

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 28th, 2007

In attendance: Jason Rice Sr, Jenny Miller, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Charlie Horner, Elizabeth Freeman, Keith Nagle, Jeff Schappell, Karen Morrison, Mary Jane Cerrone and Kim Keller.

May 2007 minutes were distributed and accepted with a motion by Jenny and a second by Karen. There were the following questions regarding the Treasurer's Report: Keith inquired about where the money for the concession stand was going. The answer given was baseball. Jason asked if anybody knew what a \$15 monthly PP&L bill might be for. The treasurer's report was then accepted with a motion by Keith and a second by Jeff.

Public Comment – Kim Keller is heading of a group organizing to bring a skate park to Northwestern. She reported on a Rec Commission meeting, June 27th, at which a presentation was made requesting the skate park to be build at the Rec Fields. The subject had been raised previously with the Rec Commission, and they are open to the idea, with a tentative area set aside behind the Potato Building. The skate park may, or may not be required by the Rec Commission to fall under the auspices of NYAA. Discussed was the forming of a Northwestern Skate Club which would become a co-tenant of the Rec Fields with NYAA. A discussion ensued about the benefits of having a designated and place for the kids to skate.

Directors Reports:

Reports were distributed and reviewed. Additional updates included closing the baseball grant. Jason informed group that the concession stand brought in about \$200 for baseball, and requested for all First Aid Kits to be turned in.

BASEBALL – Neil Dangelo

LV & Parkland: The seasons are coming to a close. We had two Parkland teams make the playoffs and one of our grasshopper teams is entering a tournament. I am in the process of collecting equipment and uniforms, then I, with some help, are going to come up with a plan to start replacing the old equipment and a uniform policy. We would like to get sponsors from the community and put there names on the tee ball and grasshoppers uniforms (t-shirts) and the rest of the teams will get full blown uniforms. I had a meeting with the coaches last Thursday to discuss the future of NW baseball and it went very well. We are going to continue to meet and come up with a solid plan to improve our baseball program. We have put together a coach's curriculum that will be used at our coach's clinic in January. We are also going to have an instructional workout day for our kids and then do a draft with all the coaches to place our kids on an appropriate team. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10th at 7:30.

BASKETBALL – Stacy/Jeff Schappell

Summer clinics cancelled due to lack of coaches' interest. Nothing else to report.

CHEERING – Janice Metzger

Cheering has no report this month.

FOOTBALL

No report submitted.

SOCCER – Elizabeth Freeman

We have about 330 kids signed up for the fall season:

- 42 Pre-K
- 73 U7
- 40 U8
- plus older teams U9 to U15

We are still working on field replacement for Weisenberg field (meeting with Jay Rice and Penn State guy tomorrow afternoon)

We have a couple of teams we are working on putting together for recreational teams for the season. Updates to organizational and coaches rosters are underway.

Want to discuss co-director nomination- Mary Jane Cerrone-

SOFTBALL – Charlie Horner

The softball season has gone very well considering it was my first year as director. Currently all of the Parkland League teams have completed their seasons. Two of the teams qualified for the playoffs. (10 and under #1 and the 14 and under team) The 10 and under Lehigh Valley team has completed their season as well. The LV 12 and under team will hopefully qualifying for the finals as you meet and the 16 and under season will conclude around July 11th. There will definitely something that will need to be changed until next season, but I definitely consider this year a success. I also feel very positive about the fact that softball and baseball are on very similar paths with their programs. It reinforces that we are moving in the right direction.

VOLLEYBALL – Keith Nagle

Nothing happening with NYAA VB until sign ups are done in fall. I do have some money left over from last year that I will be purchasing balls with.

Committees:

By Laws – By-law change requests must be in before the next meeting, and any suggested changes read for three consecutive months prior to a vote, which must take place in November.

