

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 24th 2008

The monthly meeting took place in the NYAA Building at the Northwestern Rec Fields, with the following members in attendance – Jason Rice, Jenny Miller, Todd Leiser, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Stacey Schappell, Jeff Schappell, Aimee White, John Yanek, Brian Winter, Charlie Horner and Keith Nagle.

March Minutes – Jeff made a motion to approve the March minutes, which was seconded by Aimee.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS –

Baseball -- Is going very well as of now. Everyone is practicing and the games start April 24th for the Lower Mac League and May 4th for the Lehigh Valley League. Opening day for tee ball and grasshopper is April 26th. We will have pictures, then a parade, then opening games. Thanks to Charlie Horner and softball for letting us use two of their fields so all six games could happen at once (11 AM). Our fundraiser will begin on May 19th or so...we have to wait for Connie Mack and Legion to start so they can participate as well. They cannot begin until the high school season is over. Ebenezer seems to be working out and we are slowly getting the fields into shape.

Basketball -- I have not heard back from the school concerning the scholarship distribution. Nothing else to report.

Cheering – Registration opened April 15th
- We are continuing to look into available safety clinics in the area for the coaches.

Football – Registrations are currently taking place. This past month football had its annual head coaches meeting to discuss the upcoming 2008 season. The LVYFL welcomed Northern Lehigh and the Marion Catholic Little Colts into our league.

Soccer -- Games have started. Working with coaches to get players paid. Some have already paid but it is not showing up on the list. Forwarding these to Mary for confirmation.

Teams registered in the NV system but not showing up from the administrator view at EPYSA. Working on correcting the system.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with scheduling, field manager, field equipment and concession stand coordinator. Having trouble getting parent volunteers!!!

Flyer put together to hand out at schools for the tryouts and sign ups for soccer. Heard new HS coach is from FC Lehigh- already conflicting with the UK Elite training camps in the summer. Any suggestions on how to get him to help the NYAA instead of drawing players away would be helpful.

Next Soccer Meeting is May 1st at the Rec. Fields.

Softball – We currently have seven teams who have started their season in the Parkland League. At this point each team has played either three or four games. The three Lehigh Valley League teams will begin playing their games May 6th. The softball organization has run some extra fund raisers to cover necessary expenses. The one fundraiser involved selling Tiger softball magnets and the other one involved selling t-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants.

Volleyball -- Finishing up Spring Session. May 1 last day. Waiting for spring signups to plan for fall. Overall for Fall, Winter and Spring ended up in the black

Jason pointed out that the Northern Valley contact names were out of date. Brian said they had no budget, and probably didn't know how to make the changes.

A motion was made to accept the April Directors' Reports by John, which was seconded by Jenny.

Treasurer's Report – \$1,000 from the volleyball program had been incorrectly listed in admin. This will be transferred back to the volleyball program. With that, Keith made a motion to accept the report, with a second by Todd.

By-Laws – Jason announced that any proposed changes to the By-Laws must be submitted to the By-Law committee by June. Jason will chair, and Todd will also serve on the committee.

Coke Wagon & Concessions Stand – They will be open on Saturday. Lori has wagon under control, but admits it is more work than she expected, due to volunteer issues.

Office Building – There was discussion about a cost analysis for repair and use of the building as compared to renting. Door must be fixed, although it is recognized that much more work needs to be done. Another leak in the ceiling had also been discovered.

Facility Use – Discussed was which facilities will be used, and the need for Jason to formally request the use of those facilities.

Basketball Scholarship – Stacey requested information from the school about awarding scholarships, and the feasibility of awarding this year on May 20. The criteria would be established by NYAA Basketball, the Guensch family and Board for next year, as it would most likely be too late for 2008. Suggested was to have the family and winners attend an NYAA meeting, and announce via press release.

Mailing Permit – It is up again for renewal. Maggi stated Paul Fisher's suggestion to have the permit transferred from New Tripoli to Lehigh Valley, as that's where the mail is distributed from anyway, which saves 1 to 2 days in delivery.

Office Copier – John told Maggi how to order the parts and he will install.

Clean Up Day – Jason announced there were around 75 people who had helped clean up. NYAA should assume there were many more volunteers that had not signed in. Overall, it was a good day. Thanks go to B Braun, The Bagel Bunch, and the Rec Commission for donating items.

No Pay / No Play – All rosters must be submitted. Jason requested directors to ensure they received them from all their coaches.

Registrations – There have been the typical issues with registrations and monies owed. Mary Norman clarified that families with more than one child playing who had underpaid will show UNPAID.

Forms – The NYAA has not been vigilant about collecting Emergency Contact Forms, as well as Criminal Background Checks, as stated last month. It was determined that there are a few hundred copies of the Contact forms which can be used.

Senior Night -- May 2 is senior night for which the NYAA should receive free admission. NYAA Appreciation Night did not go well.

Fields Scheduling – All info went out to facilities with the exception of Ontelaunee. May 16-18 is the annual Jamboree, when the field cannot be used.

Field Issues – Charlie had a concern about soccer practice in the vicinity of the older girls' softball games (fields 6 & 7). The younger girls pose no problem, but the older girls hit the balls much further. Brian agreed the softball games take precedence and will work out any conflicts.

Maintenance – Must wait a few days after application to prep the infield at Ebenezer. It was strongly suggested that the NYAA has a maintenance crew/committee.

A discussion ensued regarding the need for many more volunteers, and how to get them. Maggi suggested taking a full day for directors and board to meet to discuss the issues facing the organization and to plan for the future. The monthly meetings are mostly informative and deal with issues at hand, but more time is needed to review and organize.

NRC – Jason reported on the monthly meeting:

- There is concern over the coke wagon trash
- Flagpole will be fixed by Saturday for the parade
- Flag must be kept in the kitchen
- Traffic between fields 4 & 7 – Traveling coaches should be made aware of parking situation.
- NRC will have someone contact baseball/softball about batting cages. Existing cages need to be bigger

Website – Cobalt's charges will be \$3700 for set up, plus \$470 for merchant services = \$4170. There will be a \$300 per year charge plus \$25 per month for merchant services. A discussion ensued regarding how to accept payments. Each credit card also charges commissions and/or transaction fees, therefore the NYAA has more costs to consider on top of the \$25 per month.

Ebenezer – Jason explained the driveway gravel situation at Ebenezer. It was estimated that the drive would take 3 truckloads of gravel. It actually took 7. Lynn Township offered to provide the services, if NYAA would pay for the paving. Baseball and Soccer will split the \$1200 cost of the additional gravel only.

Other Non-Business – Keith Nagle announced one of his NW tennis players will be playing in the districts. Jason told the group he was participating in an annual NASCAR fundraiser, about which they may receive a personal email.

Todd made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jenny. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 29th.