

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2015

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

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

Other: Byrnes, C. Allen, G. Allen, Christy, Gardner, Hewitt, Miller, Owsik, Pusey, Webb

Absent: Foster, Jefferis, Protesto, O'Connor, Webb

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Gehret made available the list of checks paid since the last meeting. Other financial reports were not available for approval.

IV. **President's Report** – Ryan reported that Jim Lill, DASD Facilities Manager, has resigned effective 10/31/15. The district is looking for a replacement.

Ryan also discussed recent vandalism in Lionville Park. Lacrosse goals were damaged (net cuts) and the warmup area at Foster was also damaged. Ryan stated that the lacrosse goals need to be locked up again, except for two goals that should be left on the field by the YMCA. Ambrogi said he has cellophane wrap that could be used to wrap the goals, or we should get a garage to store them in. Ambrogi also stated that he believes vandalism in the park will probably increase in the future.

V. Sports Administration Reports– McSherry:

Field Hockey - this was the first year for the 1st-2nd grade league and it had 23 girls. There were 3 teams in the 3rd-4th grade league and one each in the 5th-6th and 7th-8th grade leagues.

Intramural Soccer – Had approximately 700 players this year. U18 league had 3 teams and played some games against GEYA teams. U14 league had 3 teams and played some games against West Chester teams. There were some disciplinary issues at one of the U18 LYA/GEYA games. Some LYA players spoke inappropriately to the ref and some GEYA players, but no one could identify the specific offending players so no action was taken. At the next LYA/GEYA game, the ref addressed the issue with the players and the LYA league commissioner sent out a great email to all league players, explaining the situation and what LYA expects from its players. There was also an issue with 2 LYA boys in the U18 league getting into a fight and being red-carded and ejected from the game. The ref also filed an official report about the incident. Board had a short discussion about the implications of a fight between players who could be either over or under the age of 18. No action taken.

Travel Soccer – U9-U11 teams are playing in a new league, Central League, and this should reduce the amount of travel to games. The calendar is changing from a school year to a calendar year basis. Three LSC teams won Columbus Day tournaments.

Lionville Lightning – There are 5 teams this year – 2-12U and one each – 13U, 14U, 16U

Fall Softball – going well. Not enough girls registered for the new Rookie League so it did not happen. With Zulu out of use, field space has been an issue this fall.

Lacrosse – Miller and Hewitt are both stepping down as commissioners after this year, and are transitioning to the people who will be taking over for them. (Correction 11/22/15 – Miller is staying on one more year, to help with the transition to the new lacrosse commissioner.)

Fall Baseball – going well. District 28 has gone through a leadership change and Dave Harvey from West Side is now in charge. There is a concern that less kids are getting involved in baseball and softball than in the past.

Basketball – registration is now closed, at about 570 total players. Need to secure more coaches for some leagues. There will be 12 senior boys teams. Gym space is again an issue.

VI. Administrative Report – Ambrogi:

Ambrogi needs plans and measurements for the warmup pitching area on Field B. He also reported that the person who is constructing the foundations for the new sheds (Wayne Crumb Construction) will also be handling other open projects that need to be done in Lionville Park. Ambrogi will bring in quotes for all jobs for review and approval.

Problem Areas – worn astro-turf in batting cages, warmup area (unsafe/embarrassing), siding on pavilion (to be paid for by Uwchlan Twp).

Fall Cleanup – Baseball and softball are done on 11/7, so cleanup can occur after that date.

Field Maintenance Products – Ambrogi orders and baseball/softball split up the items in the storage shed. Each sport gets charged for half.

LYA Sign on Devon Drive – Ambrogi is getting a proposal from Wayne Crumb Construction for a new sign – either pressure-treated lumber or PVC.

Tom Burkhardt will continue with field maintenance tasks until 11/15.

Other pending items:

- 1) Lacrosse practice wall repairs and bleachers
- 2) Maintenance work on trees/bushes around LYA House
- 3) New locks – Ambrogi is trading in “number” locks for “letter” ones
- 4) LYA House porch – needs to be cleaned out. Byrnes will move donated practice softballs (from Dick’s) upstairs.
- 5) Martin’s Farm – the full-size soccer goal has disappeared from that field. Ambrogi is trying to find out whether Uwchlan Twp removed it for maintenance.
- 6) Hoffecker Field – goal areas need to be repaired better. Ambrogi will ask Tom Burkhardt to evaluate and give suggestions. Suggested getting Miracle-Gro and covering the area with tarps, which is what used to be done in the past but hasn’t been done for several years. This should be done as soon as fall sports are done and tarps must be removed by early March 2016.

VII. Old Business

1. Concession Stand operation – Gehret – was contacted by person who runs Pennypacker concession stand. They have a mobile concession truck but the board was unsure whether Uwchlan Twp would allow it in the park on a regular basis. Spallone will contact them for more info. Also need to talk more to the Ganski’s – the Uwchlan Twp family who is interested in taking over the stand. All agreed that a new plan has to be in place by the spring, because LYA should provide a place for families to be able to get food while they’re in the park for games.
2. New sheds status – Ambrogi – three sheds are being put in – at B & E and one for storage at Eagleview. All will be on footers.
3. DEHS Varsity Field maintenance/upgrade status– Ryan – work does not appear to have been started
4. DEHS Turf Fields update – Ryan – Fields are done and being used for DEHS team practices only. Uwchlan Twp has not yet officially approved the turf fields for use, and no games can be played there until they are approved. Ryan has requested time on the fields in Nov/Dec for LYA field hockey and soccer and will request time in the spring for LYA lacrosse.
5. November board election – candidates – Gehret – need candidates for open board positions, because the election is coming up in November. There are currently 19 board positions, after the by-laws were amended last November. There was some discussion about further reducing the size of the board, and also discussion about why people don’t seem to be interested in joining the board. The length of board meetings in the past was an issue, but has been addressed and meetings are now shorter. Owsik stated that the board also needs to look at utilizing social media for communication rather than emails.
6. Background checks – coaches, etc. and board members – Gehret has run the required background checks on fall coaches, etc. but also needs to complete them for board members and asked all board members to register online so the checks can be run.

VIII. New Business:

1. DEHS turf fields – reservation process/Spring 2015 LYA use – Pusey – this item was also discussed under President’s Report. Ryan will be requesting as much time as possible on the new turf fields, but since the fields are not yet approved for use, it’s hard to know how much time LYA might get. Miller wanted to know if Ryan thinks LYA will definitely get turf time there in the spring, but Ryan says there’s no way to know.
2. LYA policy regarding player fights – Pusey – see item under Sports-Intramural Soccer. It was decided that this item should be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.
3. Administrative Assistant search – Gehret – LYA has received about 40 resumes from very qualified people interested in the position. They will be reviewed and top candidates will be contacted for interviews.
4. Board member conduct – McSherry – Board members were reminded that their conduct needs to be a positive example to the rest of LYA, and that no board member should ever use the fact that they are on the board to intimidate anyone else.
5. Joe Munnely – Gehret – Munnely had a stroke and is currently recuperating at a rehab center in Philadelphia. Gehret has sent him flowers and will send his address out to the board so members can send cards.
6. LYA Partners: 360 Sports – fall clinics – \$2115 gross/\$317.25 to LYA
LYA Camps - \$8700 to LYA for summer 2015
7. New email for check requests – LYAchecks@lyasports.org - Gehret asked that everyone send future check requests to this email address, to keep them segregated from the rest of the emails she receives.

IX. Adjournment - With no other business at 8:45 PM – Spallone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by

Owsik and unanimously approved.