

# MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2015

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

## Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Ryan, McSherry, Spallone (via phone)

Other: C. Allen, G. Allen, Christy, Gardner, Jefferis, Owsik (via phone), Protesto, Pusey, Webb

Absent: Ambrogi, Byrnes, Foster, Hewitt, Miller, O'Connor

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director

## I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. **Approval of Minutes** – Gehret presented the minutes of the May 2015 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by McSherry and seconded by Protesto. Approved unanimously.*

III. **Treasurer's Report** – McSherry stated that baseball has concerns about the field work being done by T. Burkhardt, in terms of whether it was all done including scarifying. He will discuss with Ambrogi. Gehret presented the YTD Treasurer's Report for the current fiscal year. After a brief discussion, *motion was made by G Allen and seconded by Protesto to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

IV. **President's Report** – Ryan reported that the first turf field at DE is done and other should be done by 8/15. DASD does not yet have a procedure for renting the turf fields but knows that LYA wants to rent them as much as possible. The DEHS turf fields will probably cost us about \$105-140/hour for a full field but 4 teams could possibly use the field at a time. DASD is talking about regulating use with electronic access using cards that would only allow entry at the time rented. Not sure how time people leaving at the correct times would be enforced. Ryan hopes DASD will set aside all field rental fees to be used for resurfacing the fields when that is necessary in about 10 years. The installation of the underlying drainer system is the largest part of the field installation cost, with the cost of the surface being much less.

V. **Sports Administration Reports**– McSherry stated that Baseball needs a Fall Ball Commissioner. Spallone suggested checking whether Mark Doloughy is interested. Ryan questioned whether DEHS teams are using the Big Bubba batting cage that LYA jointly purchased with the DEHS Baseball Booster Club a few years ago. Webb stated that she has seen teams occasionally using it.

VI. **Administrative Report** – Ambrogi absent – no report. McSherry, Byrnes and Owsik will meet to discuss placement of new sheds and bare spot repairs. G Allen also asked when Zulu field behind DEHS would be available and Ryan will check with DASD and get back to him.

## VII. Old Business

1. Concession Stand – only operated sporadically again this year. Handled by Pat Cameron, who used to help Dorothy. Protesto asked if we normally made a profit on the stand, and Gehret reported that the normal profit was about \$6-7,000 but was less than \$2000 last year and probably no more this year. Ryan asked for someone to take on the task of figuring out what to do with the stand and Webb agreed to handle this. She will look into possibilities and make recommendations to the board.
2. Scoreboard Repairs – G Allen reported that he tested the 3 controllers at B & E and none of them worked due to problems caused by moisture. He stated that they need to be housed in sheds; therefore, we really need to get the new sheds as soon as possible. An electrician has repaired the controllers and will bring them back this week for testing.
3. New Shed Status – see above under Administrative Report
4. DEHS sport camps/clinics – Discussed various requests Gehret receives from DEHS/DWHS teams for LYA to advertise their sport camps/clinics. LYA has always had a policy of not advertising any clinics or camps for outside groups, but many school teams hold free clinics for LYA players so LYA would like to be able to help these groups out in some way. LYA set up online registration for a DEHS basketball clinic a few years ago and then donated the proceeds back to the DE Basketball Booster Club, but LYA actually lost money (about \$200) because it absorbed the cost of setting up the online registration. LYA's database has value

and if we allow it to be used to advertise for school teams, we should get some financial benefit. After more discussion, Doug Pusey made the following motion: *The LYA Board of Directors will adopt a policy of allowing mass emails to be sent from its database to advertise camps/clinics run by DASD teams, but only for sports offered by LYA at that time. If the clinic/camp is free for participants, LYA will send out one announcement email and one reminder at no charge. For fee-based clinics/camps, LYA will ask for \$50 for the announcement email and \$25 for a reminder. Free and fee-based clinics will be posted on the LYA website at no charge. Requests for announcements must be received at least 60 days prior to the camp/clinic and each must be approved by the LYA Executive Board. Motion was seconded by Chris Protesto and passed unanimously.*

5. DEHS Varsity Field maintenance/upgrade status – Ryan reported that the field will be closed this fall for repair and should be open in the spring.
6. DEHS Turf Fields update – Ryan – see President’s Report

**VIII. New Business:**

1. Process for scheduling township fields – had a little issue with Uwchlan Township when scheduling fields for summer/fall 2015. UT was not being informed by DARC about all the reservations LYA had made. Gehret is now in contact with Katie Churchill, the UT contact for fields, and will copy her on all future field requests that go to Bea Yorczyk at DARC.
2. USTC bulk rental proposal for soccer and lacrosse – Pusey presented a proposal from USTC regarding long-term bulk rentals of its turf fields, because USTC is thinking of building another turf field. They would like to get commitments from “partners” who would commit to a specific number of turf hours for 5 years, with an option to modify if requirements change during that time. USTC’s tiers are as follows:

<u>\$/hour</u>	<u># hours/year</u>	<u>\$/hour</u>	<u># hours/year</u>
165	250	160	500
155	750	150	1000
145	1250	140	1500
135	1750	130	2000

Pusey reported that Lionville Soccer Club and LYA Lacrosse together currently use under 200 hours per year, but spoke with Andrew at USTC and asked him to keep LYA in the loop regarding the new turf field “partner” program. LYA cannot commit to USTC now because we are hoping to rent time at the new DEHS turf fields once DASD decides on how those fields will be rented. The cost for those fields should be less than the fees shown above for USTC and they are closer, so that will be a better option for LYA.

3. November Board election/candidates – Gehret announced that there are some vacant seats on the board right now, and that board members up for election this November need to decide whether or not they are running for re-election. She also asked everyone to start thinking about possible candidates. G Allen stated that he feels that the board policy regarding meeting absences needs to be enforced. Here is the current policy, from the LYA By-Laws:

6. Involuntary Resignation.

The absence of a Director from MORE THAN TWO (2) (*changed from “four”*) meetings of the Board in a fiscal year, November 1 to October 31st, for whatever reason shall be considered a resignation.

- IX. **Adjournment** - With no other business at 8:35 PM – *Gardner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Webb and unanimously approved.*