total number were less. Gehret handed out a copy of the By-laws, with notations in the areas that might need to be updated. Ryan stated that he would like to drop to 19 now, and never less than 17. Allen stated that he would like to stay at 21 and make sure that all sports are represented. Sport commissioners are not required to hold a seat on the board but should attend meetings when necessary for their sports. More discussion ensued, and the suggestion was made to have members “call in” to meetings if they are out of town to cut down on absences. Board members were in favor of this suggestion.

Election – Gehret handed out a list of board nominees (Dave Owsik, Chris Allen, and Mike O’Connor) and read a list of which current members are running for re-election and which are not. Matt Dockstader and Travis Eckels resigned since the last meeting, and Carol Bolger, John D’Angelo, Burke McFillin and Dave Gingrich are not seeking re-election, so the ballot includes the following:

Nominees: Dave Owsik, Chris Allen, Mike O’Connor

Current Board Members whose term expires 11/2014: Mark Spallone, Steve McSherry, Harry Ambrogi, Jeff Gardner, Tim Jefferis, Bob Miller

A motion was made by Greg Allen, seconded by Sharon Webb, to elect all the nominees and incumbents. Motion passed unanimously.

McSherry then made a motion, seconded by Spallone, to amend Article IV, #2 of the LYA By-laws to reduce the number of board members from 21 to 19. Motion passed, with Allen voting no.

Spallone then made a motion, seconded by McSherry, to amend Article IV, #3C of the LYA By-laws to reduce the votes required to amend the By-laws from three-fourths of the full Board to two-thirds. A brief discussion ensued, with Pusey stating that he felt a 2/3 majority was not enough for by-law changes, followed by a vote on the motion. The vote was: 14 yes, 1 no. Since this did not meet the 3/4 majority requirement, motion did not pass.

Miller made a motion, seconded by Allen, to accept the other changes to the LYA By-laws proposed by Gehret in the following sections: Article IV-3D, Article V-4, add Article V-5, Article VI-1, Article VI-6. Motion passed unanimously. The amended LYA By-laws are attached and made part of these minutes.

Officers – *Ryan made a motion, seconded by Spallone, nominating Foster as Vice President-Administration. Motion passed unanimously.*

Allen made a motion, seconded by McSherry, nominating Spallone as Chairman of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Ryan made a motion, seconded by Spallone, nominating McSherry as Vice President-Sports Operations. Motion passed unanimously.

- III. Approval of Minutes** – Gehret presented the minutes of the October meeting. Allen stated that the minutes should be amended to show that Christy was present. *Motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Foster and seconded by McSherry. Approved unanimously.*
- IV. Treasurer's Report** – Gehret handed out of copies of the Income Statement for Fiscal Year 2014 (year ended 10/31/14) and the Balance Sheet for that date. Brief discussion was held. *Motion to accept the financial statements as presented was made by McSherry and seconded by Foster. Approved unanimously.*
- V. President's Report** – Ryan reported on the status of West Pikeland Township's planning for a new park. He received a call from Doug Hanley, Uwchlan Township Manager, regarding the fact that West Pikeland was finalizing the plans for a new park at the corner of Rts 113 and 401, behind Vinny's Restaurant. He spoke with two people involved in the process, Ann Yost and Ted Giacomis. The current plan includes 2 full size (120 x 65 yds) multi-purpose fields (for soccer, lacrosse, etc.) and one smaller multi-purpose field, but the planners wants to know if LYA would like to have a baseball field instead of the smaller field and, if so, what size. Board members agreed that LYA would like to have access to another baseball field (this park would be in Lionville Little League territory) and would prefer a field with a home run fence at 225 feet that could be used for 46 X 60 or 50 X 70 baseball leagues and also possibly for softball, although Spallone stated that getting another baseball field in this new park would free up a field in Eagleview that could be used for softball. The plan for the new park will be presented at the West Pikeland Township meeting on 12/4 and Christy, who is a West Pikeland resident will attend, representing LYA.
- VI. Sports Administration Reports** – McSherry did not present any sports reports, in the interest of time, because this meeting already includes the election and budget approval.
- VII. Administrative Report** – Foster asked that all sports report back to her regarding any damage or work required at any field, so she can plan for repairs. Allen and Owsik will report back to her.
1. Fall clean up days in Lionville Park were held on 11/8 and 11/15.
 2. Webb reported damage to the fence near Pipeline field, on the side near the pavilion.
 3. Spallone and McSherry reported seeing a lacrosse team practicing on Hoffecker and Pipeline fields over the weekend. McSherry spoke to them and found out they were from PA Express, who usually practices at DMS. Ryan stated that PA Express has contributed to field expenses in the past and will pay for any field repairs they necessitate. McSherry wants to maintain good relations with DASD, who usually assumes that LYA is responsible for goals being moved and damage to fields over the weekends.
 4. Webb stated that hockey goals used to be staked in place during the season, and therefore couldn't be moved around the way they were this year. Will see if that can be done again.

