

## MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2016

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Spallone, Ambrogi

Other: C. Allen, Byrnes, Christy, Gardner, Jefferis, Marascio, Miller, O'Connor, Owsik, Pusey, Ryan

Absent: McSherry, G. Allen, Doloughty

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

### I. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. Approval of minutes from January 2016 Board meeting

Motion to Approve by Ryan, 2nd by Jefferis. Unanimous approval of minutes by board.

### III. Treasurer's Report

For the time period of November through March, the Hillcats money was included, making for a more balanced budget. Fall Softball budget operated on a surplus. Gehret asked what would be most helpful for the board to see regarding their financials. Board indicated that a rolling 12 month may be the best. Gehret will run the financials based on rolling 12 months, going forward. Basketball had increased spending due to the gym fees. Basketball will need to increase fees the next few years due to gym costs. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Ryan, Jefferis 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Board Unanimously approved.

### IV. Presidents Report – Spallone:

Issue about whether LYA could find a practice facility to house basketball games/practices came up. Spallone asked about the space at Redners, but some members of board indicated that there were beams on the ceiling which would hinder basketball games. Option of buying new land to build a sports facility was discussed. Pusey indicated he would speak with Hankin about options and whether Hankin will build it and we rent it.

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

Intramural Soccer – Decent interest in spring programs run and hosted by 360 Soccer in Chester Springs during April and May with registration still open.

Travel Soccer – Tryouts for next year's teams to be held in April and May and with changes to Age Groupings from Aug 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff to January 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff the Club is hosting open Birth Year Play Days March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>. Several teams will compete in either spring leagues or spring Cup competitions.

Basketball - Season ends on Sunday 3/20 with some leagues finishing up as early as Sunday 3/13.

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

- All teams are picked for boys and girls.
- Hope to get on UT fields 4/1 or sooner with the nice weather.
- Starting to go on parking lots now – DEHS lower lots.
- Waiting for the Pine Creek contract to begin using grass fields at that location.
- Need LMS football field rolled.
- Need to ask board for Capital Budget money to purchase goals. We had 3 destroyed, 1 stolen and need to replace 2. Need 6 in total. Hope to do this at \$300 or less each. May get 2 very sturdy goals and 4 lighter ones for U11 and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. Looking at options now.
  - Lost the Hankin field this Spring. Working on moving some girls teams to another field.

#### Baseball

- 490 players signed up for baseball ages 5-16
- Approx. 10 percent lower than last year; reached out to those who didn't resign up
- Field day March 19
- Coach training first aid training March 26
- Opening day April 9; MC identified(Andy Pyle)- working on script/changes; invitations to folks- VIP go out 3/11/16
- Sharing some umpire resources with other leagues
- Working with DASD field maintenance staff to learn how to maintain fields- ongoing
- Still need couple more volunteers to fill commissioner roles and ongoing needs.

Softball – Approximately 190 players registered for Softball in the Spring. Tryouts are scheduled, teams are being formed. Opening Day is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lightning Softball - Team anxious to get outside and start playing.

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

Sunoco is entering LYA park to do work behind Foster Cages. It is staked out and isolated. Fields open April 1st. For softball field, Field J need cement bases with pegs. Ambrogi will work with Byrnes. The Downingtown girl's coach on board with making a pitching practice field for softball. Press boxes for fields are supposed to be wired the week of March 12th. Fields need new fencing. Softball fields and Hoffecker are getting quotes. Lacrosse, softball, and baseball lock combinations are changing again.

## **VII. Old Business**

- a. **Budgets for FY 2016 - Gehret is doing this**
- b. Board Size – motion from November meeting. Board will do an email vote, as there were not enough members present at meeting. Gehret will send email to Ryan.
- c. **DEHS Turf Fields – Downingtown School Board is in charge of who has access to field.**
- d. Concession Stand Operation – There was a discussion of two bids for new concessions. Both have trucks but will work with the existing concession stand. Both can cover the hours LYA needs: 1. Kevin Meyer - Will staff it with high school kids. He will bring a roller grill and a panini press. Mentioned doing breakfast sandwiches. He will take his dishes with him to wash and 10% net goes to LYA. **Ganski's** - will do what we are doing now. They will staff it and have a license. Currently, they do community day. They will also give 10% net back to LYA.

Jefferis motioned to have Kevin Meyer run the concession stand. Chris Allen 2nd the motion. Board unanimously agreed.

- e. **Website/Registration System Project – ANNE, DID WE DISCUSS THIS?**
- f. Spring Picture Day – April 16th confirmed picture day. Laughlin is setting up Picture Day schedule. Lacrosse will have pictures come to them. Laughlin will get forms out to Brynes and Oswik for them to distribute with the uniforms.
- g. Opening Day - Opening Day is April 9. The MC will be Andy Pyle. Oswik is working on script/changes. Invitations will go out on March 11. Becky Corbin and Ryan Costello are interested in participating.
- h. Track/Field Commissioner – Gehret indicated that there is no commissioner yet.

## **VIII. New Business**

- a. Sponsor Update - We have 4 new sponsors and total amount of money is \$15,500 for spring sports. Board interested in starting sponsors for fall and winter sports (Intramural Soccer and Basketball). Ambrogi indicated that he will get Laughlin a list of all the businesses/contacts in the area to boost sponsorship. Suggestion to move Sponsors to the Home Page was made. Laughlin will look into seeing if that is possible.
- b. New Field Maintenance Vendor - LYA is looking for someone to mow the grass/landscape. There are three vendors in bidding, **Sheron, Celtic Roots, and Windrift.**
- c. First Aid/Safety Policy
  - i. Need someone to stock the 1st aid kits. Laughlin or Senior student will stock kits.
  - ii. For Insurance purposes, we are in compliance with concussion training, but our first aid training policy needs to be completed by April 15. Executive Board will decide what to do by April 15.
  - iii. Rob Norris attended Board Meeting as he leads the little league safety plan and wanted to share what he has for little league. The little league plan last year included first aid and concussion training. This year, it will include mandatory coaches training and first aid. Norris put together a plan with the help of Minkas Fire Company and Chester County Hospital. Little League wants someone to be certified in first aid training on each team. Discussion about liability for coaches occurred. The coaches will need to know limits and it needs to be consistent throughout all of LYA. Since little league is covered by a different insurance, the Executive Board will go back with all the information and come up with a plan for April 15. Meanwhile, Gehret will get the definition of what insurance company defines as “First Aid”. Gehret will put this on the agenda for the Executive Board meeting.
- d. Board suggested adding High School projects for LYA for next year. Gehret will add this to next month’s agenda.

## **X. Adjourn**

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Ambrogi, to adjourn the meeting at 9 PM. Motion passed unanimously.