

**Pirate Youth Athletic Association**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Organizational Meeting of the Board**  
**C-FC High School Commons**  
**March 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order at 6:05 p.m. by President Zach Schmidtknecht
2. Roll Call (x denotes that individual was present):

<b><u>Board</u></b>		<b><u>Program Leads</u></b>		<b><u>Committee Chairs</u></b>	
Zach Schmidtknecht President	x	Dan Wicka Football	x	Jeff Mann Program Development	
Jerry Skroch Vice-President	x	Early (Buzz) Murty Wrestling	x	Steve Scharlau Policy	x
Kalene Engel Secretary	x	Patrick Thorsell Boys Basketball		Mark Brone Fundraising	x
Ben Adank Treasurer	x	Randy Knecht Girls Basketball	x	<b><u>Administration</u></b>	
Jason Becker Facility Coordinator	x	Shelli Brone Volleyball	x	Tom Hiebert	x

3. Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2014: Motion by Ben, seconded by Jerry to approve minutes. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Announcements/Communications: None.
5. Review and approval of bills: Motion to approve bills by Kalene; seconded by Jerry. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Financial Report:
  - a. Regular expenses: Ben distributed a written financial report. Motion by Kalene, seconded by Jerry to pay a \$60 bill for coaches training. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. Boys State Tournament Fundraiser: Collections for the PYAA Boys State Tournament Fundraiser totaled \$4,026.89 with some pledges outstanding. This exceeded the goal set by the school district of \$3,000. PYAA also pledged to donate \$250, bringing the actual total collected to date to \$4,276.89. Mr. Hiebert provided a report detailing the income/expenses for the trip which showed a deficiency of \$7,890.11. Discussion was had regarding regarding precedent-setting for future state trip, recognition by the school district of the PYAA's efforts to raise the funds vis-à-vis waiver of facility use fees, the allocation of all funds raised versus \$3,000 towards trip expenses and how to recognize/thank the donors. Kalene moved to distribute all money collected to date (\$4,276.89) plus any pledges collected through June 1, 2014 towards the trip expenses. Jerry Skroch seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Hiebert will put a thank you letter together (using Zach's draft) which will be placed on school letterhead and distributed to group and individual donors via mail or e-mail.

## 7. Committee/Program Reports

### a. Committee Reports:

- i. Fundraising (Mark Brone): Planning is still underway for the Alumni Tournament, which will be held regardless of whether participant numbers are achieved. Advertising has been done via Facebook, the PYAA website, flyers placed in local establishments and the C-FC Recorder. A suggestion was made to do direct mailings to past participants. Randy will check into the whereabouts of a list of participants that was compiled during the 2013 event. Kalene will assist Mark with completing the application for event insurance for the tournament. Mark will talk to Reggie Franz about his suggestion for an autograph card fundraiser/giveaway involving the boys basketball team.
- ii. Policy Committee (Steve Scharlau): Steve has reviewed Kalene's binder of compiled policy handbooks and has a list of topics to be covered by the committee.
- iii. Program Development (Jeff Mann): No new updates. Jeff is interested in having someone else take over as committee chair.

### b. Program Reports:

- i. Wrestling (Buzz): The season is wrapping up. Three of the ten youth wrestlers who competed in regionals qualified for the state tourney, which will be held the last weekend in March at the Alliant Energy Center. Discussion was had on how the PYAA could better support the wrestling program.
- ii. Volleyball (Shelli): Spring seasons are underway with teams trying to get gym time for practices. Uniforms and/or t-shirts have been distributed and pictures are scheduled. Jason noted that it has been challenging to schedule gym time to accommodate the multiple day per week requests by the basketball teams headed to state tournaments versus the multiple volleyball teams, especially since the middle school gym is closed to youth practices until 8:00 p.m.
- iii. Girls Basketball (Randy): Randy plans to have a meeting in the spring and again in the fall with the youth coaches.
- iv. Boys Basketball (Patrick): None.
- v. Football (Dan): The group will get together in April to talk about the fall season. Dan would like to get the coaches together from the different age levels (up through and including varsity) to discuss skill development expectations/ideas for each level of play.

- c. Insurance Update: Insurance was purchased from Sadler Sports for the basketball program (both boys and girls), volleyball and wrestling. To qualify for reduced insurance rates, three of the wrestling coaches and all of the volleyball

coaches completed the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) training ([www.nays.org/nyscaonlineclinics](http://www.nays.org/nyscaonlineclinics)). Depending upon the sport, the training can be completed on-line or via an in-person clinic and provides added insurance coverage for each individual coach. Steve will add coaches training as an item to be discussed by the Policy Committee. A suggestion was also made to consider first aid training for coaches.

8. CapX 2020 and Township Feedback: Zach distributed a proposed solicitation letter to the townships that have received CapX money (Milton, Belvidere, Cross and Buffalo). The letter includes information about ongoing program costs as well as the “wish list” of program equipment compiled by each program lead. Much discussion was had on how to frame the request (i.e. general versus specific item requests; operating expenses versus equipment; in-person versus mail). Each Program Lead prioritized and updated the “wish list.” Zach will update his letter and distribute it to board members for further feedback before sending it onto the townships.
9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ben, seconded by Jerry. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalene Engel, Secretary