

# NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

## August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Meeting was brought to order by Jason Rice, Sr., president. In attendance were Jenny Miller, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Charlie Horner, John Yanek, Janice Metzger, Elizabeth Freeman, Mary Jane Cerrone, Keith Nagel, Jeff Schappell and Mel Charles.

**June Minutes** – There was no official vote on the skate park at the June meeting. Minutes should read “At this time, the NYAA is not interested in the proposed skate park and skate club falling under its auspices.” Minutes will also be corrected to read \$2,000 instead of \$200 as the concession stands proceeds from baseball.

**July Minutes** – Per discussion at the July meeting, the directors requested a clarification of where the NITC concession proceeds will be used. It was explained that it goes into the administration account to offset any sports or maintenance overages. It has not been earmarked for any particular purpose at this time.

Neil & Charlie asked if there would be any reason Baseball and Softball could not jointly run the concessions stand next spring. Directors did not foresee any problems with that arrangement. Jason requested that all concession and pavilion requests be submitted to Jason Rice, who will keep the NYAA schedule.

The Rec Commission has an official phone number, which rings through the NW Lehigh SD administrative offices: 610-298-8661 extension 9.

Regarding database maintenance, Elizabeth noted problems with incorrect or missing contact information in the database, and would prefer full access to the system. She is often under pressure to submit rosters and is not able to contact participants in a timely fashion.

A motion to accept June & July’s minutes was made by Keith Nagle, with a second by Mary Jane Cerrone.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Directors received a statement of all accounts and bank balances. Clarifications were made on the perceived \$40K deficit as presented by The Press in covering recent township meetings. The number referred to an amount over budget if the NYAA were to pay for all upkeep at the Rec Fields and replace old equipment. Already, the NYAA has paid \$15K toward fencing this season. The Potato Building funds were discussed, and a motion was made by Elizabeth and a second by Keith to close the account and put the funds into Baseball. The electric bill that had been paid by the NYAA will be forwarded back to the Rec Commission, along with a request for retroactive repayment from the time the NYAA was no longer allowed to use the Potato Barn. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Neil, with a second by Charlie.

**Public Comment** – Mel Charles, candidate for Lynn Township Supervisor, advised the group of the Talent Show / Art Festival to be held at Ontelaunee Park from noon to 5pm on September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge to participate, and open to vendors of any sort, but in particular food vendors. There is power available, and anyone needing such should notify her.

**Directors Reports** –submitted by directors for meeting

**BASEBALL** – Fall baseball is under way and going smooth. We are having a baseball meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 to end the year and organize coordinators for the spring.

**BASKETBALL** -- Basketball registrations are currently open. Usage forms have been submitted to the school district and am waiting to see if we are able to start the season around Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CHEERING** – 104 girls enrolled. New uniforms are ordered for 85, 100 and 130 squads. Girls have been fundraising to raise money for uniform costs, over 1/4 of the cost raised already. Another hoagie sale will be in September and we will be selling water bottles at the games. I have been approached by the wrestling cheerleader coaches about possibly buying our old uniforms and they are getting back to me after their booster club meeting about a price.

**FOOTBALL** – The 2007 season is on the way. The first games were played on 8/25. Our first home game is on 9/8 at the HS Stadium.

We have 123 players this season. 25-Flags, 33-85lb, 36-100lb and 29-130lb players.

For fundraisers we are selling lottery tickets which start in September and ends in November, stadium blankets, replica helmets and jerseys.

**SOCCKER** –

- Things are going well – 60 players in Pre-K program, 8x U7 teams in in-house league, 5x U8 teams plus 3XU10 and 1xU12 recreational boys teams in Northern Valley league, and 10x travel teams in Lehigh Valley league ages U9 to U16 (WE ARE FULL except a few boys needed to fill out U10 boys recreational team rosters)
- Teams are just beginning practicing and some teams played in summer tournaments in the area.
- UK Elite camp went well.
- Working with coaches, coordinators and volunteers on equipment hand outs, field lining & set-up.
- Using fields across the Creek and more at Ebenezer since Weis fields are gone. Have submitted application to use LCCC fields in the spring.
- Equipment report: U-8 jerseys need replacing (old), and we need a plan to replace them, or do we want to use T-shirts? Field lining paint costs are out of control...other options need to be discussed.
- Need more keys or other pad lock option for field liner box at rec fields, and field liner box option for Ontalaunee??
- 23 new coaches at 1<sup>st</sup> coaches meeting held last Sunday
- Good meeting with Superintendent discussing teaming with the school district, NYAA, NRC re: new fields and planning for future fields at Weis (post construction)

- Elizabeth's term will be up in Dec and will be stepping down as Soccer director - Mary Jane is willing to be co-director and I am getting her up to speed on all activities. (I miss my kids and my husband, and need to spend some more time with them and other personal priorities including work.)

