

GYAA

January Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Jason Forgue called to order the regular meeting of the Gateway Youth Athletic Association at 7:08 PM on January 2, 2018 at Stanton Hall.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted on paper sign in sheet. The following persons were present: Jason Forgue, Debbie Thomas, David Mattoon, Barbara Small, and Sarah DeSilva.

III. Reading and Acceptance of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from December were read and accepted.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Cindy was not present to give Report but did send balance to Jason. Balance is estimated \$5,500 but full statement not given till around the 7th of the month.

V. Old Business

- a. Replacement for PVJSL Director discussed. Ann Pritchard was present and showed interest in the position
- b. Collection of Registration money for fall season. Jason is still working on collection of registration money for the fall season. As for sponsorship money, all has been collected.
- c. Indoor soccer updates. First session has ended. Did not go as great as planned but kids had fun. U12 has paid to continue at Roots for second session.
- d. Rec Soccer Plaque Creation. Photos still needed. Jason spoke with Debbie about needing team pictures.
- e. Town of Chester Rec. Committee. Jason attended the town meeting and was voted in along with Stephanie Bowdendorth and Kathy Ingler as Rec committee. Jason's goal is to use account of estimated \$7,400 to renovate Emery field into multi use field. Bring goals from gateway, improve dugouts and damaged equipment, build shed, which the town has agreed to add power to. Jason to meet Monday January 8th to give proposal.

VI. New Business

- a. Rec Basketball Updates. Barbara has ordered uniforms. Plan on the 20th of January to possibly be first game. Email believe to state uniforms be here by at latest the 26th. Bags were made, but Jason stated little short on balls. Bags to be left at school, so all can share.
- b. Suburban Basketball Updates. Nick was not present. Jason stated season has started and boys are 5 games in, with girls being 1 game in. The girls team has a game Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Tried to have game over the school break, however school denied. Jason stated that when school is closed, the facilities are not useable. Jason stated high school team used the gym for games during break, so school was not closed, which Jason will bring up with school committee when we meet with them January 9th. Town of Blandford gave permission to use gym for boys game but denied girls game. Town of Russell agreed for use of Russell elementary in ever issue with school use. Jason also motioned to expanded roster for boys team to 12 which was approved.
- c. Fundraising Ideas/Updates. Paint night was able to bring in \$100. Sarah stated Amelia ice rink has passes for possible fundraiser that possibly can be raffled off. Other ideas brought were Bracelets for breast cancer, which thought get more people interested if donate half of what is made to cause. Also has call into Comfort Kitchen for percentage off dinner donation. People at paint night interested in another paint night for this month possibly. In March or April, Michelle Boshea, who owns Boondocks and Blossoms, offered 10-15% off her pieces. Sarah also stated Jessica Judd who does professional photos stated she do team or player photos and give back 50% as well as Santa photos which could possible be done at craft fair during holiday. Jason made idea to make Sarah GYAA Facebook page administrator to get more info onto page and able to get to the page. All ideas given were approved. David and Debbie agreed greatly with bracelets to add autism, which is big in the gateway community.
- d. Ping Pong. Starts January 11th with all equipment ready. Jason looking forward to see who comes out, hoping it will be more than 7.

- e. Website renewal/insurance expansion. Website need renewing, adding the additional insurance for russell which was motioned by Jason and approved.
- f. Winter group outing. Jason thought to do another Thunderbirds hockey game, which went good last time. Another thought was UMass basketball game. Jason to reach out to Thunderbirds about another possible date.
- g. Open floor. Jason Jacob request to borrow goals was brought to floor for Hilltown Youth Athletic Association. Was agreed by all board members and motioned and accepted to let Jason borrow with no fee to use the goals.
- h. Jason motioned to bring 2 big goals to chester elementary to match size of field, take the goals from chester to Emery field as well as bring to big goals from Gateway to Emery and was approved.
- i. Ann Pritchard was suggested and agreed to become PVJSL Director and was voted in. Chris Gilbert to be the other representative with Ann.

VII. Adjournment

Jason Forgue adjourned the meeting at 7:57.

Minutes submitted by: David Mattoon

Minutes approved by: