

TABERNACLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Come Play with TAA!

Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2017

Lynne Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

In attendance were: Lynne Hedden, Ron Bjorklund, Pete Damiri, Rodney Haines, Dave Curtis, Brenda Bryan, Casey Bryan, Patrick Callahan, and Mark Lemire.

Unable to attend were: Lori Graff, Mike Taylor, Ginger Evans, and Matt Robertson.

The minutes of April 25, 2017 were reviewed and accepted.

Program Reports:

Baseball: Rodney Haines – Baseball Director – Rodney stated the season is going well and rec playoffs will start next week. The Seneca Baseball league has fielded five District teams (one per level from 8u to 12u). There is TAA player representation on most of the District teams. The 12u District team is being managed by a TAA coach and is playing at the 46/60 level. TAA will host a Blue-Chip softball tournament at the Patty Bowker fields over the June 3rd/4th weekend.

Softball: Lynne Hedden – Softball Director (interim) – Lynne reported the recent rain storms have forced numerous reschedules and there have been some complaints regarding umpiring, but overall the season is going well and everyone is having fun. She noted the success of the May 9th Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer event at Seneca HS where players from TAA and OMS made signs and cheered on the varsity team, who later advanced to the state finals. Plans are underway for the Shawnee Seneca Softball Conference (SSSC) Tournament over Father's Day weekend.

Volleyball: Brenda Bryan – Volleyball Director – Brenda began by noting that Seneca has added sand volleyball courts at the high school. Fall registration will begin on June 1st and run through July 31st. Plans are to send an eblast, place signs throughout the district, and Pete will submit a press release to the Sun. Brenda has found a replacement as program director and noted she has four younger girls that all play volleyball. She has Matt Robertson working with the players on agility training and noted she will build in his cost into the registration fee for the upcoming season. She mentioned the possibility of taking players to see a college-level volleyball game at Holy Family University. Discussion centered on possible liability issues of organizing the event and renting a bus to transport the players. Lynne will discuss this with Doug Cramer and TC Irons Insurance representative Brian Monahan and get back to Brenda.

Soccer: Dave Curtis – Soccer Director – Dave noted the spring soccer season has completed and there were several rainouts. He will lower registration fee for next spring by \$50. Fall picture night is now booked at OMS. Brenda asked if volleyball could join the soccer picture night. Dave and Brenda will look at the number of registered teams and determine if time permits to add both.

Fall registration is going well. Dave explained that Indian Mills soccer planned to cancel their fall season but IMAA officials will try to run the program for one more year. Depending on their registration numbers, Dave may take additional IM players but will not be able to guarantee placement on the same team. There is still interest in obtaining a bid to fix the irrigation system at Prickett's Mill and submitting a work order to the township. Dave will need to coordinate a site inspection with the township.

Basketball: Ron Bjorkland – Basketball Director – nothing to report at this time.

Wrestling: Lori Graff – Wrestling Director – Not in attendance.

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

Public Relations: Pete Damiri – PR Director – Pete announced the winners of the Chad Adams Memorial College Scholarship Award are Taylor Adams and Jenna Ingraio. Discussion focused around the disappointing number of responses from high school students regarding both TAA college scholarships (Clegg and Chad Adams) and the possible need to reevaluate the entire process. Most directors felt writing a brief essay about TAA is a reasonable request for providing up to \$1,500 in college funding. Further discussion on this issue is needed.

Pete asked for approval for the payment of \$650 for a graphic designer to create several drafts of a TAA logo and a subsequent program flyer. Approval was granted. Also, discussion ensued around the balance of branding TAA in a singular, consistent manner, but also acknowledging several programs (wrestling, volleyball and track) are district-wide and use "Seneca Youth" in their name. A possible solution is to maintain TAA in the beginning of the program name while still including Seneca (i.e. TAA's Seneca Youth Wrestling Program).

Sponsorship: Patrick Callahan – Sponsorship Coordinator – Patrick has received sponsor listings from several program directors and is working to compile a full list.

New Business: Lynne described an unfortunate situation that occurred in softball involving a father who needed to be banned from the Pirates 12u team. The police were involved and all appropriate paperwork has been submitted to the township.

Mark noted the success of the recent Memorial Day parade and thanked everyone for the participation of TAA baseball and softball teams marching in the event. He said the next large event will be the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at Town Hall and suggestions were made about involving TAA into the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.