

# MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2015

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

## Attendance:

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

Other: C. Allen, G. Allen, Byrnes, Christy, Gardner, Hewitt, Jefferis, O'Connor, Owsik, Pusey, Webb

Absent: Protesto, Miller

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director

## I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. **Approval of Minutes** – Gehret presented the minutes of the November 2014 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Foster and seconded by McSherry. Approved unanimously.*

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Gehret presented current financial statements – P&L's and list of payments made since the last meeting. Pusey requested a column showing "Class" be added to the payments report. *Motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Foster and seconded by Webb. Approved unanimously.*

IV. **President's Report** – Ryan – No report.

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

Intramural Soccer – Harry will get the soccer goals off of Stockton/Rice Field.

Softball – no report.

Travel Soccer – no report.

Baseball – Little League International changed the league/age ranges for 5-9 year olds.

They are now using calendar year birthdate ranges for just 5-8 year olds, which makes the league with "9's" very big this year. Spallone questioned the need for another 50/70 field in the future.

Lacrosse – Coach meetings are starting now. Miller would like 6 best goals kept under the porch at the LYA House, but instead LYA will provide plastic to cover the goals and nets and then secure them to the fence near the LYA House. Miller has a lacrosse volunteer who will paint the practice wall on Hoffecker Field this spring. Miller wants to use the Stockton/Rice Field this spring.

Travel Softball – no report.

Basketball – Hope to breakeven this year, but there were extra costs associated with using non-DASD gyms this year since some DASD schools did not give time to LYA.

McFillin asked whether LYA could do a clinic and give the proceeds to the DEHS Basketball Booster Club or donate to them some other way because of all the time that Scott Yard and others have donated to the program over the years. LYA helped with advertising and registration for a clinic a few years ago and then gave the proceeds to the DEHS Basketball Boosters. There was discussion on subject of donating to high school booster clubs, but the Board does not want to start the precedent of donating to high school teams because it could become a very large expense.

Field Hockey – no report.

Track and Field – no report.

## VI. Administrative Report – Foster/Ambrogi

### Foster's Report:

1. She requested that board members send her suggestions for people to throw out the first baseball and softball pitches on Opening Day.
2. Also asked for ideas of new items to sell at the Concession Stand and stated that she and Pat Cameron will operate the Concession Stand this year.

**Ambrogi reported:**

1. Fencing work at Foster Field has been completed.
2. There are low spots on Senior, B and J Fields. Tom Burkhardt will level these spots out and fix the bare spots in the outfields.
3. Tom Burkhardt bid \$25/field to scarify the fields. For the seven fields, that comes out to \$175/week in the fall.
4. Softball would like new pitchers' mounds on Fields J & B. LYA will pick up the full cost of the new mounds, even though DASD also uses the fields. This cost will not be charged back to softball directly, but will be handled as field maintenance.
5. He will get keys for Byrnes, since he is now Softball Commissioner.
6. He wants to get the LYA House cleaned out by next year, including trophies. Gehret reported that soccer trophies will be repurposed and reused next fall.

Webb reported that Pipeline Field needs maintenance due to club lacrosse and field hockey usage at the end of 2014. Foster will look into it. Lacrosse plans to start using Pipeline on 4/1/15. Ambrogi stated that he will have Tom Burkhardt do better repairs to the grass in March – dig out deeper at the damaged areas and put in sod. Spallone also asked why LYA teams cannot use fields before 4/1 when DASD teams can get on the fields before then.

**VII. Old Business**

1. DCED Grant – received confirmation from PA DCED that the date to finalize the grant has been extended to 6/30/15. Gehret will submit necessary documentation of LYA's applicable expenditures by then.
2. Concussion Policy/Training – Gehret reported that Pusey had supplied necessary info and she had it added to the registration system for spring registrations. Parents have to check off that they read some concussion info for parents and coaches have to complete an online concussion training course and submit the completion certificate to Gehret in order to coach a spring sport. These procedures will continue for future registrations.
3. West Pikeland Park Planning – Christy reported that he was unable to attend the last WP Parks and Rec meeting but he will get an update and send it out to the board.
4. Budgets for 2015 –
5. Winter Soccer Training at 360 Soccer – Pusey presented an update from 360 about its planned clinics. 360 will handle all registration issues and LYA will send out emails about them to LYA families and post the info on the LYA website. *Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ambrogi, to approve the partnership between LYA and 360 Soccer concerning these clinics. Motion passed unanimously.*
6. New Website – Gehret reported that the new LYA website is now up and running.

**VIII. New Business**

1. Spring Registration – opened last week and all sports are now accepting registrations.
2. Picture Day/Opening Day - Opening Day is scheduled for 4/11 and Picture Day for 4/18. Gehret will reserve LMS for Picture Day and will get info from commissioners to set up the schedule for that day.
3. Sponsors – emails have gone out to sponsors from last year and to potential new sponsors. Board members should let Gehret know of any sponsor possibilities.
4. Online Bill Pay – not operational yet.
5. New Board Member – the board currently consists of 18 members, which is one short of the new number of 19 that was approved at the November, 2014 meeting. All board members are asked to look for potential new board members for this open position.
6. Softball Leadership – Greg Allen reported that he will continue as Travel Softball commissioner, but Steve Byrnes is taking over as Commissioner for Intramural Softball. Allen will continue to help as needed in 2015.

**IX. Adjournment** - With no other business at 8:16 PM – *Ambrogi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McSherry and unanimously approved.*