

NYAA Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 29th, 2008

The monthly meeting took place in the NYAA Building at the Northwestern Rec Fields, with the following members in attendance – Jason Rice, Todd Leiser, Mary Norman, Maggi Daly, Neil Dangelo, Stacey Schappell, Kelly Arner, Brian Winter, Charlie Horner and Chris Andrews.

As there had been no quorum until 8:12pm, Chris Andrews from M&M Transmissions in Germansville made a presentation to the group which was present at 7:45pm. This newly-opened business, located on Rt 309, has offered to donate 5% of each total invoice of an NYAA member to our organization. They will keep a folder of NYAA business, handle the accounting and submit a check monthly. In theory, the group felt it was a good offer, however there still needs to be a discussion and decision about site advertising and use of any email lists.

April Minutes – Kelly made a motion to approve the April minutes, which was seconded by Neil.

Treasurer's Report – Mary noted that the NYAA was in the red, and reminded the directors that coaches were not to accept any payments. They should be sent to the box, where they will be picked up and processed within 2-3 days. There were 955 payments posted this spring. Grasshoppers still have unpaid balances. The Board will make some calls. Neil made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Stacey seconded.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS –

Baseball -- Baseball is moving along quickly. We are approximately half way through the season and there does not seem to be too many complaints. The fund raiser (lottery tickets) is starting so the parents can earn up to \$50 back. I have ordered the trophies for the end of the year and the grasshopper tournament that we will be running the third week of June for our 7 and 8 year olds.

Basketball -- Basketball would like to have the Mark Guensch NYAA Basektball Scholarship Fund closed with the final check payable to the Guensch family for their disbursement. The NYAA Executive Board is fully aware of the scholarships original intent and criteria and how the scholarship disbursements were chosen and awarded.

Cheering – Registration is open until 31st.

- We have volunteers to coach the Mascots, 85s and 100s teams.
- Emails being sent to last years cheering families about registration being open.
(Thanks to Kathi Lansinger for helping with this)
- Flyers to be sent to schools beginning of next week about registration being open.

Football – Sign-ups are currently taking place thru June 15. Off-season ordering of various football gear is beginning. A second football meeting with coaches and fund raising personnel is in the works. This season Football is welcoming Dave Albertson on board as an assistant director along with Daniel. Dave was previously our head flag football coach. This past month the Lehigh Valley Youth Football League welcomed yet another organization into our league

(Salisbury). Our football schedule will hopefully be finalized at tonight's football scheduling meeting in Bath.

Soccer -- Spring Season ending- no major issues with the teams or games!! Tryouts for LV league are almost done- we have to have the teams in to the LV league by July 1st.

Sign-ups are going well- we seem to have some strong numbers in some age groups. Brian and Maryjane met with the new coach for the HS boys team. Seems positive about helping us grow and better the soccer program here at NYAA.

Next Soccer meeting is June 5th.

Softball – Season is moving right along. Unfortunately, some of the teams have been hit by rain cancellations. Hopefully we will get some nice weather and finish up the season on time. Demand for a fall softball program is very high. Which means in the future we will be offering a program. For this year we will use a temporary solution, but for the 2009 fall season we will need to come up with a complete plan. The biggest problem will be field availability.

Volleyball -- All is good. Sign ups in process and moving along.

Sports Reports Addendum –

Baseball -- There will not be Grasshopper or T Ball sections in the fall season. Neil noted that Lori is not interested in handling the Coke wagon(s) next year due to lack of volunteer support. He again discussed Pleasant Valley's policy of collecting a \$150 check to be held against volunteer time, and given back at the end of the season after the volunteer obligations had been met, or deposited if they had not.

Basketball – The Mark Guensch Memorial Fund bank account will be closed out with the funds forwarded to the family. Maggi remembered there is money due basketball from the Globetrotter Fundraiser – approx. \$290.

Cheering – Registrations will be extended to 6/15. Flyers will be going out next week. There are 40 girls registered to date.

Football – Registration numbers are low. (A parent member, who is also a long-time football volunteer, came to the meeting to get an explanation of how the program was going to work, but left when he learned the director was not going to be present.) There are already numerous questions and complaints circulating about the football program.

Soccer – Brian asked why it has been two weeks without the fields being cut. Jason will follow up. There was public concern about the hard ground at Ebenezer, as a child had broken his collarbone there. Could the fields be used in summer? Permission is granted on a yearly basis. Nancy needs to know for scheduling purposes, and an attempt should be made to remain consistent in timing of use.

Softball – Charlie informed the group that the ground mix is dangerous in the infields. Kids are afraid to hit the ball because the earth is so hard. Good infield mix is 6-12". This is maintenance that should be done off season. Washington Township fields are well done. Someone will check to see who maintains them.

Charlie is considering fall ball for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th. Right now their options are to play on other teams or play all away games. There is no place to play here. There will be a discussion at the next parents/coaches meeting to determine interest and need. Charlie is committed to the program, but would not handle both. It will be Fall 09 before softball offers the program.

Batting cages will be expanded – NYAA to pay for materials, and townships to provide the labor. There was concern over fields being playable as cages are worked on. After mid-June, only Field #7 is used.

Todd made a motion to accept the May Directors' Reports, and a second was made by Maggi.

By Laws Committee – Requests for By-Law changes must be submitted by June 1. Todd will email a reminder.

Concessions Stand / Coke Wagon – Aside from Coke products, we are now ordering from Cisco and Strohmans.

Copier – John must be contacted to install new drum.

Website -- Meeting on Monday, June 2nd at 8pm. There was discussion over the advertising possibilities for the new website. Brian stated there are loads of soccer sponsors available.

NITC – It is Softball's turn to run the concessions stand for Night In The Country. Charlie to let Jason know by next meeting. Date is Saturday, August 16th, 4:00-10:00 pm.

Meeting with Susanne Meixsell – Jason requested the meeting to discuss relationship with NYAA. Word has circulated for quite some time that the school district wants nothing to do with the NYAA. Susanne replied it was absolutely not the case, and if there are any barriers in the working relationship, to please contact her. As for limited basketball space this year, she informed Jason that the new gym at Northwestern Elementary will be available to NYAA.

Open Discussion – How will the finances be handled for the batting cages? Rec commission will pay, and will bill the NYAA.

NYAA must buy a new freezer for the concession stand and will look into purchasing a used one.

There was discussion about a new soccer liner. Further discussion and decision will be tabled until the June meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jason, with a second by Kelly.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 26th at 7:30 pm.