



Whitehall Area Youth Association

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WAYA Meeting **February 16, 2025** **6:00 PM** **Whitehall Schools**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. Board members present were Tim Matejka, Jason Price, Nick Gamroth, Megan Peterson, Derek Bell, Tess Cieminski, Brandon Jahr, Andrew Grandlund, Tim Brueggen, Haley Wiedenhoeft, and Tim Radatz. Program Coordinator Becky Nordahl was also present.

Approve January Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Price. Seconded by Radatz. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve by Gamroth. Seconded by Price. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment

Budget Planning/QuickBooks Update

Megan sent out a financial report generated by QuickBooks for review. Everything seems to be going smoothly.

Taxes Update

Megan is still in communication with the IRS.

Basketball Update

Brandon updated the board on recent conversations he had with the head coaches for the high school basketball program about having 5th and 6th grade basketball participate in the Dairyland League next year. They are also interested in having 1st and 2nd grade basketball teams, as well 3rd and 4th grade Northwest teams. There is interest in hosting some tournaments, having more parent volunteers, and the head basketball coaches having input on youth coaches. The conversations are still ongoing. Last year, the basketball program held a golf tournament fundraiser in late summer/early fall, and there is interest in having WAYA contribute and split the pot.

Certificate Renewal

Megan informed the board that a CD is up in March. Motion to approve certificate renewal by Price. Seconded by Brueggen. Voice vote take. All approved. Motion carried.

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Baseball/Softball Update

I. Other communities/age groups

Tim has researched policies on allowing kids from other communities to join WAYA teams. It really depends on the numbers in each age group and reason for joining. Needs to meet certain criteria depending on the circumstance. He is going to send the policy out for review.

ii. Larson Field Update

Megan and Tim talked to Jeff Hauser. The city is not using the \$5,000 originally dedicated by WAYA for the fence and concession stand. Katie Johnson is still interested in making other improvements. Communication is ongoing.

iii. Team Numbers

Becky reviewed numbers of boys and girls baseball and softball teams, as well as Tball.

iv. Approve coaches

-Motion made by Wiedenhoeft to remove Kelly Morford as coach for 10U Baseball. Seconded by Brueggen. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

-Motion to approve Haley Wiedenhoeft as 8U softball assistant coach pending background check approval by Jahr. Seconded by Price. Voice vote take. All approved. Motion carried.

-Motion to approve all coaches on the list currently by Gamroth. Seconded by Brueggen. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

Field prep

-The guy who did it last year is unavailable to do it this year. There was discussion on certain people that can do it for certain fields.

League Meeting Update

-There are going to be 13 games this year for 10U-14U and they will be done by July 2nd. Arcadia will host a 14U softball and baseball tournament the weekend of May 30th. Rules were reviewed. The virtual meeting for 10U-14U will be on April 23rd at 7:30pm..

Coordinators Position Approval

Motion to approve Brandon Jahr as Assistant Coordinator by Brueggen. Seconded by Granlund. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

Lions Bratfeed/Memorial

Becky and Tim met with the Pigeon Lion's Club. There will be brat feed & opening ceremony on Saturday May 3rd. There will potentially be an umpire clinic that day as well, as long as there is somebody to run it.

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Dairyland League Volleyball & Basketball Meeting

There's a meeting next week in Blair to talk about volleyball and basketball seasons, how things went, plans for next year, feedback, etc.

Next monthly meeting will be Sunday, March 16th, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Whitehall Schools

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Secretary Tess Cieminski.

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