

Maywood Youth Athletic Association
Monthly Minutes
December 7, 2022

Call to Order: 8:04pm - Suspended for Recognition Ceremony for 11U Fall Baseball Champs.
Resumed at 8:10pm

Taking of Roll:

Officers: Chris Tuttle (x), Jarrod Andrisani (x)

Board Members: Jose Abreu (x), Paul Dougherty (x), Orlando Pardo (), Genevieve Stelter (x),
Kevin Taylor (), Chris Timmins (x), Steve Torrini (x), Lisa VanDeWeert (x)

Directors: Baseball – Andrew Lardaro (x), Basketball – Tim Coe (x), Bowling – tbd
Cheerleading – Donna Spezzaferra (x), Soccer –Peter Cicarelli (x)

Administrator: Kasim Gonzalez (x)

Reading & Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2022 meeting: approved as read

Director Reports:

Basketball - Tim Coe

- Tim reported that week one of Rec started last Saturday.
- Tim reported that Rec uniforms would be in this week, and they played in pinnies last week.
- Tim reported that they need a 7/8 girls basketball coach for the 1 team at that level. That team will play against 1 team from Paramus and 2 teams from Saddle Brook and will start after the new year.
- Tim stated that Kasim has set up GameChanger for all rec coaches as a way to organize teams and communicate with players and it is working very well
- Tim reported that the master schedule is available for all coaches to check on gym availability. Donna asked for access for Cheer coaches, Kasim will send the link.
- Tim reported that all travel finances will be figured out this week.
- Tim reported that he will use MIT funds to get a sublimated backpack for all travel players.

Cheerleading – Donna Spezzaferra

- Donna reported that cheer registration has closed with 100 registrants.
 - K – 17, 1st – 17, 2nd – 20, 3rd – 21, 4th – 18 and 5th – 7.
- Donna reported that all practice times are set, all teams have started practice this week, and everything seems to be going smoothly.
- Donna reported that all coach information has been sent to Kasim and she thanked Kindergarten coach Giselle Martinez for bringing in 3 new coaches to MYAA.
- Donna reported that all teams have been assigned a junior helper and since many teams practice on Friday, the Hawks cheerleaders can assist.

Soccer - Peter Cicarelli

- Peter stated that Rec soccer financials ended the season up \$15000. The goal was to save \$5000 a year to bank for future lights, and the remaining funds will be used to zero out a negative travel balance.
- Peter stated that the U12 girls won their flight, and were promoted to A Flight, which is a huge accomplishment for a town team. Genevieve Stelter stated that she attended a recognition party for this team on 12/2 and 18 girls and their families had a great time.
- Peter reported that the goals have been put away.
- Peter reported that the golf cart has a flat tire, but the DPW will be taking it over the winter for service.
- Chris Tuttle reported that the MYAA will be sending a survey to the parents about the soccer season.

Baseball – Andrew Lardaro

- Andrew reported that the 2023 Summer Slam dates have been set, 6/9-11, then 6/17-6/18. He stated that registration will start after the holidays.
- Andrew reported that he would like to replace all the bases. Dave Luongo stated that they may need to keep the magnetic release bases for younger levels.
- Chris Tuttle thanked Andrew for helping clean up the field and take down the signs.
- Andrew acknowledged the 13U championship winners and the 11U Championship winners.

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Chris Tuttle

- Chris reported that he has started the 2023 sponsorship drive by sending an email to the existing sponsors. He stated that some 2023 funding has been received and he is not going to aggressively campaign for funds, so he may not need any help from the board.
- Chris stated that he met with the town, Sam Conoscenti, and the MRPGS to discuss field issues.
 - The town has a tentative plan for lights at Memorial Park. Chris reported that we provided feedback and hopefully the town will take our knowledge into consideration.
 - They discussed how to improve the green area of the park which was not in good condition for soccer this year.
 - They also discussed becoming a long-term partner with the school to improve the field at MAS. This is more of a challenge due to the school being restricted by laws and policies. Chris stated that they are looking into ways to get grants to improve the field, without involving more regulations.
- Chris reported that the town will be signing a contract to improve the fields, and once the contract is signed, there can be nothing scheduled on those fields. This may be for the period of 8/1/23 to 4/1/24.
- Chris stated that overall he is pleased with the partnership with the town and how they are paying attention to our needs and following our suggestions.
- Chris reported on the issue of how to engage more parents in the organization. He stated that starting in January 2023, every other month will be a virtual meeting and all coaches will be invited to attend. Our next meeting on January 4th will be on ZOOM.
- Genevieve Stelter suggested that all coaches review the code of conduct to familiarize themselves with how to handle issues. Paul Dougherty will create a framework for how coaches need to respond to issues.
- Chris reported that we as an organization are keeping up with the coaches certification and all basketball and cheer coaches have been contacted and their status is being checked for clearance.
- Chris stated that there have been communication between the school and the school districts of Carlstadt and East Rutherford, and there is a mutual interest in developing feeder programs for high school sports.

Vice President's Report: Jarrod Andrisani

- Jarrod reported that Coaches Appreciation Party will be 1/29/23 and he received amounts from Jeff Spendley. He will discuss with the committee offline.

Treasurer's Report: Kasim Gonzalez

- Treasurers report was reviewed filed for audit.
- Kasim reviewed his treasurer and administrator reports. (attached to minutes)
- Donna Spezzaferra asked if we could accept or make any form of online payment. Kasim stated that checks or credit card is the only form of payment.
- Paul Dougherty stated that the 8th grade boys would be playing in the Lyndhurst Holiday Tournament.

Secretary's Report: Donna Spezzaferra (interim)

- Donna reported that the next meeting will be 1/4/23 and as approved in this meeting will be via ZOOM. Donna will have to have the minutes pre-approved before the meeting.

Committee Reports

Concessions – Sherry Blazina, Jennifer Tuttle (via email)

- Basketball concessions will open the first weekend after the New Year. This will hopefully guarantee volunteers through the remainder of the program (Jan – March) given the lack of parent volunteers in the stand for baseball and soccer.

Finance – Kevin Taylor –

- There will be a 2023 budget meeting for all sports in January.

Sponsorship – Chris Tuttle

- Reported in presidents report

Scholarship - Kevin Taylor- will begin this process in January

By-Laws Committee -- none

Code of Conduct - Paul Dougherty

- Paul reported on a prior code of conduct issue – The coach has not returned the signed paperwork, so based on the determinations in the letter, he can no longer be a coach in any sport in the MYAA.

Nominating - Keith Timmins, Lisa VanDeWeert, Donna Spezzaferra

- none

Council Report - Sam Conoscenti

- Sam reported that he is happy to move forward with the lights and other issues.

Old Business

- none

New Business

- David Luongo asked about starting a Ski Club under the MYAA umbrella. Dave stated that he can get special club discounts and promotions if they are part of an organization Ski Club. Chris Tuttle will ask the town about insurance.
- Lisa VanDeWeert made the following motion:
 - MOTION: To pay the administrator the portion of his salary earning during the soccer season, \$2000.
Second: Genevieve Stelter. Discussion: none. Motion approved 7-0.

Next meeting: 1/4/23 (VIA ZOOM)

Adjourn 9:00pm