Grants – Karen stated there is plenty of grant money available; however NYAA must set its priorities in order to obtain funds. The group determined that finding additional land was a top priority. Karen explained that many of the grants available come with a matching fund stipulation. She noted grants are obtainable for every step of the land acquisition process, i.e. a grant for feasibility study, one for a master plan, another to build, etc.

NRC Updates -- Maggi noted she questioned the Rec Commission if they planned on expanding their land holdings. The Weisenberg Waste Management bid had been rejected, Lyon Valley was waiting on permits, which could take up to a year, and in the past, they had looked at land adjacent to the game preserve. They were willing to revisit the latter.

PLEASE NOTE – NYAA cannot use the fields from 8/16 through 8/21 due to set up of Night in the Country. Elizabeth requested the bleachers be returned to their original places after Night in the Country.

NRC said they would add more sand for the Volleyball court. (Keith said he had no interest in using the sand court and believes nobody is using it. If the court were surfaced with macadam, Keith would run a summer league. He is not willing for NYAA to pay half the sand expense.)

Also at the meeting, speed bumps, lined parking, and a debit card for use at the Shell station for gas for the mower were discussed. In addition, the Rec Commission had purchased a Weed Trimmer and billed NYAA, which was over the limited before a vote was required. The Rec Commission said they would pay for it, if necessary.

Jason asked NYAA members to ok the trimmer purchase, after the fact. He feels NYAA owns the maintenance equipment now and it would confuse the issue if the Rec Commission owned only the trimmer. It was also decided that there would be a mailbox put in the equipment garage for receipt deposits. Also discussed, was a more convenient way to purchase fuel for the maintenance equipment. It was suggested to obtain an ATM card to be kept at the station and used by those who needed to fuel the equipment. A limit on funds available on the ATM card would be set, and funds replenished as necessary. A vote was taken, and passed to proceed with this solution.

Fields Update:

Elizabeth updated the group on fields: Penn State has a beautiful facility available for use only on Sundays, and not allowing line painting. Cones are fine, and facility can fit two U7 fields. She is waiting on a final answer from main campus. She also suggested to include

a mention of them in photos and PR and share our mailing list. Morganland can handle 2 U7 fields, and Pre K will go to Ontelauntee. Hope Church is just reclaimed pasture, and would take community effort to bring it into condition. Elizabeth suggested it would be a worthwhile community project. Kempton – Jason spoke with them about using the fields, and they would be happy to have them used. He suggested a clean up day as the one at the Rec Fields. Basketball will be forced to use Kempton and the NW Elementary School will be under construction.

Treasurer Position – Stacey Schappell will be leaving as of July 31st. Mary Norman was nominated as a replacement. Members asked about her qualifications, which were described by Maggi. Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Tulane; MBA from William and Mary; Senior Accountant for Flexlink (8 yrs); and current treasurer of PIE. Motion to accept the nomination was made by Keith, with simultaneous seconds by Jenny, Charlie, Elizabeth and Neil.

Miscellaneous Updates –

One Port-a-potty will be removed for the month prior to Night in the Country

Clean up day was a success. The concession stand was cleaned; non-functional equipment removed; the bleachers washed; picnic tables sanded and stained; playground equipment painted and building power washed.

Stadium Concession will not be run by football this fall. NYAA Administration will be responsible for running the stand.

Registration closing date is June 30th. Late fees will be imposed, but may be waived at the discretion of the sports director. Fundraiser buyouts are mandatory.

Open House in May was a success. It will not be necessary for winter sports, but should be considered for spring sign-ups.

Charlie would like to have a try-out in fall for spring season. It might not be feasible, but he is considering a several day clinic to determine players' abilities. He would also like to find a pitching facility October through end March for the high school girls. The space needs to be 40' maximum. Kempton was suggested.

Budget – Line paint bill is very high. Discussed again was a gas-powered line painter, which should reduce costs considerably.

Concession stand will be open for Night in the Country and will be run by the NYAA Administration.

Motion to adjourn was made by Keith, with a second by Jason.