

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 29th, 2007

The monthly meeting took place at the NYAA building at the Northwestern Recreation Fields, and was called to order at 7:37 pm with Jason Rice Sr., Jenny Miller, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Elizabeth Freeman, Mary Jane Cerrone, Brian Winter, Keith Nagle, Jeff Schappell, Tammy Dorney, Janice Metzger, John Yanek, Charlie Horner, Todd Leiser, Aimee White, Kelly Arner, Frank Caruso, and Craig Summers in attendance.

October Minutes – Edits -- p2 By Laws - 3rd and final reading of the proposed By Law changes to take place at November monthly meeting. p3 –Soccer, remove “the require”. A motion was made to accept by Neil, with a second by Mary Jane.

Treasurer’s Report – A motion to accept was made by Jenny, with a second by Neil.

Public Comment – Frank Caruso informed the group that several years ago, the NYAA had been asked to help purchase the Potato Building. At that time, under the board which included Rick Hughes and Jen Malay, \$10,000 had been given to the Rec Commission for that purchase. It was suggested NYAA and Rec Commission minutes from early 2000’s be researched to determine what transaction had taken place. As the Potato Building is no longer in use by NYAA, it is suggested those funds be made available to NYAA for other uses.

Dave from Pittman Photography submitted a proposal for 2008. Jason made changes to their contract so it would not automatically roll over every three years. Football and Cheering have one more year on their contract. Discussed was possibility of sponsoring teams, rebates, direct shipping and to ensure same pricing for all sports.

Discussion ensued after Pittman’s departure as whether to continue with its services for spring sports and beyond. NYAA will sign current contract to cover winter sports, yet has 120 days to opt out of the contract.

Directors Reports – No additional comments were made.

Baseball -- It has been a slow month and not a lot going on. We collected all the fall ball equipment. We have figured out what are sports fee is going to be for next year. We are starting to organize the combine for February and I met with Jim Kester and Ben to redo the web page. We are deleting the old one and doing a brand new one with the combination of the leagues under one director.

Basketball -- 208 kids registered for basketball this season AWESOME

Lots of facility issues with the untimely closing of the Edge. We are doing the best we can with very limited gym time at the Middle School for all age groups except the K-2 program which only uses Weisenberg Elementary. We are working very closely with Jason Zimmerman who is wonderful with our last minute changes.

Uniform handouts are complete, we have to think about purchasing additional youth size jerseys as the upcoming kids are smaller than in past years.

The Subway fundraiser is over and we sold 218 certificates not bad for a first time.

Cheering – Cheering Banquet being held Dec 9th at Family Fun Center,

Uniform & equipment hand in next week. Waiting to hear if wrestling will buy old uniforms, if not they will be listed on Ebay over the winter and possibly sold at Nite in the Country.

Looking into possibly getting into hosting competitions again, a few coaches and parents said they would help to organize and plan and also Cheer by Tina would help. Still need to talk to HS coaches about doing it jointly.

Girls placed in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and 9th at competitions and took 2 out of 3 Spirit Awards.

Coaches returning for next year from 85, 100 and 130's and 85's will try one close competition.

Football – The 2007 football season comes to a close this Saturday with our joint banquets at the Kempton Community Center. The program had a terrific post-season. Both our 100 lb. and 130 lb. teams reached the semi-finals, however did not advance. Our 85 lb. team won the regular season division title and was able to win the Lehigh Valley Youth Football League Championship. Our Flad team had a respectable finish in the LVYFL Flag Tournament including a very exciting triple overtime win.

We had our equipment hand-ins this week. All but 4 were returned. Typically, I have to chase down about a dozen or so.

