

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2007

The monthly NYAA meeting took place at the NYAA building at the Northwestern Recreation Fields, and was called to order at 7:32 pm with Jason Rice Sr., Jenny Miller, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Elizabeth Freeman, Mary Jane Cerrone, Keith Nagle, Stacey Schappell, Jeff Schappell, Tammy Dorney, Howard Archer, JoAnn Partington, Todd Leiser, J David Stemrick, and Karen Schellhamer in attendance.

September Meeting Minutes – A motion to accept September's minutes was made by Jenny, with a second by Elizabeth.

Treasurer's Report – Neil had some questions which will be taken up directly with Mary. Motion to accept report and budget was made by Jenny and seconded by Mary Jane.

Public Comment – Dave Stemrick and JoAnn Partington made a presentation on behalf of Pittman Photography, who has provided team photos for many years. They made many suggestions to enhance the program and the sports' bottom lines. Directors had questions regarding discrepancy in pricing between sports and rebates. Pittman will forward info in writing to Jason and Jenny prior to the November meeting.

Sports Directors' Reports --

Baseball -- The fall season is over and we are collecting equipment and uniforms. We have joined the Upper Lower Mac League for our recreational spring baseball. We are not in the Parkland League this spring. We are planning on holding our baseball combine the last two Sundays of February and the first Sunday in March for our 9 to 14 year olds at Joe Fatzinger's new place. We are going to have a coaches clinic the third week of February with the intention of getting all our coaches on the same page and preparing them for the spring season.

Basketball -- Basketball season, which will be November 1, 2007 - February 29, 2008, is fast approaching and everything is going well. We have many new coaches and coordinators this year which will be exciting. Basketball is still looking for coaches, a minimum of 4 are needed for the K-2 program.

We have booked the new facility the Edge every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Creative Kids School Age Center, again this year, has graciously donated their facility to the 3/4 girls to practice. We have informed the coaches they need to advise parents they are unable to wait inside the facility during practice due to insurance liabilities. We still have not gotten approval from the school district so we are unable to determine game times or when the K-2 program will start as they only use Weisenberg Elementary.

We found a basketball league called Country Basketball League who is accepting new youth teams for both boys and girls ages 9-18 which we emailed to all coaches in hopes they will contact the league to give especially our 3/4 girls and 9-12 boys more game options as there are very few registrations and not enough to do the Round-Robbin

leagues as our other rec teams do. 3/4 girl's rec team is participating in the County Basketball League with 2 teams this year.

Cheering – Cheering season is almost over except for playoffs and competitions in November for 100 and 130 lb squads.

The new uniforms are in and the old uniforms are being considered by wrestling. If wrestling does not purchase them, then they are going to be sold as a bulk lot on ebay or listed in a cheering magazine classified ads.

End of the season banquet is scheduled for December 9th at Family Fun Center.

Was approached by high schoolers to coach the 130 lb squad next season as their senior project along with a parent chaperon. It worked well last season, so I will do it again next season.

Football – Regular season games were finished on 10/21. Playoffs are starting 11/3 for 85lb, 100lb, 130lb teams and Flags are in a tournament on 11/3. Banquet is scheduled for December 1st. Both Jersey and Blanket fundraisers went well. We are hosting 1st round playoffs on 11/3 at our fields. Dad Bowl information has been sent out, if interested see Matthew Shields, place to be determined.

NOTE: We have some very sad news. A family member of the NYAA lost his life in a traffic accident last week. David K. Delong is survived by Deanna-wife, Christine-daughter, Colin-son as well as more family members. Both children are current participants in NYAA sports. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

Soccer -- No report submitted (see addendum following)

Softball -- The NYAA softball program was able to take advantage of this unseasonably warm weather to run a very productive tryout. There were 21 girls who tried out for the 12 and under team and 12 girls who tried out for the 10 and under team. Beginning sometime in the month of November we will be running a weekly pitching clinic probably at Kempton Rec. Center.

Volleyball -- Fall program in its last 3 weeks. Finish up on the 12th. Winter program sign ups still in process. A little low but always is this way then all of a sudden I get 20 requests. All else good!

Additional discussion regarding Sports –

Late Fees – As of now, Basketball will impose fees, but Volleyball will not

Flag League was proposed to be discussed at another time.

The Edge rental is similar to fees paid to Jacobs Church.

United Way – There is a potential grant from Bon Ton. Neil suggested to use money to pay for Baseball equipment.

By-Laws –The proposed By-Law changes were read for a second time and will be reread and voted on at next month's meeting.

Website – A vote was taken to set up a PayPal account to accept online sports fees for the upcoming season. League Athletics information was discussed as a website host for the new site. A suggestion was made to have a joint training session when the site was up and running.

Sports Fees – At the September meeting, the members voted to eliminate the mandatory fundraiser fees and replace the funds by increasing the sports fees to cover all the sports' operating costs. The directors were to determine an appropriate flat fee for their programs.

At this time, Soccer will be \$55 and Basketball \$85. The other sports will need to set their fees ASAP.

Public Relations – It was suggested to write an article about the NYAA or place an ad in the Press, with an explanation of how the community sports programs and rec commission work.

Nominating Committee – Nominated were Board members and Sports Directors in attendance. Todd Leiser was officially nominated for the vacation position of 2nd Vice President and presented his qualifications and interest in becoming a member of the Board. Howard Archer also introduced himself and offered to assist in any way necessary. Maggi suggested webmaster, and will work with Howard on the website transition to take place over the next month.

Christmas Dinner – December 14th at Blue Ridge for \$10 per person. NYAA will pay remainder.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 pm by Elizabeth, and seconded by Mary Jane. The next meeting, which will also be the yearly elections and voting on the proposed By-Law changes will take place at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 29th.

Addendum – Soccer report submitted via email on November 1, 2007

- The season is winding down
- Pictures came in and are being distributed, Metals as well
- UK Elite needs check and Jay has contract -these need to be addressed so we can be fit back into their schedule.
- Positions open in organization: Equipment Manager, Fields Manager, Northern Valley Coordinator, Concession Stand Coordinator, Awards Coordinator, Data Entry, Communications/web Coordinator, Player Development/Training Coordinator
- U7 – discussion of splitting U7 into 2 groups- younger ones to continue with 3 v 3 format, older ones to play 6 v 6 in league.
- Investigating U-8 jerseys replacement (old), and will use money not spent on UK Elite on 80 new jerseys needed. Other expenditures before end of year will include new goals for U7 & Pre-K, liner paint, corner flag sets, deposit with UK Elite. We anticipate taking balance down to \$1000.

- Scheduling the hosting a coaches certification (E series) class in the winter/spring
- Working with current U8 coaches to see who will be the next upcoming U-9 coaches (likely boys to be coached by Willard Wanamaker and girls to be coached by Andy Lister)
- Mary Jane is willing to be co-director. Brian Winter has stepped up to be other co-director.
- Starting Coaches Resource/Library within equipment cage.
- Working on inventory report at end of season and will provide to Jay as requested.
- Looking for corporate sponsors for new jerseys.

It has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you. I will remain volunteering within NYAA, and will stay on as equipment manager for the soccer program, working with Mary Jane and Brian to transition knowledge, responsibilities, and to make sure our program continues to be strong.