

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 2007

In attendance: Jason Rice Sr, Jenny Miller, Stacey Schappell, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Tom Bavaria, Charlie Horner, Janice Metzger, Elizabeth Freeman, and Jon Gruber.

Minutes and treasurer's report were distributed and accepted with a motion by Jenny and a second by Janice

Per March meeting, Directors reports were submitted, compiled and distributed for perusal at the monthly meeting, as apposed to monthly verbal update.

Jon Gruber, an NYAA member and coach of the Northwestern JV Basketball team, was present at the meeting to discuss ideas to train participants in the NYAA basketball program in ways that are more consistent with the school programs. A coaching clinic was suggested. Stacey would like to begin much earlier this season to get the kids up to par with other districts. Suggested was starting a practice program in July. Noted was a need to find coaches for the program as soon as possible.

Directors report review & further update –

Baseball – Question from Neil – If child doesn't make it onto a Lehigh Valley team, is he directed back to Tom's league. Tom answered yes. T Ball hasn't started. There are many complaints about lack of communication. Jason asked for a list of participants who have not made rosters. There are 6 teams with 11 to 12 on a team.

Basketball – Paid \$2000 from administration budget towards rentals. It was noted that the same had been done for football and volleyball.

Soccer – It was requested that NRC waive the space rental and commission for soccer fundraiser at Night in the Country. Jason will discuss with NRC. There is a question about whether there will be a U9 girls team for next year. If soccer uses Morganland, someone will need to mow. Hope Church has a beautiful facility. There are no real fields at Hope Church for games – they would need a considerable amount of work to be game ready. It was suggested to make it a community project. Karen Morrison has told them Jason would be contacting.

Softball – Charlie cannot make Open House, and Neil offered to cover for him. Had some kids quit. Jason requested roster. There was a question about refunds for kids who quit. If the kids have not played at all, they will get their money back. If uniforms with names have be made, there will be no refund.

There should be a withdrawal form signed by the director and Stacey to transfer sport and fee.

Other items –

Jason requested that communication emails between directors and board members should be kept within the NYAA admin, and not copied to coaches, etc.

Tom stated he does not have need for an in-person registration for the fall. He normally speaks with spring players to determine fall interest. Maggi noted the Open House on May 5th was planned specifically because Tom requested in-person registrations.

Registration dates: May 1 to 31st for all sports by volleyball, which will run until June 30th. Directors may request that late fees are waived.

Soccer – Howler and Hewitt will be refunded.

Families must be charged for unreturned uniforms.

Grant update – Maggi provided update given her by Karen Morrison, who had a game during the time of the meeting. Request for \$1000 had been given to Air Products. 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.

Relay for Life – NYAA concession stand produced between \$600-700 dollars for the fund raiser.

Discussed was the fee for the Kempton facility and whether a \$1000 offer should be made as a donation amount – otherwise the rental fee would be \$350 per night. \$1000 was determined to be too low, therefore an offer of \$1500 should be considered. It was reiterated that if coaches are scheduled for a particular facility, they must use it.

Lawn mower will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$400.

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

Open House plans were discussed along with needs to ensure a representative for all sports.

Next meeting – May 31st.