Soccer --

- The season is over for all teams, equipment turn in is in process, as well as inventory report
- Mary Jane, Elizabeth and Brian will be working on budget to be completed by Dec 14th
- UK Elite needs check and Elizabeth has contract -these need to be addressed so we can be fit back into their schedule.
- Positions open in organization: Fields Manager, Northern Valley Coordinator, Concession Stand Coordinator, Awards Coordinator, Data Entry, Communications/web Coordinator, Player Development/Training Coordinator
- 2 U-8 teams had poor coach behavior when playing each other. Both coaches have been talked to- and reminded of NYAA and NVYSL rules.
- Making decisions soon on U-8 jerseys replacement (85 jerseys will be purchased), and will use other remaining money on new goals for U7 & Pre-K, liner paint, corner flag sets, deposit with UK Elite. We anticipate taking balance down to the require \$1000.
- Rich Mitstifer is scheduling the hosting a coaches certification (E series) class in the winter/spring. We have a large number of coaches wanting to take class.
- Some teams electing to play outside of NYAA at indoor facilities (Iron Lakes, LCCC, Turf Club). We have elected to continue with previous program's policy of loaning med kits to coaches who are playing during the winter, in the interest of safety for our kids.
- Mary Jane Cerrone and Brian Winter will be great co-directors for the program.

Softball – I am looking forward to registration beginning so I will be able to figure out how many teams we will have this season and the logistics of getting it all organized. Hopefully everyone will register early this year. Wouldn't that be a treat. See everyone Thursday evening.

Volleyball -- Fall season ended and we were in the black. Will be buying balls with extra money.

Winter season starting next week and from all indications will have more kids than last years 74. Though, until they actually sign up and pay me, I can not count on them.

Volleyball club has 5 groups this year.

- Level 1 - Basic beginners
- Level 2 - intermediate
- Level 3 - Advanced
- Level 4 - High School Rec
- Level 5 - Tournament teams

Scheduling has been interesting. We will be trying The Edge whenever it opens.

By Laws – The proposed By-Law changes were read for a 3rd and final time, then voted upon by secret ballot. (Upon count after the meeting, all changes were accepted.)

Rec Commission – Per last monthly meeting:

- Don Link to meet with Kistler to discuss possible pole building to be constructed by lower field.
- Coke has delivered one cooler. The Rec Commission approved the use of one Coke cart, to be placed by Fields 3 and 6.
- Rec Commission to pay for all port-a-potties, with the exception of the one nearest the NYAA building.
- Susanne Meixsell guaranteed when official reports were submitted and accepted, the school district would line the parking lots & install speed bumps.

Lighting Fund – There is approximately \$75,000 in an NYAA 'lighting' fund, originally to install lighting for the field below the NYAA building. As the original lighting estimate was over \$200,000 and not all sports would benefit from field lighting, Jason suggested the funds be released from the 'lighting fund' to be used for other projects, i.e. a new pole barn. As this money was earned through the NYAA community, Jason suggested publishing the plan to dissolve the fund in The Northwestern Press with the request that objections to using the funds for other projects be brought to the NYAA Board.

After discussion of repair estimates for the NYAA building which were requested, and not yet received, it was also suggested that plans for the pole barn may include NYAA office and meeting facilities.

Other Business – Jason found a good deal on a popcorn machine for use at the concession stands which would normally retail for \$400. Motion was made by Neil to purchase. All approved.

Football – John Yanek felt Football was overcharged for janitor use at the stadium. He will follow up for a breakdown of charges.

Yearly Election Nominations – Official nominations were made to the NYAA Board and Directors ballot. A motion was made to accept by Mary Jane, with a second by Neil. Brian Winter was introduced as Soccer Co-Director. Kelly Arner and Aimee White were introduced as nominees for Co-Directors of Cheering. Keith made a motion to accept as official ballot. Neil seconded.

Ballots were distributed for voting and then collected by Keith and Jenny, who tallied the votes and announced the new official NYAA Board and Directors as follows:

Board:	President	Jason Rice, Sr.
	1 st Vice President	Jenny Miller
	2 nd Vice President	Todd Leiser
	Treasurer	Mary Norman
	Secretary	Maggi Daly
Directors:	Baseball	Neil Dangelo
	Basketball	Jeff Schappell
	Cheering	Aimee White & Kelly Arner
	Football	John Yanek
	Soccer	Mary Jane Cerrone & Brian Winter
	Softball	Charlie Horner
	Volleyball	Keith Nagle

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 by Tammy Dorney, and seconded by John Yanek. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 31st.