

NORTHWESTERN YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 26th 2008

The June monthly meeting took place in the NYAA building at the Northwestern Recreation Fields with the following in attendance: Jason Rice, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Stacy Schappell, Aimee White, Kelly Arner, Mary Jane Cerrone and Brian Winter.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:35 pm.

May Minutes: Change references to 'batting cages' to 'warm up cages'. A motion to accept the May minutes was made by Neil, with a second by Mary Jane.

June Director's Reports:

Baseball Report -- The baseball season is coming to an end. The LV Knee Hi Team made the playoffs and Connie Mack and Legion are still playing. The rest of the teams have completed their season. We are collecting equipment and uniforms, handing out trophies, and getting the end of the year player evaluations. Ben Breidinger is starting to work on getting fall baseball organized. There are approximately 50 kids signed up for fall ball. We are putting together one or two grasshopper all star teams to enter in the Stealth Baseball Tournament on July 12th & 13th and 6 of our 12-and-Unders are going to play in the tournament with some Lower Mac and Northern Lehigh players.

Basketball Report -- Mark Guensch Fund is closed and final check sent to family. Nothing else to report.

Cheering Report -- Registrations closed June 15th. We have about 75 girls signed up for next year. We have coaches for Mascots, 85s and 100 squads and have approached a parent to coach 130s. Mascots, 85 and 100 squads will not do competitions next year. 130 squad is to be determined. Parents Meeting tentatively scheduled for July 10th. Season to start August 5th.

Football -- No report submitted.

Soccer -- No report submitted.

Softball Report -- All of the Parkland League teams have completed their softball seasons.

Ed Odea's ten and under team won the division one championship this past Saturday.

From the information I am able to gather, that is NYAA's first softball champion in eight years. The last team to win a championship was the class that just graduated from high school when they were playing ten and under.

The three Lehigh Valley teams are wrapping up their seasons and should be done by the middle of July. Hopefully all three teams will qualify for the playoffs and bring home some additional hardware.

Volleyball – No report submitted.

Kelly made a motion to accept the report and Aimee responded with a second.

Treasurer's Report:

- Basketball inquired as to whether they had received the Globetrotter's fundraising money. The answer was not yet.
- There was a \$500 miscellaneous listing in admin which should correspond to the used freezer purchased.
- Baseball was questioned about its lottery. Neil responded it is going well, and has \$4,500 for the treasurer. There was a discussion regarding payment from sponsors. Neil will check into. The largest baseball expense was ice. Can NYAA purchase in icemaker? A discussion ensued.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Jane with a second by Aimee.

By Laws – Some ideas had been received. Todd and Jason will update. Some proposed changes to include mandatory volunteer fees, adding two board members and privacy issues, among others.

Coke Wagon – Had just been picked up on Monday, and had a very successful season despite the volunteer lack. Largest expense was ice. Icemaker would be a viable purchase, but could be home to rodents in the winter. Shrink wrapping was suggested for the off months. Group agreed the purchase of a machine is worth looking into. Another suggestion was ice delivery. Neil will discuss with Lorie to see what she thinks.

Office Building – Todd and Keith were not in attendance to discuss.

Basketball Scholarship – Account closed, letter sent. Next year's tournament for scholarship fund is up in the air.

Copier – John will be contacted to install the new drum.

Field Maintenance – Per Don Link, Field #2 is to be rested. Rec Commission wants to make plans to improve the fields and split the cost with the NYAA. Communications must be set up with Rec Comm and Zimmerman to ensure the public is kept off. Recommended signs be posted, nets removed and the area roped off.

Jason will be attending Kempton meeting in preparation for use of Kempton facility. School property is also available if it is not already in use.

Jason will speak with Forrest Wessner about the hard fields. Lime will be applied between July 15th and 30th.

Website Meeting – All questions were answered. Jason signed off on confidentiality agreement. Paul suggested charging an extra \$10 per child and eliminating the yearly membership fee.

Registrations – Jason suggested registrations be held for only one month. The signs should not be up for too long.

Fundraiser – M&M Transmissions would like to know if the NYAA will be going ahead with the suggested plans. Discussed were website advertising standards & fees for community partnerships.

Cheering asked if they might obtain sponsors for their practice uniforms, and were given an ok.

Line Machine – Jason had made calls, but none were returned. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

NITC – Softball doesn't want to run the stand. Neither do any of the other sports. Jason will call Lorie to see if she would like to handle.

Softball Tournament – August 2. Jason will use United Way people to man the stands.

Rec Commission – Nestles' made a \$15,000 donation to NRC, which will most likely be used towards the warm up cages.

Volunteers – There was a lengthy discussion about mandatory hours, the roles of the directors, the board being expanded to take on more administrative functions and responsibilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm with a motion by Neil and a second by Aimee. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 31st.