

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

November 22, 2015

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Ryan, McSherry, Spallone

Other: C. Allen (phone), G. Allen, Byrnes, Christy, Gardner, Jefferis, Miller, O'Connor, Owsik, Pusey

Absent: Ambrogi, Hewitt, Protesto, Webb

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director, Matt Marascio – Board Nominee

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Board Size and Election of Board Members/Officers

This item started out with a discussion about the optimal size of the LYA Board. Some members felt the board is still too large. Ryan suggested that we complete the election process and then continue the discussion about the size of the board.

Several board members have chosen not to seek re-election, including Lynn Hewitt, Chris Protesto, and Sharon Webb. We thank each of them for their time on the LYA Board and their service to LYA. Ryan then presented the slate of candidates for the election, including two nominees – Mark Doloughty and Matt Marascio. Mark was on the LYA Board in the past and is the current Lionville Junior Hillcats commissioner. Matt played lacrosse in LYA in the past and has been an LYA lacrosse coach for several years. He will be working with Bob Miller this year and then taking over as LYA Lacrosse Commissioner in spring of 2017. Current board members seeking re-election include: Greg Allen, Steve Byrnes, Bob Christy, Doug Pusey and Kevin Ryan. *A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by McSherry, to elect both nominees and all returning board members. Motion passed unanimously.*

After the election, the current size of the board stands at 16 members, though the current by-laws list the size of the board at 19 members. Discussion about board size then continued with some members suggesting that the by-laws be changed to show a maximum number of board members, rather than a definite number. Some members then stated concern about whether a minimum number of members should also be included in the by-laws, to guard against a situation where very few members could change or even dissolve LYA. For example, if there were only 5 board members, only 3 would be required to change the by-laws. Possible wording of a motion was suggested as: Motion is made to change the number of LYA Board Members in the by-laws to “up to 19 members”, but have a quorum or other majority calculated based on the number of elected members at that time. No action was taken on this motion, as Ryan will supply proper verbiage so the motion can be considered at a future date.

Ryan then moved on to the election of officers for the coming year. He announced that he is resigning as President but will remain on the Board, where he has served for the last 15 years or so. The following motions were then made regarding LYA's new officers:

Motion by Ryan, seconded by G Allen, nominating Mark Spallone as LYA President.

Motion by Spallone, seconded by Owsik, nominating Steve McSherry as LYA Chairman of the Board.

Both motions passed unanimously.

LYA's By-Laws state that the VP-Administration and VP-Sports Operations are appointed by the President. Accordingly, Spallone appointed Ambrogi as VP-Administration and G Allen as VP-Sports Operations. There were no candidates for the Treasurer/Investment Advisor position, so it remains open.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Gehret presented the minutes of the October 2015 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by G Allen and seconded by Jefferis. Approved unanimously.*
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Gehret presented preliminary P&L summary and detail for fiscal 2015, which ended on 10/31/15. This preliminary P&L shows a net loss of \$64K, but does not include approximately \$40K of Jr Hillcats registration income and requires some other adjusting entries. Gehret will present a final P&L as soon as it is available. *After brief discussion, a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Gardner and seconded by McSherry. Motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **President's Report** – Ryan reported that Uwchlan Twp has now granted the DASD the permit it needs to officially open and use the new DEHS turf fields. He has put in a request for turf field rental for LYA sports and is waiting for confirmation.
- VI. **Sports Administration Reports**– McSherry: no report.
- VII. **Administrative Report** – Ambrogi absent – no report. G Allen stated that the new sheds at Fields B & E are very nice.
- VIII. **Old Business**
1. Administrative Assistant Search – Gehret interviewed top candidates this week. Spallone and McSherry will interview her top picks next week. Hope to have a person hired for this position by Thanksgiving.
 2. Concession Stand – Gehret – The two candidates being considered to take over the operation of the LYA Concession Stand, the people who run the Pennypacker Swim Club stand and the Uwchlan Township couple who help out at Uwchlan Twp Day (Ganski's), are still interested. Ambrogi and McSherry will follow up with both to get more information from each of them. The stand will probably need to be upgraded in some way.
- IX. **New Business**
1. Budgets for FY 2016 – Gehret recently sent out actual income and expense information by sport for fiscal year 2015 to each sport's commissioner, but has not yet provided information on indirect expenses including registration, field maintenance and insurance. She will supply that info to commissioners and budgets will be considered and approved at January's meeting.
 2. Website/Registration System – Several board members expressed dissatisfaction with LYA's current website and registration system. Spallone appointed G Allen and Owsik to head up an effort to look at other options for both. They will start gathering information from each sport regarding their requirements.
- X. **Adjournment** - With no other business at 8:10 PM – *Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Byrnes and unanimously approved.*