

# **GYAA**

## **Meeting Minutes**

August 2, 2016

### **Call to order**

Jason Forgue called to order the regular meeting of the Gateway Youth Athletic Association at 7:08 pm on August 2, 2016 at Stanton Hall.

### **I. Roll call**

Roll Call was conducted on paper sign in sheet. The following persons were present: Jason Forgue, Jessica Sakaske, Debbie Thomas, Jennifer Smith, Jason Jacobs, and Nick Balboni

### **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes and update were approved as read.

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

Basic summary given verbally by Jason Forgue in Cindy's absence. Cindy will finish and email to board members.

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) Deb Thomas handed out a "board update" since the last monthly meeting. Update was read and accepted.
- b) Amaral uniforms are due the week of Labor Day. GYAA also purchased extra uniforms from Amaral totaling \$576.00
- c) 4 teams registered for PVJSL
- d) Jason Forgue handed out copy of letter he sent to the Booster Club dated June 24, 2016. It was not received well by Collette. She feels hurt, surprised, and disappointed. Jason F. spoke to her and told her she was more than welcome to come in front of the board, but she said that she would be outnumbered and feel uncomfortable. Jason F. then told her that GYAA would be more than willing to have just a couple board members meet with her to address the concerns. To date we have gotten no response.

Jason F. says that profits last year from the Hut were \$6500 and not split equally.

Booster has changed the locks on the hut.

Adam Labaron spoke to his team and parents and explained the importance of the Booster Club and the consequences to not having it. There would be no scholarships, no banquets, and no bags for the Teams. He let the players and parents know that everyone needs to step up and help out.

Adam L. also said that Collette is going to make a list of all kids who make teams and try to reach out to the parents. At this point Collette is doing this full time with no help.

- e) Still waiting for a response for accounting of school use fund for our tournament profit breakdown. We are estimating the school fee is 20% of the profit.

## V. New business

- a) Fall Rec soccer uniforms: cut off to order uniforms is 9/3/16. So far we have 40<sup>ish</sup> kids signed up. We will need to estimate the final number in order to purchase uniforms in time. At this time we are thinking about 80 kids total. The board discussed cotton vs. satin and t-shirts vs. whole uniforms. Jason will get the invoice from Epic Sports to see what we paid previously for the whole uniforms. When we have that number we will make a decision on uniforms to purchase.
- b) RSL – PVJSL comparison: PVJSL is very comparable to RSL. The only difference of concern is that RSL offers development clinics; PVJSL does not. PVJSL did give us some contacts to research having clinics on our own. Jason F. reached out to Westfield State, but the timing did not work out for us.

Most teams will play 8 or 10 opposed to 13 in previous years. No Sunday games, with the exception of possibly one Sunday game for the U8 team.

Nick asked how Lou is taking this division; is he concerned? Jason J. said Lou doesn't seem to be concerned about the split; there are two lesser leagues now.

It was discussed that if a child whose district is now part of RSL (west of the river) wants to play for PVJSL, the child can play for PVJSL with no waiver required. Should we add this information to the website?

Wilbraham has a contract for their tournament with Lou/PVJSL and GYAA would also like a contract. Jason will follow up with Lou.

- c) Equipment Coordinator update: Equipment Coordinator was present at meeting. Meeting at equipment trailer 8/6/16 at 9:00am for inventory.
- d) F License the MYSA: Board discussed whether or not we should require or waive. It is a 1.5 hour course online and cost \$25 which will be reimbursed by GYAA when successfully completed.
- e) VP Nomination and vote: Jason Forgue nominated Jason Jacobs to be Vice President of GYAA. It was voted and accepted. Jason Jacobs is now VP of GYAA.
- f) OPEN FLOOR:
  1. Jason Jacobs brought up that Mr. Bonaparte will probably be coming to see us because he doesn't have enough players. High School to have U15-U19 League.
  2. Jason Forgue mentioned that rumor was going around about someone in a pickup dumping trash. He wanted to squash that and let everyone know it was him. He dumped 7 barrels into the dumpster from the tournament.
  3. Labor Day Tournament in Pittsfield: Berkshire Kickoff Classic. All 4 PVJSL teams going. Should we put a rec team together to attend as well? 4 teams cost \$1500

4. Rec Soccer Camp: Jason Jacobs said he'd be happy to run the camp. We need to reach out to PVJSL coaches to see if they would be willing to help with the camp.
  5. Rec Soccer: will remain at 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Rec soccer teams will have 1 practice a week and 1 game on Saturday only.
- Jason F. Put two banners up downtown Huntington for sign ups.
- Jason F. created a new sign up application and sponsor form. We changed sponsorship from \$600 for 3 years to \$200 per year.
- Jason J. will reach out to high schoolers about coaching the rec teams.
6. Jason J. is taking Ref Assignor course.
  7. CORI checks now being done through MYSA and not through our CORI checker, Renee Whitaker. Kim Sakaske still needs her CORI; it expired 7/2016. Jessica S. will reach out to Kim to check status.
  8. Nick Balboni basketball update: 7 kids at basketball camp. He is looking for coaches and assistant coaches for Suburban. He will reach out to soccer parents.
  9. GYAA laptop has not been returned by Dave P. Jason sent a letter to return it or pay within 7 days. The 7 days was up 7/29/16. Jason will resend the letter certified giving him another 7 days for it to be returned or paid for.

Also uniform samples, extra soccer shorts and socks have not been returned to GYAA.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Jason Fogue adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Sakaske

Minutes approved by: [Name]