

## MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2016

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: McSherry, Spallone, G. Allen, Ambrogi

Other: Byrnes, Christy, Doloughy, Gardner, Jefferis, Marascio, Miller, O'Connor, Owsik,

Pusey

Absent: C. Allen

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director, Amy Laughlin – LYA

Administrative Assistant

### I. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. Approval of minutes from November 2015 Board meeting

*Motion to approve minutes from November 2015 was made by Jefferis, seconded by Byrnes. Motion passed unanimously.* Introduced Amy Laughlin as new administrative assistant and Matt Marascio as new board member.

### III. Treasurer's Report

Gehret presented financial reports for fiscal year ended 10/31/15. Revenue was up \$10,000, but expenses were up \$100,000. This is mostly due to travel soccer, travel softball, and Jr. Hillcats and is probably due to the timing of income/expenses, since travel soccer and softball just started running all of their income and expense through LYA's they were not included in the report. Gehret mentioned that all travel teams should now have access to information regarding payment of player fees and also monthly reports so that they know where they stand overall regarding income versus expense. There is currently \$81,000 in LYA's checking account, which is a low balance, but spring sports registration fees will start coming in next week.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Byrnes, seconded by Jefferis. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. Presidents Report – Spallone: no report

### V. Sports/Operations Report – G Allen

Intramural Soccer – planning to have interclub games with West Chester Soccer and GEYA

Travel Soccer – will be using more field time at USTC and wants to use DEHS turf fields this spring

Softball – will get field maintenance requests for spring to Ambrogi

Track – Robson is stepping down as commissioner. Need to find a new one soon. Will ask Robson for possible replacements, check with George Read at DEHS about students who might want to help with the program, and will advertise the position on the website if necessary.

Lacrosse – Having coach meetings now. New commissioner (Marascio) is working with Miller this year, to take over the job next year.

Baseball - Baseball committee meetings are coming up soon. Would like to offer more training, especially first aid.

## **VI. Administrative Report – Ambrogi**

Harry indicated that Fields E, C, Foster and Hoffecker dirt spots were seeded by Tommy Burkhardt. Hoffecker was tarped where worn in front of the goals. The lacrosse wall was repaired and painted. The sheds are getting electricity installed. Wooden bleachers are getting repaired. The scoreboards will be functional for the spring season. They will be tested in February. Ambrogi will look at the pitching area and batting cages behind Foster for upcoming repairs. Pusey had concerns about insurance and the trees near the fields – who owns that area? Liability issues? Harry is going to check. Burkhardt will talk with Anne about setting up a field maintenance schedule for the year. Board indicated that we should get a proposal from him to evaluate the value of his services. Capital budget still needs to be made and approved – Ambrogi will work on this.

## **VII. Old Business**

1. Administrative Assistant introduction – Laughlin introduced herself to Board

2. Budgets for FY 2016:

Intramural and Travel Soccer - Pusey presented the budgets for intramural soccer and travel soccer. He used registration numbers from fall and raised fees to cover increases in allocated expenses including registration, insurance, and field assessment fees. He added expense for referee fees for ages 8, 9, and 10. In addition, he added player clinics for the U6-U8 age groups through 360 Soccer, as well as a coach training session. The club fee for travel soccer teams was based on conversations with coaches. Gehret indicated that income vs expense is not consistent and all expenses are not covered with the team fee. These numbers should be considered estimates, not actuals. Side bar topic came up about whether travel teams should have a monthly budget sent to them to make sure they are within budget. Gehret indicated that once Laughlin can take over other things, she should be able to provide monthly budget reports to travel teams. Also, the issue of how to handle team expenses (those specific to individual teams vs. LYA club expenses), was raised but this issue was tabled for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting. It was suggested that Doug Pusey be involved in the Executive meeting to talk through the issue.

Basketball raised their fees to \$90-100 for the 2015-2016 season. The main expenses of their budget are gym rentals and officials fees. There are 65 teams this year with 675-700 players.

Dave Owsik was not at the meeting during the time the Baseball budget was discussed. It was discussed that \$20 per player was budgeted to cover field maintenance. Also discussed was that LYA buys umpire shirts for the younger umpires. There was a question about whether there should be a sponsorship line on the budget. This was tabled and the Executive Committee will talk about this at their Executive Board Meeting.

Softball – Steve Byrnes indicated that softball raised their registration fee by \$10. Tball is less than the rest of the age groups. He indicated that the number of players is decreasing.

Lacrosse – Question was posed about whether goal nets were included in the capital budget. Gehret indicated that goals, but not nets, were included in the capital budget. Lacrosse did not raise prices this year and their budget showed a loss because it did not include updated values for online registration and insurance. McSherry indicated that board cannot approve a negative budget. Miller reduced lacrosse's budgeted expenses by \$1600 and made nets part of capital to balance the lacrosse budget.

After discussion of sport budgets was finished, Miller made a motion to approve all the budgets that had been discussed - Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Lacrosse. Motion was seconded by Jefferis and unanimously approved.

Capital Expenses – The question of how LYA funds capital expenditures was posed and someone suggested that perhaps we should raise registration \$5/player to cover capital expenses. No action was taken.

3. Board Size - motion from November meeting - Ryan - this would be a bylaw change, requiring approval by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the board members. Due to the number meeting attendees, this was tabled for later action.
4. DEHS Turf Fields – Ryan – He requested time on the DEHS turf this spring and has received confirmed reservations for soccer and lacrosse. DASD does not seem to be open to giving LYA any preferential treatment, as far as reservations and cost, but Ryan will keep working to that end.
5. Concession Stand Operation – Gehret – Melanie Lammers would like to take on the concession stand operation, starting this spring. LYA received proposal from her at the date of this meeting. Ambrogi indicated he would like to be involved. Decision was made to table this and have Executive Board look through her proposal.
6. Website/Registration System Project – G Allen/Owsik – it was indicated that Greg Allen and Dave Owsik will be in charge of looking for a new website/registration system and they have made contact with some vendors. Owsik indicated that it needs to be set up by June to use for fall registration.

## **IX. New Business**

1. Spring Picture Day/Opening Day – Opening Day is April 9th. Baseball will be in charge of the day's events with the help of Laughlin and Gehret. Discussion about whether we still want to have Picture Day was held and decision to keep it as-is was made. The question of whether lacrosse wants pictures was posed and lacrosse said they would participate.
2. Injury/Incident Reports –LYA's liability insurance will reimburse out-of-pocket costs not covered by insurance for injuries sustained in LYA activities. This is done to avoid liability claim. Discussion about needing better injury reporting was held, including a reminder that coaches should be filling out the injury/incident reports whenever players get hurt on the field.
3. Field Requests for Spring – Gehret requested that commissioners provide specific requests for team needs each year, instead of the blanket requests we have always done. Uwchlan Twp wants to give the fields more rest time, so we can't request all fields all year, and we also want to avoid requesting fields from DASD that are not being used.

## **X. Adjourn**

Motion made by Ambrogi, seconded by Owsik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM.  
Motion passed unanimously.