

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes May 2007

In attendance: Jason Rice Sr, Kevin Fruchtl, Stacey Schappell, Neil D'Angelo, Janice Metzger, Elizabeth Freeman, Lisa Rice

The April minutes were approved with the following changes: Maggi will update the April minutes with these changes

Change #1 - Soccer report – There is a question about whether there will be a U9 Girls team next year

Change #2 - Soccer report – There are no real fields at Hope Church for games – they would need a considerable amount of work to be game ready

Treasurer's report were distributed and accepted.

Director's reports

Basketball – Stacey is going to hold a coaches clinic and is thinking about making it mandatory. Details to follow at next meeting.

Soccer - Elizabeth reported:

- The season is winding down nicely– our 60 players in Pre-K program, 7x U7 teams in in-house league and 5x U8 teams are getting their end of the season metals while our U9 and U10 teams are getting money for pizza parties.
- Tryouts are going well. Current registrations show 245 players so far (this season total is 367 players)
- Working with Jason Rice on field needs for the fall. We still need to finalize a replacement for Weisenberg fields (a place for the pre-k program, 4 U7 fields (45x60' minimum space) and 1 U8/LV Mid field. If we do not have replacement fields finalized during the summer then we may have to limit participation in the programs.
- Equipment report: the Soccer Program completed an inventory of all goals/nets- unfortunately most are older, showing wear and tear from being moved so often, and from not having a proper storage area; the program really needs more easily portal "quick-click" type of goal sets and a place to store them. Our plan may be to begin replacing 1 to 2 sets per year. Is there money available from NYAA to help replace them?
- Will be documenting all roles within the soccer program to help keep new volunteers involvement.
- Working with Northwestern Press and need communications director for soccer program
- Requesting response to question for the Rec Commission: are they still charging the same fee/percentage of profits to our teams who want to fundraise at Night in the Country? 1 team has asked about fundraising at Night in the Country
- Mary Jane Cerrone willing to be co-director for Soccer Program. Asking for vote from NYAA to approve her for the position. The board approved Mary Jane Cerrone as co-director of soccer with the understanding that soccer is only entitled to one vote on elections/by-law changes

At the meeting the following was discussed in relation to soccer:

It was requested that NRC waive the space rental and commission for soccer fundraiser at Night in the Country. Jason discusses with NRC and the request was denied

Kevin Fruchtl reported that the church will be digging the grass out of the infields at Ebenezer in preparation for a baseball tournament they are sponsoring. This will affect the soccer game fields being used there. Elizabeth will follow up with Kevin in late July to see if the soccer fields can still be used and for what size field (small, mid, large)

The Morganland field space may need to be used in Fall 2007. Lisa Swartz is a neighbor and can oversee the usage. Jason will follow up with Elizabeth and Lisa as there are some concerns from the caretaker about damage to headstones and interference with other church events. NYAA schedule will be flexible for this space as it will most likely be used for U7

Penn State has many fields that may be used and this would be an ideal situation as there is enough room to multiple soccer fields. Jason is following up with them

There may be space for baseball fields at Kempton. Jason is following up with them

Hope church has at least one field available for practice – it would need work to use for a game. Karen Morrison is a neighbor. Jason will follow up with Karen and the church to put together a proposal for how the NYAA could work with the church to update their facilities

Baseball

Jason will follow up with Tom to ensure that our old grant with the Lehigh County Economic Council was closed with the filing of an official close report by Tom Bavaria.

LV Baseball

Neil reported that things are running smooth. We want to have a coach's clinic next February for all baseball coaches to go over the baseball curriculum that was developed over the last few months. It is a work in progress. We are also looking into our tryouts and getting all kids that sign up for baseball to come to the tryouts and then have a draft day. We would also like to see baseball go under one director.

It was agreed by all that baseball would be placed under a single director going forward. Tom Bavaria has officially announced his resignation and has recommended Neil to replace him. Tryouts will be changed to a "clinic" style with all participants at the various age groups working together with a committee determining how/where to place each child to ensure fair competition for all teams

Softball

Overall things are going rather well. The eight teams playing in the Parkland League are more than half way through their season. The ten and under Lehigh Valley team is more than half way through their season as well. The 12 and under Lehigh Valley team will begin play this week and the 16 and under team will get under way as soon as the high school season concludes.

