

GYAA Executive Board meeting minutes

Date: September 18, 2018

Location: Stanton Hall, Huntington, MA

I. Attendance open meeting

- a. Barbara Small, Jennifer Smith, Nick Balboni, Ann Pritchard, Rachel Laurie, Missy McCaul
- b. At 7:02 Barbara S. opened meeting
- c. Missy McCaul enters at 7:10

II. Old Business

- a. BCYSL president attended meeting to toss ideas around about having an affiliation due to dwindling numbers of players/due to teams moving to other leagues.
 - Berkshire has 10 established clubs. Some kids opt out during spring season for various reasons. Berkshire is still under MYSA instead of roots. They have U10-U14 and a U16 team. Logistical discussion about how far teams are away from the hilltowns and if players would have to travel. It was asked if there was a possibility of having "unofficial" games for additional experiences/play time. Some thought it would be an insurance issue.
 - Berkshire has 15-20 U14 players, 14-20 U12 players and 30 U10 players for their teams. Town traveling is about an hour or so. Possibility discussed about meeting in the middle for games. \$100/team to join Berkshire league, same as MYSA.
 - U10 plays 7v7 and U12 is 9v9.
- b. Treasury report – Balance 11,806.15. Tim was absent but will send full report.
- c. Dalton Columbus Tournament
 - Discussions around getting teams together. Enough players for U13, U10, and possible U12 teams. If there are additional players not on teams, they must be insured
 - \$500 deficit from Pittsfield tournament due to not enough kids signing up.
 - Discussion around offering food such as hamburgers and hot dogs free of charge – money comes out of the GYAA account and already a loss from the tournament. Pot luck might be better idea where everyone brings something to share
 - Discussed increasing cost for tournament. General feeling was less kids would play.
- d. Fundraising
 - Sarah DeSalva brought up advertising for quarter auction. Someone suggested putting a flyer in the red folders at Littleville. Discussed that GYAA gets free press release each week. Group discussed utilizing press release more for all GYAA related info.
- e. PVJSL update
 - Several board members met with gateway to discuss fields upkeep and maintenance. School offered to pay for paint for field lines.
- f. Rec soccer
 - Rec soccer going well. Discussed snack shack inventory. Snack shack made \$102 on Saturday and just Gatorade needs to be replenished.
 - Sweatshirts are selling well and there was suggestion to buy more – Westside Sports.
 - Issue discussed around paying the refs and confusion around how much they should be paid for games. Ideas given for how to manage payment easier with simple spreadsheet.

III. New Business

- a. Vacant positions – Vice President, Secretary, and Director of Rec Soccer
 - Ashley Gilbert voted in as secretary
 - Kara Rousseau voted in as director of rec soccer.
 - Still looking for VP of GYAA.
 - A people on the board have to have a CORI check
- b. Open Discussions
 - Appreciation dinner for REC and PVJSL
 - o Possible dates 11/3 which is also playoff weekend. 10/20 also discussed.
 - o Discussed locations – VFW or Stanton hall. Contact Ellen who runs VFW
 - Transition of previous president open actions to GYAA board members. Talked about goals in the woods
 - Concern from a U13 parent that cross country kids don't have to do warm up run and U13 team was made primarily for 4 kids requiring younger kids to have to move up. Some parents want to play age appropriate teams for tournament. Parents asked where the bylaws are to clear up questions about team formation/rosters. They are located on the GYAA website
 - Sarah was thinking of selling water bottles for \$10 and giving \$2.50 to GYAA. Sarah does not need approval of board to do fundraisers.

Meeting adjourned: around 8:40pm

Minutes taken by Ann Prichard and prepared by Ashley Gilbert