

## MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2016

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

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

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

Absent: Miller\*, Ambrogi\*\*, Doloughy

\*granted proxy voting rights to Jeff Gardner

\*\*granted proxy voting rights to Steve McSherry

Others Present: Amy Laughlin – LYA Administrative Assistant

### I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. **Becky Corbin Visit** – Becky Corbin presented the Lionville Youth Association Board with a commendation for Dorothy Foster.

### III. Approval of minutes from May 2016 and August 2016 Board meetings

Jefferis motioned to approve, Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board unanimously approved.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Reports will now be run automatically for each commissioner each month.

### V. Presidents Report – Spallone:

Coaches' shirts were discussed. Everyone approved of having consistent shirts, but further discussion will be held on the specifics of type of shirts.

Discussion about bidding for a new sole provider of equipment/uniforms for LYA was discussed. There have been significant cost differences between current and other vendors. Commissioners will send which vendors they use to Spallone and the Executive Board will move forward with this.

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

Hillcats – Doloughy stepped down and Chad Naggy has started as commissioner and moving forward well.

Baseball – Little League is no longer going to have a "Big League" division.

Lacrosse – Marascio started a LYA Lacrosse Facebook page, is developing signs for a December 1 registration date. Evaluations will be at Main Line Sports and coaches meeting will be in January.

Softball – Fall numbers of players and volunteers are down. Discussion about doing a promotion was had.

Soccer – There are a few weeks left for soccer. The combination of GEYA and LYA for middle school went well. Travel Soccer is finishing up tournaments.

Basketball – Gardner indicated that as of meeting, 290 players registered. Registration ends next Sunday. Laughlin will send a reminder email. Gardner is going to look at volunteers and look for more if needed. Discussion to use the Downingtown central

office next year for gyms was had, instead of using the individual school. Laughlin will look into that next year.

Track and Field – Nothing to report.

Field Hockey – Dawn Kuhn did well as the commissioner.

## **VII. Administrative Report – Ambrogi**

Ambrogi not present to discuss. However, Celtic Roots is doing a good job and Tommy is still doing field lining. Norm from Celtic Roots will come to Executive Meeting in December to talk about all he's done.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. Outstanding Budgets for FY 2016 – Laughlin needs to look at this.
- b. Board Size - motion from November 2015 - Ryan – Motion to change the number of members from specific number to a range of 7 to 19 members. The voting will be based on the number of sitting members. Ryan motioned to approve, G Allen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board unanimously approved.
- c. Website/Registration System Project – G Allen/Owsik – Owsik indicated that there is a website bought by Dick's Sporting Goods, Blue Sombrero, that will offer free registration services to youth organizations. The only cost would be credit card fee costs. Further research on this will be done.
- d. Senior Field and Field J Issues – G. Allen/Ambrogi/Owsik – This has been tabled.
- e. Projects to be done by high school students – we should look to the high school students if we are in need of volunteers
- f. Coach's shirts – Spallone – Concept is to standardize intramural coach's shirts. We could buy bulk in both women's and men's. Commissioners will need to be on top of this to make sure all coaches are wearing them. Board members will also be given one. Some sports already have a shirt budget, but the rest would be put in there. Board is good with the concept of this. Discussion of having a year printed on the shirts was had, so that we know that person has had their clearances for the year.
- g. Junior Hillcats \$ - Laughlin – We have collected \$9495 so far. There are still 14 players who did not pay. Laughlin still working on recovering the money.

## **IX. New Business**

- a. Online Store Question – Laughlin (for Naggy) – Discussion about having a website to order LYA merchandise (car magnets, apparel, etc) was had. Board thought it was a good idea. The difficult part would be for a company to have it open year round. Steve Byrnes will look into this.
- b. Board Member Re-Election- There are 8 members up for re-election. 6 members are currently in mid-term. In addition to 8 up for re-election, there are 5 open positions.
- c. Dorothy's money/Name on the Township Fields - McSherry – Ambrogi gauged interest in renaming the park. He indicated that people are hesitant to renaming the park. However, it was suggested to possibly add her name to it – “Foster Complex at Lionville Park”. Laughlin will look at donation numbers and see if enough to possibly go to signs. McSherry will follow up.

d. New Scarifier – Ambrogio – Tabling this discussion until Executive Board meets with Celtic Roots to discuss options.

e. “Junk” Email (Tournaments/Showcases/Newsletters, etc) – Laughlin – Many emails come into Executive Direction and Administrative Assistant emails about upcoming tournaments/clinics/gear. Do commissioners want Laughlin to forward to them? Commissioners do not want them forwarded, as they are receiving them too.

f. GroupNet option of setting up emails for teams – Laughlin – Laughlin let the board know that teams can be set up in existing database and emails can be sent from the database if the teams/coaches are set up. Laughlin will look into whether player availability app is available at GroupNet.

g. Automated Payments/Pre-Registration Option – Laughlin – Laughlin let the board know that GroupNet does have the option to set up automated payments for travel sports. This will be used next year. In addition, travel sports who have tryouts can use the option of pre-registration instead of using paper trails for those who those trying out for a travel sport. Laughlin will let travel coaches know.

h. Social Media - Marascio – Marascio has set up a LYA Lacrosse Facebook page. Laughlin will “Like” it from LYA’s Facebook site. Marascio will look into redoing the LYA website. He will look at requirements for each sport, as well as administrative requirements. He will have a requirements gathering meeting, as well as gather examples of best practices of other websites. Goal is to have one by next year.

i. Goal Transportation – Laughlin – Township is not interested in transporting Lacrosse Goals. G Allen and Marascio will move them or rent a UHaul. Marascio will also inquire as to whether Celtic Roots can help with transportation.

j. Approval of Track and Field Budget – Laughlin – Insurance number paid seemed high. Laughlin will look into it and to see if insurance company gives commission. Byrnes approved. Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Board unanimously approved.

k. Bob Christy informed board that West Pikeland’s restructured field on 113 and 401 is being fast tracked. There will be two full size fields, one hard ball and one softball. There will be a basketball court. Christy will present this next month will more information.

## **IX. Adjorn**

G Allen motioned to adjorn, McSherry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Board unanimously approved.