To make things less hectic in the spring we will be running fall tryouts for our 2008 Lehigh Valley League teams. The bad weather we had this spring, compounded by the early date the Parkland League required rosters to be submitted, has made this a necessity.

Cheering – The Middle School would like to hold a clinic from July 30 – August 2 at the Rec Fields. This request was approved by all in attendance. Janice will follow-up with them

Football – No report given

Volleyball – No report given

Grant update

Karen Morrison presented Elizabeth Freeman with a donation from Air Products in the amount of \$1000 to be put toward the cost of the fencing across the creek. THANKS Karen

For additional grants, the companies will want to know what staff volunteers for NYAA and has children playing in the programs. If we know of anybody from Waste Management and State Farm, please let Karen know ASAP. It was suggested that the new website ask members for their place of employment

First Aid

Maureen Bredbenner is taking over as First Aid Director – Maggi, please contact Maureen and ask her if the email address and phone listed here are the correct ones for the website then update the site and all distribution lists and change firstaid@nyaa-sports.org to her email address bennermo@aol.com phone # (610) 298-8518

Old and New Business

It was agreed to extend registrations for all sports until June 30th with no late fees. All registrations after June 30th will be charged a late fee unless waived by the sport director to fill teams

We need LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS for Cleanup Day June 23 8 am – 4 pm. Please put out the word - DIRECTORS please solicit people and send Jason a list of names so we can be sure we have enough help

All proposed by-law changes must be submitted in writing at the June meeting. Jason will call a meeting of the by-law committee prior to June 28th to ensure this is properly handled

The Northwestern Recreation Commission received a \$1000 grant from Call of Nature which they are splitting with the NYAA. That leaves our cost for the backstop at &1840. Jason will issue a check request to Stacey for this amount

The Northwestern Recreation Commission has recently completed the fertilization of some of the fields

The Northwestern Recreation Commission has not yet asked us to handle staffing the gates at NITC so the assumption is we will no be doing it this year

The Northwestern Recreation Commission walked through Potato Building and noted how nicely it was cleaned up. Jason is going to ask them to allow us to store soccer equipment there over the winter since it cannot be used for indoor sports training.

The Northwestern Recreation Commission is paying for the paint and supplies for NYAA Cleanup Day on June 23. Jason will follow-up with them next week to buy supplies

A donation of \$1500 was agreed upon for NYAA use of the Kempton facility.

Lawn mower was replaced and the tractor seat was replaced.

Ebenezer – Charlie Lenhardt will cut again, and George will be paid directly this year. Both will give receipts to Jason.

Stacey will be submitting an application for a Shell Gas Card. The card will be kept by the Shell Station Owner, Dawn Murray, and only George, Charlie, Jason and the baseball directors will be authorized to

use it for diesel and gas for mowers and tractors. Whoever uses it is responsible to turn the receipt in to Stacey by the end of the month for reconciliation with the statement. Dawn will keep copies of all transactions in her files if there is a discrepancy. There will be a \$500 cap on the card and it will not allow users to purchase groceries or anything other than fuel.

NYAA is adopting the new Background Check policy of recertifying everyone annually. This will be expensive and time consuming. Jason will follow-up with John Cassiano to see how we can do this process more efficiently and cost effectively

The directors asked that in future we have our registration notices posted in the Youth Results sections of all newspapers in addition to being included in any press releases/articles to reach the maximum number of members

Soccer will have concession stand in the fall. Lisa will coordinate the schedule and assign each team specific days when they must staff it – trying to put teams in there on days when they do not have games. Lisa will follow-up with Elizabeth after registration closes

The directors/board are thinking about starting a \$25 volunteer fee next spring 2008 where members can pay the \$25 or work 4 hours during the season. This will be voted on at the next meeting when more directors are there

It was announced that Charlie Horner was working with the over 19 softball league to use our fields and our equipment. Jason will follow-up with Charlie to see what the status. There was some concern about insurance and replacement of equipment if it is damaged

There was a motion to set the summer meetings back to a 7:30 start time and it was approved. Maggi will update the web site to show the new start time for June, July, August, and September and October. Maggi will also email all directors to ask them to email their coaches about the new start times

Next meeting – June 28, 2007