



Whitehall Area Youth Association

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Meeting

February 18, 2024

6:00 PM

Whitehall Schools

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm at Whitehall Memorial School. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Derek Bell, Meggan Klidzejs, Brandon Jahr, Jake Paulson, Tim Matejka, Jason Price, Becky Nordahl, Katie Johnson, Nick Gamroth, and Tess Cieminski.

Approve Minutes from the Last Meeting

Motion made by Gamroth to approve last month's meeting minutes. Seconded by Klidzejs. Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Insurance Update

Fred Ackley from TRICOR Insurance was present to inform the board of current insurance policies held by WAYA (liability and coverages). WAYA insurance policies have been updated to include basketball and volleyball.

Treasurer's Report

Nick reviewed the report for the last month and went over expenses. The CDs held by RCU are making roughly \$50/month. Johnson made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Price. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment at this time

Review Baseball Numbers

Reviewed numbers for this year's baseball, softball, Tball teams. Discussion was had as to which teams will have to split or pod. Katie is going to run a report and numbers from last year compared to this year.

Approve Coaches

Reviewed coaches. There's still a need for coaches for 14U baseball and softball. Jake Paulson volunteered to help with 12U baseball. Cody Brommerich was approved as head coach for 8U softball and Jason Price was approved as head coach for 10U baseball. Bell made a motion to approve head coaches. Seconded by Paulson. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

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Booster Club Carnival

There is a booster club carnival planning meeting tonight at 7:30. Derek, Becky and Jason plan to be representatives, with other board members stepping in as needed.

Field Prep

A system is needed for someone to prep the baseball and softball fields for games and then pay appropriately since there have been inconsistencies in the past. Discussion was had on advertising to have one person do it or have multiple people do it and then assign fields. The plan is to advertise and if there are no applicants, it will be the responsibility of the coaches.

Umpires

It was discussed that training needs to be provided for umpires, especially teenagers. Tim M. suggested advertising for umpires to get more of a pool. Nick suggested that there's communication between umpires and coaches at coaches meetings to go over rules and expectations, especially to encourage and train teenagers/potential umpires to continue to do it. Katie is going to prepare an advertisement.

Lions Brat Feed

Brat feed is May 4th. Becky explained the parade will be at 10:30am, followed by an opening ceremony game at 11am. 8U will scrimmage at 11am, and 10U will scrimmage at 12pm. There will be an umpire clinic at 1pm. Lions club is going to run the brat feed.

Memorial Day Weekend - Pigeon

Becky explained what different WAYA team games will play on Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend and what times.

Dairyland League Meeting Update

Becky will email out rules for baseball. Osseo will not be added to the dairyland league at this time, but it will be further discussed in October. There's potential for another community to be added in October as well. WAYA will be willing to help with scheduling if needed. Katie went over notes from the basketball and volleyball meeting. Discussion was had on feedback from WAYA coaches and league costs for next year.

Bylaws/Constitution Discussion

Jason doesn't have anything new for bylaws at this time. Tim M. suggested program coordinators meet with Jason and bring back updated language to the WAYA board for approval. With regards to the constitution, an issue was brought forward regarding WAYA affiliations. Wording should be revised to prevent any issues going forward.



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Cage at Larson Park

It's been discussed to have a batting cage at Colonel Larson Park in Whitehall. Nick suggested building a cage similar to what was built at Melby Park in Whitehall. Discussion was had on how it could be funded or potential contributions. Katie is going to reach out to the City of Whitehall and the school to discuss next steps.

Larson Fence

The fence from the ballfield in Pigeon has been sold. The fence at the ballfield at Larson Park in Whitehall has been neglected, as well as other issues at that park. Katie is going to reach out to the City.

York Ballfield

Jahr approached the York Lions Club about a batting cage and new fence. They are willing to put up to \$2,000 towards a batting cage. Jahr mentioned some potential costs. He also mentioned WAYA contributing whatever isn't covered by the Lions Club. Nick discussed what was constructed at the field in Pleasantville and costs. Jahr wants to wait and see how much the Lions Club is going to contribute and then discuss next month on potential contributions from WAYA.

Next monthly board meeting will be March 17th at 6:00pm at Whitehall School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Secretary Tess Cieminski

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