5. Lacrosse and hockey goals should be locked to fences, now that their seasons are over.

VIII. Old Business

1. DCED grant - expires 12/31/14 – Gehret has requested a change to the grant to allow fencing expenses and is waiting for formal approval.
2. Concussion Policy/Training –Pusey discussed the need for LYA coaches to receive training in how to deal with possible concussions, both when the injury occurs and when the player wants to return to play. EPYSA currently requires coaches to receive this training. Parents should also be made aware of the symptoms and ramifications of a concussion. Pusey suggested adding a box for parents to check at the end of player registration, confirming that they have viewed concussion info on a link that will be provided to them by LYA. He also suggested that we modify coach registration to force coaches to complete a basic online concussion information course in order to complete their registration as coaches. Gardner was concerned that adding requirements for coaches to complete might scare off potential coaches. Gehret also suggested that LYA consider similar training for sudden cardiac arrest. Pusey and Gehret will work on a plan to add this to online registration in January. Gehret will also send out the CDC concussion handout to basketball coaches and parents.

IX. New Business

1. West Pikeland Park Planning – Ryan – see President’s Report above.
2. New Field Hockey Program – Webb is retiring as commissioner after this year and Tara McFadden will take over. They want to start a program for 1st and 2nd graders, similar to but even lower key than the 3rd-4th grade program. Other area teams already have added this younger age group. Gardner requested that field hockey and soccer coordinate their schedules so that 1st and 2nd grade girls could participate in both soccer and field hockey, to avoid the issue of making kids/parents decide between the two sports at such a young age.
3. Budgets for FY 2015 – the following sports budgets were presented for approval, after discussion about the new budget data, based on prior year actuals, to be used for Online Registration Expense (6.5% of registration income), Field Maintenance (\$15/player for baseball/softball, \$10/player for soccer/field hockey, \$2 per player for track and basketball), and Insurance (actuals by sport):
 - a. Lacrosse – amended #39038-Goals/Nets from \$2000 to \$1000 to yield budget net income of \$370. *Motion made by Spallone, seconded by Webb, to approve amended lacrosse budget. Motion unanimously passed.*
 - b. Intramural Soccer – removed \$1500 revenue from #16003-Soccer Income-Other because it relates to the proposed clinics that 360 Soccer would offer to LYA players. Budget net income after this change is \$11,562,56. *Motion made by McSherry, seconded by Owsik, to approve intramural soccer budget as amended. Motion unanimously passed.*
 - c. Field Hockey – budget shows net income of \$1545. *Motion to approve field hockey budget as presented made by Foster, seconded by Owsik. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - d. Travel Soccer – budget shows net income of \$212.50. *Motion to approve travel soccer budget as presented made by McSherry, seconded by Owsik. Motion passed unanimously.*

- X. **Adjournment** - With no other business at 9:18PM – *Spallone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ryan, and unanimously approved.*