

GYAA

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2017

I. Call to order

Cindy Harris called to order the regular meeting of the Gateway Youth Athletic Association at 7:12 PM on June 11, 2017 at Stanton Hall.

II. Roll call

Roll call was conducted on paper sign in sheet. The following persons were present: Barbara Small, Kayla Turner, Cindy Harris, and Jennifer Smith.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

II. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes – This was not conducted as Jessica Sakaske was not present and minutes were not emailed for the last meeting in May.

III. Treasurer's Report (June and Current Month Updates) – Read and accepted.

IV. Old Business

a) Thoughts on Dino program for Rec Soccer from Xara presentation – We discussed this at length and the four members present strongly feel we will not have enough time to incorporate this program for the 2017 Season; however, we feel it could be really beneficial for the 2018 Rec Soccer Season so we have time to prepare, implement coaches, advertise and decide on a pricing structure.

b) Plaques Delivered to Sponsors – Barb is working on this.

c) Replacement for Rec Soccer Director – must vote to accept resignation. - Resignation accepted. There was discussion that Kayla may be interested in doing this but does not want to officially sign herself up for it yet. Jenn said she could help her in some capacity. There will need to be more discussion in regard to this.

d) Brief discussion about Arden Durgan and his “borrowed” soccer uniform. Apparently, his Mother ironed on his name to the back of the shirt and she is/was supposed to pay for the uniform. Cindy will look into this to see if she paid.

V. New Business

a) Uniform Situation – Confirmed at Playoffs our need to go new route. -We discussed this and we'd like Kim to reach out to Erin again. We think she might have reached out via email with no response but maybe a phone call would work better. Having this relationship repaired vs. trying to get a new supplier seems like the easier route to take. We discussed the backlash of parents who would have to pay for a uniform again and how discouraging that would be for everyone. We also talked about how Erin entered an oral agreement that day to provide the uniforms for three years. Should we consider legal action if he still refuses to work with any of us?

b) Securing coaches/evaluators for tryouts scheduled for 7/26. -We weren't sure about this. We have no idea if Jason already secured some coaches and had a meeting and maybe that is how he arrived at this specific date? There is rumor that many family members are away on vacation and will not make these try-outs. The only person we came up with was Brian Anderson and possibly Rob Kinglsey (evaluating a different team than that of what he coaches). Questions for Jason: What will we do if not enough kids/coaches show up for this process? Who is expected to be there? Some board members are also on vacation.

c) Collection of all soccer equipment to evaluate needs for fall season – Not enough information. Tabled to next meeting.

d) Jamboree Follow-Up – Subsequent meeting with school. Cindy didn't comment on the Jamboree itself, just the meeting with the school with Jason. Jason can comment on the Jamboree as he was there the entire

weekend. At the meeting, Jason explained why the locks were cut and how he got approval for the police chief. We discussed having those locks removed for next year and they agreed to the night before. The school does not want any vehicles driving on the lawn; they made that very clear. They were ok with emergency personnel and they discussed possibly providing a key to the fire department as another solution to get the gates unlocked. We briefly discussed the other field and when it would be ready for use and didn't get a straight answer because "it depends on the weather".

d) Memorial Day Tournament Replacement Options – Ideas? –Table this to next meeting.

e) Gathering of Sponsorships for Fall Seasons – Collective effort if no fundraising coordinator. -We discussed possible sponsors: We know Gateway Farm and Gino's will sponsor. We thought of asking Moltenbrays and the River Café; even possibly some of the businesses at the new professional building in Montgomery. We are unsure of asking The Russell Inn because they still haven't paid for the 2016 Rec Soccer Season.

f) Confirm location for rec soccer season – Pettis, Emery Field as options or stay with Gateway. -We discussed this at length and the four members present feel we should stay with the Gateway Fields. This will be much easier for parents and children who go to wrap around and then just walk over to the fields. It might get messy having to go to other fields to play. We feel these reasons mentioned are enough to stay at Gateway and it outweighs the negative, which is the cost for the fields.

g) Open Floor.

-We discussed the minimum age for Rec Soccer. We think it's between 3 and 4 but we'd like to make sure it's offered to 3 year olds. This would also help us for next year should we decide to go with the Dino Program; we'd already have some new parents involved with really young kids who would hopefully stay for a while.

-We also discussed how many have signed up for Rec Soccer and we didn't feel there was many at all. We should start advertising immediately for Rec Soccer. The season is coming fast. We need to pull out any banners if we have them and get them out in the open. We should post something in the country journal, weekly if possible. Can Jason do this? We can also post on the FB site: Parents of Gateway. Maybe post some catchy colorful signs at Gateway Farm, MoltenBrays, the PO, and Huntington Country store. Cindy said she'd make these flyers once everyone agrees on what they should say. Should it say anything more than "Rec Soccer - Registering now"? Should it have a registration end date? Starting season date? Lastly, we could try to send something home in the red folders the first week of school – but that is really pushing the date.

-We also discussed having a late fee added to the Rec Soccer Sign ups if people sign up after the registration date closes; there should at least be a notice that say we will not guarantee that your child will have a uniform if you sign up after XX date. We really have to set a date and stick with it.

-Based on the information given last month about our financial review of Rec Soccer, does anyone feel the fee should increase? We discussed the following: Should the sibling discount decrease? Should there be a minimum charge implemented for students with free lunch? We feel we cannot absorb some of these costs anymore. We discussed the possibility of a certain dollar minimum or at least the cost of the uniform; or even a \$25 discount for the original cost for people having financial difficulties. We do not feel they should be able to pay for free. Parents could also volunteer (but as discussed in the past – it doesn't work and would have to be structured as you pay now, then when you show up to volunteer, you get XX back at the end of the season). It would be nice to have this option there; without it nobody volunteers and if we change the pricing, some parents may have to consider it.

IV. Adjournment

Cindy Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Harris

Minutes approved by: