

GYAA

December Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017

I. Call to order

Jason Forgue called to order the regular meeting of the Gateway Youth Athletic Association at 7:03 PM on December 5, 2017 at Stanton Hall.

II. Roll call

Roll call was conducted on paper sign in sheet. The following persons were present: Jason Forgue, Barbara Small, Jennifer Smith, Nick Balboni, Cindy Harris and Sarah DeSilva.

III. Reading and Acceptance of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from October were read and accepted.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. There was one change noted that there is only one laptop to be repaired.

V. Old Business

- a. Replacement for Secretary and PVJSL Director discussed. Fallon and Debbie Thomas showed interest last month in the PVJSL Director position. We'd like to consider other options as well but there seems to be limited choices as many of the kids are now moving on from PVJSL due to age. As far as the Secretary position goes, there is someone present at today's meeting who is interested.
- b. Collection of sponsorship money. We received Azure Green's sponsorship of \$500 and that was applied as suggested previously. All other sponsorships are paid in full.
- c. PVJSL Playoff Updates – School Use Amounts, Collection of Money. Jason says there are four kids outstanding for PVJSL membership dues. Cindy says there are six Rec kids outstanding in the amount of \$305. They will try to collect the remainder of this money. School use funds for playoffs is priced at \$1504, which is extremely high for a weekend. Jason is planning on meeting with the school, not on behalf of the board, but exclusively on his own to try to reduce school use fees for the upcoming year.
- d. Rec Soccer Plaque Creation – we need to compile pictures, so we can put the pictures into the plaques and then deliver them. Deb has these pictures. Jenn says she has some as well.

VI. New Business

- a. Rec Basketball Updates. There are 12-13 kids registered so far. We need to get out notices. Barb brought flyers to pass out at Chester Elementary and she's going to print up more to bring to Littleville Elementary. Jason will try to get an ad in the paper and will send out an email through Sports Manager about sign-ups. The deadline is set for December 22nd. We hope to start after the winter break. We should have enough basketballs.
- b. Suburban Basketball Updates/Information. Jenn, the girls coach, has concerns that there may

- not be enough girls to play each game and that we might have to forfeit some games. We are hopeful that it won't come to this. Some parents have shown concern about the cost of \$120 for basketball and want to know why it's so expensive and they want to buy their own uniforms. It was explained how we must charge that because of limited kids playing. We are currently losing money in this sport. As more kids join, the fee will be adjusted as appropriate.
- c. Indoor Soccer Updates/Information. The kids are playing now. The season is not going as great as anticipated. Roots has been disappointment so far. We did not get an official rules book yet and it seems that the rules are always changing depending on who is the referee.
 - d. Fundraising Ideas/Updates. The fundraising is going quite well. We have several sweatshirts still available for purchase and the rest of the income received from that will be profit. Sarah handed \$156 to Cindy for Cards for a Cause Fundraiser and also \$83 for the Magical Holiday Shopping Event. The new ideas proposed are knitted hats: two styles: one is a beanie style hat for \$20, the other is an elf hat for \$25. There is also ear warmers for \$12. The maker of these items will donate either 33% or 66%, Sarah can't remember which number she was told. She will confirm on this. She might look into a pom pom style hat as well. In the future, she is looking into lanyards and mugs; also fleece shawls can be made. Currently, there is a paint night scheduled for next week, December 13th, at the fire station. It costs \$20 per painting.
 - e. Ping Pong updates/ Information. We have decided on Thursday nights for Ping Pong.
 - f. Town of Chester Recreation Committee Formation has a meeting scheduled for December 18th at 6PM. Jason is asking if anyone else is interested in attending. Jason will be on the board. The town found \$7,400 in a lost account. This is determined to be appropriated for the betterment of children (sports). Jason would like to improve various fields.
 - g. Appreciation Dinner Changes. We voted to change the date to the same day as the final day of the rec season. We feel attendance will be higher this way.
 - h. Open Floor. Jason mentioned that several positions are open for February 2018. They are the Rec Soccer Director, PVJSL Director, Rec Basketball Director, Suburban Basketball Director and Roster Coordinator. Barbara has mentioned wanting to leave. Nick has said he doesn't plan on leaving. Jason also recapped on how we will handle uniforms for the upcoming PVJSL season. They will be ordered by parents on Sports Manager. They will have three choices for numbers. We will collate this information and then give it to Chad from West Side Sports. IF a parent chooses to go directly to West Side Sports, they will pay a bit more. Payment from Lou for playoffs may come about December 15th or so, when he is back from Florida.
 - i. David Mattoon was suggested as the Secretary for GYAA and was voted in. He will get the recent minutes from Cindy and will get them out to our website soon.
 - j. Jason Jacob was present at the meeting and has requested to rent our goals from us for next year. He is opening HYAA (Hilltown Youth Athletic Association).

VII. Adjournment

Jason Forgue adjourned the meeting at 8:02PM.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Harris

Minutes approved by: