

# TABERNACLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Come Play with TAA!

### Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2017

Lynne Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

In attendance were: Lynne Hedden, Ron Bjorklund, Pete Damiri, Rodney Haines, Dave Curtis, Lori Graff, Mike Taylor, and Patrick Callahan.

Unable to attend were: Ginger Evans, Brenda Bryan, Matt Robertson, and Mark Lemire.

The minutes of April 4, 2017 were reviewed and accepted.

#### Program Reports:

**Basketball: Ron Bjorkland – Basketball Director** – Ron reported the season ended earlier in the month and the books are now closed. He is still working on finding a replacement to serve as TAA Basketball Director. To aid his search, Ron is offering to stay on as acting director and serve as a mentor for someone who shows interest in the position.

**Soccer: Dave Curtis – Soccer Director** – Dave noted soccer registration opens on May 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until June 30<sup>th</sup>. The soccer webpage has been updated and is ready to go live for registration on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Signs will be going up next week. Pete mentioned the Sun will post the press release during the first week of May.

Dave said he will strictly enforce a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline and establish a wait list for late registrations. Requests from players outside of Tabernacle will be considered after registration. Those players will be placed on the wait list with no guaranteed they will be on the same team. Dave is concerned the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade level might have only one team. He may reach out to Waterford Twp. to gauge their interest in adding players. Discussion ensued about why the township allows signs posted for United Soccer, which is a private travel soccer club.

**Wrestling: Lori Graff – Wrestling Director** – Lori noted the program is dormant at this time. She will check with Brad Bauer at Seneca regarding their interest in using the url: [senecawrestling.org](http://senecawrestling.org).

**Baseball: Rodney Haines – Baseball Director** – Rodney stated the season is going well and there are no issues at this time. The water at the snack stand was tested and passed. Rodney noted he will be on vacation from May 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> and has several coaches and volunteers ready to handle any issues that may arise during his absence. OMS is using the Babe Ruth field but he has not yet received a copy of their schedule. If he receives a schedule, it may be possible to open the snack stand to make additional revenue during this time. He noted the TAA schedule is posted on the IMAA website.

Discussion followed about a possible June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> softball tournament at Patty Bowker. However, there were issues with the tournament organizer paying for porta potty rentals

and pitching mound removal/replacement. Rodney concluded his report by saying District team tryouts were upcoming, there might be an interim RVL league playing in the summer, and a current coach is considering forming a TSE team for the fall.

**Softball: Lynne Hedden – Softball Director (interim)** – Lynne reported this is the last week for indoor practices and the season is going well so far. She acknowledged the supportive efforts of Marvin Stewart who volunteered and put a new roof on the OMS softball shed. She expressed concerns about reports that children were climbing on the dugout roofs at Prickett's Mill and noted how important it is to not allow children inside the sea box for a variety of safety reasons. Lynne explained the upcoming Seneca Youth Softball Day set for May 9<sup>th</sup>. For the event, players from TAA Softball and OMS Softball will unite and help cheer on the Seneca HS Varsity Softball team during their game against Lenape while also helping to raise awareness and funds for charity through the national Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer campaign.

**Track and Field: Matt Robertson – Track and Field Director** – Not in attendance.

**Volleyball: Brenda Bryan** – Not in attendance.

**Public Relations: Pete Damiri – PR Director** – Pete noted this is the final week for application submissions for the Chad Adams Memorial College Scholarship Award. He is hopeful we will receive applications and again expressed disappointment about the lack of response for the Sean Clegg scholarship. Discussion ensued about possible alternatives to the current scholarship process and involving OMS for the Clegg award.

### **New Business:**

The group discussed the consolidation of the numerous url's used by TAA and the various sports programs. Points were raised about keeping certain urls to help maintain program identity versus the benefits of using one main url, tabsports.org, to help establish TAA brand identify. To help with this issue, the group agreed on the creation and use of sub-navigation urls, where the program name would be added to the main url (i.e. tabsports.org/soccer). Also a unanimously agreement was reached to reimburse Mike Taylor the full amount of costs he personally incurred when registering and renewing the urls.

Lynne introduced Patrick Callahan to the group as the new volunteer TAA Sponsorship Coordinator. Patrick gave a brief background about himself and his family and expressed his interest in volunteering for TAA. He has two young daughters and the oldest plays T-Ball and soccer for TAA. Everyone welcomed Patrick and thanked him for his interest in joining the organization. Discussion focused on working with all program directors to establish a master sponsorship list and possibly creating new tiered levels of support, with the company name and logo placement on the TAA website as the premium incentive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.