

General Meeting Minutes
Northwestern Youth Athletic Association
August 31, 2006

The meeting was brought to order by President Edd Rasmussen with the following people present: Stacey Schappell, Danielle Kurucz, Jim Kester, Tom Bavaria, Elizabeth Freeman, John Yanek, Janice Metzger.
Directors not in attendance: Dan Willis, Keith Nagle, Leo Lichman, Stella Blake, Scott Searcy, Jason Rice Sr.
Public in attendance: Neil Dangelo and Leroy Sorensen, Christy Krum

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made and seconded to accept July's meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report:

- Motion made and seconded to accept treasurer's report.

Public Comment:

- Christy (Soccer field Scheduler) was there to discuss field scheduling and space issues. She requests that times of games are submitted along with scheduled.
- Elizabeth requested clarification from Tom, regarding an exchange on the field between a soccer coach and Tom regarding field scheduling. It was discussed that all field use must go through proper channels and that we need to be cooperative as we have limited field space and need to work together constructively.
- Elizabeth also requested that parents be instructed that small children should not be allowed to play on the non-playground equipment located at the rec fields, such as the soccer goal nets, as there is unnecessary damage being caused by this type of play.
- Field # 7 is being used by the school district during the day time
- Water in the concession stand is being tested and we are waiting for the results

Directors Reports:

Basketball

- No report at this meeting.

Football

- Had a preseason game and everything went well
- People liked the new setting
- Roped off the field – no parents on field – only players and coaches were allowed on the field
- Football should not take the burden of the field being torn up

Parkland Baseball

- Fall baseball is going on – T-Ball, 8-9 yrs old, 10-11 yrs old, 12-15 yrs old – there are younger kids playing with the old kids – also had to turn away kids due to capacity of teams
- No baseball picnic – not enough of a respond
- Rec. Field # 5 – fencing needs to be fixed – Tom is getting an updates quote
- Baseball is moving toward a lottery for lighting
- Spring/Fall – do a mass lottery for the lights
- Doing some further upgrades in the Potato building
- Appreciates the retraction from the NYAA but Tom is requesting a personal apology from Leroy Sorensen and none was given.

Lehigh Valley Baseball

- Weekend final fund raiser – ECTB Tournament (Sat & Sun) if rains (Sun & Mon)
- Paid for tournament - \$ going to Rec. Commission
- Jim resigning and Neil Dangelo will be running for the LVBB director
- Looking for a Legion coach – Jim may help out
- Jim ran into a post on the corner of the backstop on field # 5 with the tractor
- Water problems on team bench area – go to rec commission to see if a small swale could be put in

Soccer

- Things are going well – fields are being lined
- Most teams started practicing
- 25 Teams plus Pre-K program
- Ontelaunee Park – approved to play 6-10 games
- Jason Zimmerman is letting them use a set of goals
- Bought new goals
- Elizabeth questioned who to contact for tractor repairs – it was stated to call Edd
- Elizabeth requested the benches that were removed from the field aside of the building be returned. Any benches being moved must be approved by the Rec. Commission.

Softball

- No report at this meeting

Volleyball

- 30 kids registered – most ever for fall program – 5th – 6th graders
- Keith e-mailed parents – no payment no play
- Liability forms disbursed
- 6 coaches – set up starting 9/6
- Security and background checks due
- Budget in good shape
- 13 volunteers for Night in the Country

Cheerleading

- 98 girls
- Pom poms are in
- Going smooth, parents happy
- Reminded parents about volunteering
- Practicing at middle school

Website

- Edd will look into cost of changing age field to shirt size and possibly pants size
- Make it mandatory to update e-mail and phone number when signing up

Fundraiser

- Check goes out on Friday
- Buy out paid or no play
- September 19th 6-8 – product pick up (1 representative needed from each sport)

First Aid

- No report at this meeting

Field

- No report at this meeting

New Business

- Sundays – can't start before 1 pm
- No parking on the grass
- Dumpster – question was raised if we need to identify the need for a larger dumpster
- Football must ask the Rec. Commission for permission to play at the rec fields next year
- Concerns of changes being made that the Rec. Commission wants to govern the NYAA.
- Approved to have a Baseball - Columbus Day Tournament Oct 7th & 8th
- We will need to take time at the next meeting to address the Rec. Commission issues
- We also need to address terms of the fund raiser for lights
- Any bleachers being moved must be approved by the Rec. Commission.

Closing Notes

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all in attendance.

The next General Meeting will be held on September 28th at 7:30 pm at the Rec Field Office.