**SOFTBALL** – The softball season has ended at Northwestern for 2007, however many of the girls are playing fall softball for a variety of teams. With the huge interest that many of our girls have for softball we will be looking at the possibility of offering fall softball next year.

**VOLLEYBALL** – Ready to start on Sept 6th. Currently 34 kids with a few more thinking about it. Looking at breaking kids into skill levels vs age/grades as we have done in past. We had coaches meeting. We are in good shape. Collecting security papers. Discussed future of VB and where we want to go. We will have more travel teams in Winter program. Joining the AAU.

### **Addendums to Directors Reports –**

Baseball – Neil is considering leaving the Parkland League and going to Lower Mac because it does not line up age-wise. Lower Mac & Lehigh Valley will discuss at Sept 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to accept NW. Adding ECTB 12 and under. There will be no field changes. Fall baseball program is already in league.

Softball – Charlie would like to put together a fall team, as there is a demand.

Soccer – Elizabeth is in need of at least 80 U8 jerseys and asked if she was able to seek corporate sponsorship. There were a discussion about appropriateness of messages, and sponsorships reviewed by the Board. Any multi year sponsorships would need to be further discussed. A suggestion was made to offer sponsorships for tournament T-Shirts.

An issue arose regarding a team seeking additional players to roster, when they had held try-outs and did not accept some of the players. Elizabeth will check into what had transpired and agreed that any child who wished to play – must play before any additions may be made to a team.

Basketball – They would like basketball to begin earlier, however facility requests have been made and no answers forthcoming. There was a discussion about seasons running together and kids/parents/coaches getting burned out. A suggestion was made about some open gym sessions as opposed to starting the season earlier. Girls travel team needs set dates.

Volleyball – Keith has 38 signed up so far.

**BY-LAWS** – In lieu of reading the entire By-Laws and proposed changes, a clearly edited copy was forwarded for the membership's review prior to the meeting. Corrections and changes are included on a separate page in these minutes. Discussed were the following points:

- Clarify the Directors' abilities to seek fields.

- Why new directors should be able to take over in December. Audit is in December.
- Facilities and Grounds Directors. Do not remove, as the need may again arise.
- Change Financial Resource Director to Resource Director.
- Playing time – wording should be changed to “goal”. Several Directors took exception to the playing time issue, as in some cases playing time could be very lopsided.

### **Other Business –**

Any purchases by Directors over budget must be preapproved by the Board.

Night in the Country concession stand proceeds were approx. \$1700 gross.

Suggestion was made to post the budget on the website and make a correction in the NW Press about NYAA finances.

There was a discussion over statements brought to the Board’s attention made by Directors regarding unexcused absences. The group was reminded it is working with children in a recreational and educational setting and participation should be fun – not discouraging. Children should be learning as many positions as possible, not just pigeon-holed into one position, or worse yet – sit on the bench. If a missed practice constitutes a safety factor within a game, it is understandable and should be explained to the child and parents.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President’s position was vacated by Kevin Fruchtl. It was agreed that it is OK for position to remain vacant.

Water Certificate has been received. Tractor repairs were discussed along with reasoning behind NYAA owning the maintenance equipment.

**NYAA is one organization.** Disagreements and debates are welcome and encouraged amongst Directors and participants in meetings, however a cooperative and congenial front must be maintained for the community. No one sport is more important than another and no sport owns its equipment. It all belongs to the NYAA!

**Open Discussion** -- Keith Nagle informed the group there have been discussions regarding Volleyball leaving the NYAA, and they are in the process of reviewing their options. As NYAA is for youth, a proposed adult league could not fall under the NYAA auspices. Keith is also on the Ontelaunee Park Committee.

Charlie requested electricity to Fields 3 & 7, plus a shed at Field 3. Jason said it should be presented to the Rec Commission.

Motion to adjourn was made by Elizabeth and seconded by Neil.