

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 31st, 2008

The monthly meeting took place at the NYAA building at the Northwestern Recreation Fields, and was called to order at 7:40pm with Jason Rice Sr., Jenny Miller, Todd Leiser, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Jeff Schappell, John Yanek, Maryjane Cerrone and Charlie Horner in attendance.

November Meeting Minutes – Corrections: p2 under **NRC** – change ‘pave’ to ‘line’ parking lot; under **Lighting** – should read “plans for the pole barn **may** include NYAA office and meeting facilities”; **Other Business** – should read – “Jason found a good deal on a popcorn machine for use at the concession stands **which would normally retail** for \$400”. Motion to accept was made by John Yanek, with a second by Todd Leiser.

Treasurer’s Report – Motion to accept by Maryjane; second by Jenny.

January Directors’ Reports --

Baseball -- is under way and there are hundred plus questions. The good thing is, we are moving forward, working out the bugs, and next year will hopefully run smoother. Registration is underway, uniforms are being ordered, looking for sponsors, and having meetings to get things organized. Hopefully, by the end of February, we will have everyone registered, combine running so we can pick teams and coaches, uniforms ordered, and working on equipment orders and a coke wagon. We will keep you updated as we move forward.

Basketball -- We have a new basketball link courtesy of Paul Mazzucco where the entire master schedule lives, directions to facilities, rosters and updates. This is a wonderful feature for everyone to use if they forget times and dates.

We are back to using the Kempton facility on Monday & Friday nights in addition to all our other facilities. We are discussing splitting the program into 2 sessions for facility issues-- everyone would have their own facilities and times not trying to accommodate 22 teams into 5 nights and 2 9 hour day weekends. This would also help parents out by having to get 2 kids to 2 different locations possibly at the same time.

K-4 program would start October-December whereby the entire K-4 program would have full facility availability of the Middle School for games and practices as well as Weisenberg, Kempton and the Edge for practices.

5-12 program would begin December-February and they would have the Middle School for games, Kempton and the Edge for practices. Also, when the K-4 program would end their evening practices at 7:30-8:00 the facilities would become available for the 5-12 program for practices if they choose but ONLY after the K-4 program ends not before.

We are also discussing trying to be the Host of a league where all games would be at the Middle School on weekends so parents do not have to travel---they have only our facility to worry about. Also, by hosting a league, we could charge a \$300.00-\$350.00 fee per teams which would include the referee fees and also offset some of our gym costs. I've asked Jason to check into what insurance issues would need to be addressed and what other permission, if any, would need to be obtained.

The most important factor is Kids ARE having fun and learning.

We had to pull our 2 5/6 Boys County League teams due to misrepresentation of opponents from the league. We were under the impression that our opponents would be 5/6 boys when in reality they were 7th graders who did not make their middle school teams---parents were sent emails and polled their thoughts the parents were very supportive of pulling out--the games were 14-50 or worse. We were getting emails from the opposing coaches stating they were doing everything they could to stop the scores from climbing. At one game they stopped the score at 1/2 time and reset but unfortunately that didn't help. We are still having the kids scrimmage against ourselves and outside teams with referees but it's not to win/lose but to learn the basics again. We are asking for partial refunds of the league fees---we'll see.

Cheering – Planning on taking inventory February 9th. Sent out an email about coaches for next year and so far only 1 coach has said no. More to report next month.

Football -- First of all, I would like to wish the NYAA and all of its members good luck in the year to come. I would also like to welcome on board those of you who are new to the NYAA's inner sanctum. As far as the football program is concerned, there's not much to report at the moment. We just ordered some much needed game jerseys for our 130lb. team. Our LVYFL by-law meetings begin in February.

Soccer -- We are working on getting organized, finding coaches, field managers, Northern Valley reps and coordinator for u8. We will have more to report in February after we meet with the coaches.

Softball -- We are nearing the end for softball signups. There are currently about eighty girls signed up for softball in the spring. I am sure that number will increase as we near the end of the month. Once the overwhelming majority of players have registered I will begin the process of figuring out how many teams we will be having and assigning girls to those teams.

Volleyball – No report

By-Laws – All proposed changes were voted through. Updated By-Laws were forwarded to all Directors in pdf format and will be posted on the website. Not all could open in the pdf format.

Grants – Karen researching requirements for various grants. Neil has forwarded info, but hasn't received any response. Question arose as to whether NYAA is incorporated.

Pittmans Photography – Contract was signed and faxed on 2/1.

Website – Jason has attempted to connect with company who built link for basketball. They did a good job matching the existing site. It was mentioned that the schedule was helpful for some teams, but not for the rec teams whose coordinators did not submit their schedules to the basketball directors. Jason will call again to set up a meeting.

Flat Sports Fee – Transition has been bumpy. There has been confusion over lack of fundraiser vs. fundraiser buy-out as in the past, and questions about how fees were established. Baseball program has been simplified, and fees are in line with other programs.

The NYAA fundraiser was more trouble than it was worth, with few participants, complicated distribution system and the need to follow up on those that said they would participate, but did not. Sports are still able to offer their own, i.e. baseball refunds \$50 for participation in theirs. Website needs to be updated to reflect flat fee instead of fundraiser buy-out.

Maggi presented sell-through details of NYAA Harlem Globetrotters night, which will be a basketball fundraiser expected to yield a few hundred dollars for the program.

Coke Stand – Lori Karpyn will handle the program. Neil would like another wagon to be placed by Subway – proceeds to go to all sports. As of now, only one wagon is approved by NRC. Jason will request a second at the next meeting. It was suggested a sign be posted on the coke stand stating “NYAA benefits from coke stand proceeds”

2007 Year End Treasurer’s Report – Report showed a loss due to fence replacement. Cheering ended year in the red. Fundraising for the new cheering uniforms did not offset the cost. Motion to accept the report was made by John with a second by Mary Jane.

Facilities – Rec Commission will place a port-a-potty at Field 3. The Snack Bar and lower pavilion rest rooms will be open this season as well. George will clean, and NYAA will open and close.

Office Building – An estimate to replace the door on the NYAA building, requested in October, has not yet been received.

Potato Barn – Heidelberg Township to determine if use can be changed to training facility instead of assembly, which will again allow NYAA use of the facility.

Field Maintenance – NYAA has received new estimates from Made in the Shade. It will not be using Chem Lawn this year.

Clean Up Day – April 5th. Jason requested no activities be scheduled for that day.

Open House – 9am – 1pm on May 3rd. Jason will contact Pastor Fruchtl for use of Ebenezer. If a Director is not able to be there, they are requested to find a replacement to speak about the program and answer questions. Last year, most attendance was by parents new to the NYAA.

Late Fees – A vote was taken and approved to raise the late fee to \$25. This will be in effect the day after the registration closes, but may be waived by a sports director, as in the past. Website must be changed to reflect the new fee.

Facility Requests – Jason has formally made requests to the school district and Ebenezer.

Open Forum – Baseball would like to kick off Tee Ball/Grasshoppers with an opening parade at the Rec Field on April 26 (*rain date April 27*). NYAA will ask for approval at the next NRC meeting.

At 9:40pm, a motion to close the meeting was made by Neil, with a second by Maryjane. Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 28th at 7:30 pm.