

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes March 27th, 2008

The monthly meeting took place in the NYAA building at the Northwestern Recreation Fields, and was called to order at 7:35pm with Jason Rice Sr., Jenny Miller, Todd Leiser, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Stacey Schappell, Aimee White, Kelly Arner, Mary Jane Cerrone, Brian Winter, Keith Nagle, Charlie Horner, and Dave Laudenslager in attendance.

February Minutes – Prior month's minutes were accepted with a motion by Mary Jane and a second by Aimee.

Treasurer's Report – The 2008 first quarter treasurer's report was accepted with a motion by Kelly and a second by Todd.

Sports Directors Reports –

Baseball - Everything is moving along. Parents should have been notified by their coach for which team they are on and when practice will begin. Most equipment is out and keys being delivered to the head coaches. Uniform handout will either be April 12th or 19th...depends when they are finished. Coaches clinic is this Saturday at 8am at the Edge. Will remind coaches and parents of April 5th - field clean up day.

Basketball - Season is over--- uniform and equipment collection is scheduled for this Sunday, March 30th at 4:00 p.m. at the cage where uniforms were distributed.

The Mark Guensch Tournament went very well with collections totaling \$1810.23. Collections for Wyatt Scott were \$152.00.

Cheering

- A meeting was held with several of the coaches that will be coming back next year.
- An email has been sent to the new hires at Air Products looking for volunteers to help coach next year.
- We are looking into a safety program for at least one of the coaches from each team.
- The cage has been cleaned out and we have started to do inventory on uniforms from last year. We are currently missing several uniforms. We have contacted one of the coaches from last year that said they have a few uniforms from last season.
- We have a volunteer to work at the Cheering table for the NYAA open house.

Football - Monthly League meetings: Marion Catholic and Northern Lehigh have joined the LVYFL and we look forward to playing them this year.

Soccer – No report received (Written report submitted at meeting)

Softball - For this year NYAA softball will have ten teams playing in two different leagues. The ages range from the prep level to 16 and under. There are currently 135 girls in the program. All of the teams have started to practice except for the 16 and under

team. This team will begin practicing after the high school season is over. Parkland league games will begin in the middle of April and Lehigh Valley league games will begin the first or second week in May.

Volleyball – No report received

Addendum -- Coke wagon is staged and ready for delivery. It will be placed on the blacktop between fields 3 and 6.

Office Building – With nicer weather, the NYAA building will receive another assessment to determine what it would take to stabilize prior to beginning the other repair projects. Todd will call to have the door fixed.

Facility Use – Jason needs to know what additional facilities will be used, i.e. Applewood, as a formal request of use must be filed, and the facility added as an additional insured on the NYAA policy.

Clean Up Day – April 5th, 8am to 2pm. Come all... and bring rakes. Would like to address the lower playground. Rec Commission will be doing their yearly walk-around at 8am.

Open House – May 3rd, 9am to 1pm at Ebenezer Church. More to be discussed next month.

Basketball Tournament & Scholarship – Raised \$1810.23. There were some clerical issues with New Tripoli Bank, but money has been safely deposited. Discussed were terms of the scholarship. School rules and deadlines will be researched, after which the NYAA will vote on whether to accept school criteria, or basketball program should establish its own.

Postcards -- \$2500 budget for the 10,000 postcards to be distributed through a saturation mailing was determined to be too expensive, and voted down unanimously. Suggested was production of 5,000 cards, to be distributed through schools, churches, organizations and local businesses. A unanimous vote to proceed followed.

The office copier's duplicating speed was discussed. It was suggested to use a printing service for the items to be mass produced. Maggi noted that she had received quotes from two local printers, plus Staples and Office Max, and they all charged around \$90 for the quantity needed. In the meantime, she has received permission to copy at the NW Elementary School if the NYAA replaces the paper used.

Scheduler – Jason announced Nancy Fenstermacher as the new NYAA scheduler.

Maintenance – NRC approved Made in the Shade for field maintenance, including crabgrass. Lime level has been tested to be low, but they will not apply now due to questions certain to arise. The NRC has agreed to spend \$6000.00 to treat the fields in 2008 and will continue to assess the program on an annual basis. Regarding soil – a plan will be put together for the fall. NRC will be paying now, but may ask for money the next time, which will include lime, aeration and seed.

No Pay / No Play – Jason encouraged directors to see to it that all children were paid and all players were rostered.

Soccer addendum – April 23rd is NYAA night at JV and Varsity game. U10 and U11 will play at half time. Free admission. May 2 is senior night. Also discussed was whether or not to provide balls again to the PreK group.

Kempton – Jason inquired how much the Kempton facility would be used, and if NYAA should forward a donation. Softball will use approx. 45 hours, volleyball will use, and football will hold its banquets there. Jason recommended a \$2000 donation, which was voted on, and unanimously approved.

Insurance – It costs \$750 per year for insurance on the NYAA building. A vote was taken, and the group approved the \$750 expense.

Communications – A suggestion was made to coordinate initial starting dates for each sport's season. Historically, some teams are already practicing while many participants have not yet been contacted, which initiates concern and complaints.

Email – Addresses in the registration system are for NYAA use only. When communicating to groups, please send through 'bcc' so others are not able to copy the distribution list.

Website – Nick from Cobalt is working on developing the new site. Directors will be receiving emails from him and directions on how to access the whiteboard to provide suggestions on web development. Our present system is not secure.

Tee Ball / Grasshopper Parade – Saturday morning, April 26th at the NW Rec Fields.

First Aid Kits – NYAA is missing 15 kits. Any sport holding kits is requested to return them. Jason will contact Janice about missing cheering kits.

School Facility Use – Charlie has been fact-finding regarding use of school facilities in other districts. Softball is not able to use NW's gyms, and there is a question as to whether other community sports organizations are able to use and/or must pay for use of their districts' facilities. It was suggested to formally discuss it with the School Board after more information is compiled. Charlie will continue to query and collect information about other programs.

Admin Budget – 2008 Admin budget was voted on, and approved unanimously. The budget for background checks was discussed, along with the necessity to stay on top of the required paperwork. All paperwork should be submitted to the secretary for file in the safe.

Keith suggested the NYAA consider all the expenses of maintaining the building vs. how much it is used. It may be more cost-effective to pay for meeting spaces. He offered to work on a cost analysis.



A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Jane, and seconded by Kelly. The meeting ended at 9:53pm. The next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 24th.