

# **GYAA**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 4, 2016

### **Call to order**

Jason Fogue called to order the regular meeting of the Gateway Youth Athletic Association at 7:12 pm on October 4, 2016 at Stanton Hall.

### **I. Roll call**

Roll Call was conducted on paper sign in sheet. The following persons were present: Jason Fogue, Jason Jacob, Jessica Sakaske, Cindy Harris, Jennifer Smith, Barbara Small, Debbie Thomas, and Nick Balboni

### **II. Reading and acceptance of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes were accepted as read.

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Summary handed out by Cindy. Jason F wants to review and make sure we are charging enough for rec soccer to cover our cost. Each sport should support itself. Jason F will reconcile Sportsmanager to our accounting.

Treasurer's report accepted by Jason and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Thomas

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) Laptop returned and Debbie Thomas has it.
- b) Final rec number: 105 players
- c) Booster discussions have stalled. Bottom line, we would like to work together, but waiting to meet with them.
- d) Alternate site follow up: Jason F talked to the Mennonites, they would be willing to let us use their land, but they would not kick the bees out and for obvious reasons that will not work for us; that stings...

Barb has not spoken to the Lapointe's regarding their property. She doesn't think they would agree because they do Motocross there.

Should we start charging the school to use our equipment? Jason proposes that GRSD revise their handbook/bylaws to be more favorable to us. If not, we go back to them with alternate site and/ or fees. We will wait and see how the meeting goes with the school committee.

### **V. New business**

- a) School Committee meeting prep: Cindy to get totals paid for usage.

We want to use the hut for our events, which is a couple of times a year.

GYAA committee reviewed GRSD handbook handed out by Jason F.

Nick B made note that he would like us to continue to try and work things out with the Booster club but reaching out to Collette again.

75k in school use fund currently

- b) Dalton/Easthampton tournament: 6 teams total for the Dalton Tournament, including a U14 girls and U14 boys team put together for the tournament.

We have all, but one pass for the players.

We need to make Rosters

Jason J wants to add a couple of players to his team. Birth Certificate and release is acceptable for these additional players to play in the tournament.

We will have a cookout during the Dalton Tournament. GYAA will buy hotdogs and invite everyone (via a mass email) to come by for the cookout.

Jason motioned to spend \$80 for food for the cookout. Motion accepted by all GYAA board members.

Easthampton Tournament will be a 3v3 tournament. We need 5 children for a team. The tournament is open to U9-U14

If we send a team or more to this tournament we can open the door to them participating in our Memorial Day Tournament.

We will need a volunteer coach for the Easthampton Tournament. It was asked if a high schooler can coach; Jason F will find out.

Jason F to register one team for the Easthampton tournament. Motion accepted. Cindy to get Jason a check for \$100

\*follow up: Easthampton Tournament was cancelled\*

- c) Playoff updates: the playoffs are 11/5 and 11/6/16.

We cannot use field 3

Jason showed board his proposed field layout, waiting for Lou's approval

- d) Fall Soccer Banquet: Jason went to the Russell VFW. They were booked for 11/10 and 11/12/16. Cost for Stanton Hall to rent \$100. Jason will reach out to VFW and check on availability of 11/11/16.

\*follow up: Jason booked VFW for 11/11/16 from 6-8pm.

- e) Spring PVJSL Tryouts/Uniform order planning: Should we have tryouts? There will be JV kids playing, but they don't typically sign up until the end of January or beginning of February. GYAA decided to wait on tryouts until we start having sign ups to see what we have for a count.

In regards to the uniforms from Amaral; we, GYAA, were not impressed with the process for uniform ordering this fall season. We had many problems with parents trying to get the right sizes and numbers. To save on the back and forth with the sales rep regarding numbers, GYAA has decided that Deb T will give players the available numbers to choose from and she will then give the info to the sales rep. We hope that this will avoid the duplicate numbers issue.

Coaches Shirts: Amaral informed us that they would not do Coaches shirts unless they had a minimum of 10 shirts ordered. If we decided to move forward with ordering at least 10, they will make them with the spring order.

- f) Rec/Suburban Basketball: There were a couple of refs from last year that had not been compensated for refereeing. GYAA board members agreed to give each of the two refs a \$25 gift card to amazon.

\*update: we decided to purchase a \$25 and a \$50 visa gift card for the two boys who ref'd. we gave the \$50 gc to Evan as he ref'd twice as much as the other ref\*

We need referees for Rec Basketball.

2016-2017 basketball ref fees: Suburban basketball refs get \$70 per game. Rec needs 1 or 2 refs per game. GYAA will pay a ref fee of \$30 per game, to be dispersed among refs per game. 1 ref = \$30, two refs = \$15/ea.

Liability insurance: last year cost \$738. The insurance cost is based upon how many kids we have playing in the program. Cindy to get quotes.

Suburban tryouts on Nov. 1, 2016. Nick to create and hand out flyers, Jason F to put in the Country Journal

School use: Nick will send letter to Blandford for school use. What about Russell school? We will have to ask Westfield to use Russell School. They said no to baseball, so there is a good chance they will say no to basketball.

Should we have rec do some practices with Suburban to encourage them to join the Suburban league next year?

We need additional coaches so as not to cut any children from teams.

Suburban Basketball season starts December 3, 2016. 16 game season with games mostly on the weekends with a couple of weeknight games.

Rec basketball season starts beginning of January 2017.

Last year we had no sponsors. This year we would like to have at least 2 sponsors. We could make sponsor banners to be put up during games.

Fees: currently GYAA charges \$85 per child, but GYAA's cost is approximately \$100-\$120 per child. Providing we get sponsors every year for basketball, GYAA thinks a reasonable fee for Suburban basketball would be \$95 per player and for Rec basketball \$60 per player.

g) Board Member election dates: GYAA has agreed upon the following election dates:

President: Feb. 2017

Secretary: Feb. 2017

Vice President: Feb. 2018

Treasurer: Feb. 2018

Athletic Directors: 2 years from appointment date

Nominations at January's meeting, voting at February's meeting, term to start at March's meeting.  
Must put this information in the Country Journal

h) Remaining \$ owed: PVJSL is up to date. GYAA is owed two rec sponsor fees.

One parent owes for their child, but the child was injured. The child played in the Labor Day tournament and one game. GYAA decided that \$60 is due from the parent. This is half the cost that was owed at sign ups. The parent will be notified.

Another player injured after playing for one week, but the parent has already paid. GYAA has offered to let her son play basketball free of charge in lieu of refunding her.

i) Rec trophies/medals need to be ordered. We have a stock pile of old trophies. Jason F to talk to Jeff Jorritsma about his mom doing the plates for the trophies we have.

j) Open floor:

CPR Certifications: cost is \$7 each. We need to find out how many people can be trained at once. We will then determine attendance. We would like to do a class in December. GYAA would cover the cost for all coaches to take CPR class. Jason F is working on a shared file for all coaches licensing and certifications.

Revolutions Game: 10/23/16 Jason sent out email to all PVJSL and rec families regarding this trip. King ward bus will cost about \$1100-1200. Cost is \$40 per person.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Jason Fogue adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Sakaske

Minutes approved by: [Name]