

Nordonia Hills Athletic Association

Board Meeting – Zoom

January 6th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present

IN PERSON	IN PERSON	PHONE
J. Filisky Present	A. Papile present	
D. Hermann present	S. Nowlin present	
S. Lanzilotta present	M. Graham present	
D. Jasko present (late 8:00)	B. Reville present	
N. Lanese present	N. Gvora present	
J. Moran present	C. Senk present	
D. O'Malley present	M. Sprang absent	

Call to Order: ____7:04 PM__

Old Business:

- software update
- Travel By Laws
- Setting schedule
- Fields
- Clinics
- Fundraising

Financial Review: (Scott Lanzilotta) –

Starting Operating Budget for 2021? (YTD Budget Review)

- 2021 starting Balance \$25,891.14
- Prepare Operating Budget for upcoming 2021 Season
 - o Projections
 - 5-7% increase in operating budget for 2021 based off last year's figures
 - Board approved
- Have budget available to community to review at the general meeting prior to the start of the season
 - o Scott will prepare and have final draft to present at Feb 2021 BOT meeting
- o Paid accounts since last meeting (Update Quick Books Report) See Financial report from 1/6
 - Prime Time Sports
 - Baker Vehicle Systems
 - Space Place

- BJL – Final grade and leveling of dirt end of season
- Emily DeZort – Refund
- Marc Sprang – NHAA equipment re-imbursement

o Travel Accounts: Transitioned to new Teams

- TJ Ebert
- Julie Moran
- Chase Senk
 - All accounts up and functioning per meeting report
- New Accounts for 2021
 - Scott to explain handling and set up for access:
 - Was delayed at Huntington:
 - Look towards another bank for handling our records?
 - decided against at this time

New Business:

o **PLAN FOR ANOTHER COVID YEAR!!!!**

- Software Update and Development (Dave Hermann)
 - Go Live: Registration Open: Jan 15th? Email blast community
 - Dave to send email communication
 - Sean to post on social media for upcoming registration
 - Sign Up/Payment: Cost for 2021. \$115, Colt \$130 and TB \$75
 - o Requests for same team, coaches, car pool, etc
 - Revert back to previous format
 - Coaches freeze, and sponsor lock
 - Return to draft
 - Travel Team Access:
 - Travel Coaches Registered??? Or Just Coaches for fields?
 - Register travel coaches for scheduling fields and umpires
 - Email Blast: Need Communication for Social Media and Email blast
 - Dave and Sean
 - Additions to New Website Registration:
 - New questions in registration regarding ranking from parents
 - Overall rating vs kids their age.
 - Pitching-Question was in there for fall ball.

Social Media:

- Accounts: Sean Nowlin (updates)
 - we are up to over 600 likes and followers on Facebook
 - new account merger working well with Facebook
 - no use of twitter or Instagram unless we have more photo ops

Board Positions:

- acceptance and review of by-law change
 - * Attendance: By laws addendum read and approved Unanimous 13 votes to accept

Equipment pick up and return –

- Outstanding returns
- Inventory
 - Marc has already purchased some of the needed equipment

Fund Raising: (updates)

- Sean and Nick:
 - Chipotle
 - Chic fillet
 - Night to dine
 - 50/50 raffle

Obtain Insurance:

- (Marc Sprang / Scott Lanzilotta) Insurance due in March / April – begins new policy will be a 12-mo duration, Jeff Sindelar

AAA Transition

- Transition to girls fast Pitch?
 - Register for Fast Pitch only this season for the AAA: reviewed and discussed
 - Board Approved:
 - Voted Unanimously – 13 yea

○ Field Updates:

- Longwood:
 - Use of Fields; Has not been opened up yet to register, multiple emails sent to Jason Chaddock with Macedonia
 - No updates at this time from city of Macedonia
 - Andy disclosed conversation with another outside organization that they have not heard as well on field availability
 - Jim and Dave are involved in communications with Macedonia Parks and Rec
- St Barnabas:
 - We are maintaining field, need to work out more access to the field this season than last year
 - Jim to reach out to Vince DeAngelis for more availability to the field
- Village Smith / Huntington: will be securing the next few weeks, Smith will need some more dirt in spring along 1st base side
 - Jim will reach out to secure fields for use for the spring and summer with the village
- Sagamore Park: No Meeting is yet scheduled to secure fields. This will include the dates for the boys and girls bash
 - No meeting yet set to secure fields for season and bash both boys and girls

- No word on Schools yet at this time due to COVID19, all access to facilities has been shut down for non-school related activities. Not sure if this will affect outdoor use of the fields, more to come
 - Jim to send email to schools
 - Julie update text from Dr Clark that statement may be coming out soon for access to local schools and gyms.

Discuss cost for 2021:

- Travel budget / reimbursement to NHAA for fees
 - Scott: Break down and provide to each travel team to include in their budgets
 - \$30 per player from travel for insurance, and league needs
 - Itemized list submitted previously
 - Cost to travel teams to play at longwood fields
 - Previously Travel Teams paid \$30 per game

Uniform Bids: 2021 taking BIDs, advertise and start collecting proposals:

- Mike Graham: Collected last year (Volunteers)
 - 1st: _____ No one volunteered _____
 - 2nd: _____ No one volunteered _____

Field Prep

- Start accepting Bids
 - Put on website – Dave
 - Social Media - Sean
- Advertise in Paper
- Brian James still interested at close of fall ball
 - Would like to continue – discussed at close of fall ball

Volunteer to head up field proposals: _____ Jim _____

Travel

- Set Travel Meeting – fields for use per day
 - Andy to schedule Travel meeting with all travel coaches to determine fields, will then submit to Dave for black out dates and times
- Fields (requests) – Longwood
- By-Laws (both Softball and Baseball Chase to have revised copy and terminology)
 - Chase to have final draft of travel by-laws submitted to board approval by next BOT meeting
 - Working with small sub committee
- Bash Updates: _____
 - Girls Dates: May 20-23
 - Boys Dates: June 4-6
- Girls Clinics with High School:
 - Currently no clinics at last discussion with SB coach, will follow up now that school is back in session.
 - Jim to reach out to Coach Rizzo for combined clinic opportunity
Currently on hold due to COVID19

- Dean to reach out to D-Bats in Solon about hosting clinics for softball A/AA, focus on pitching and hitting
 - Dann Jasko voiced concern for money to be spent on general clinics for the community, multiple responses both for and against, will continue to discuss at next meeting after cost structure is determined.
- Sagamore Outfield Fence:
 - Maybe place second fence at Sag A
- Twinsburg
 - Bill would like to join a meeting with us to discuss partnership.
 - Will reach out to Bill for invitation to next Board Meeting 2/3/2021
- Outside Communities:
 - Hudson:
 - Dave Skozen trying to form a league with us and Aurora.
 - Angela from ABL no longer involved, reaching out to other leagues within ABL
 - Jim and Dave currently working on contacting outside organizations for combined league
 - West side communities:
 - Emails sent, returned by Broadview and Valley View, still waiting to hear from others for girls softball and possible of boys.
 - Open Forum:
 - Bill Bleuter invoice paid – Dave
 - Steel boxes at sagamore need moved when dry
 - All Purchases to be made via Huntington Bill pay or use of NHAA Credit card
 - Donations from the Hovan Family - \$1335 to date
 - Scholarship fund may be set up – Mentioned by Bobby Reville
 - Other items would be field improvements
 - Sponsoring player less fortunate and advertise in SM and website, as well as paper
 - All Donations from any sponsor written to the NHAA thru NHAA accounts will be used for NHAA activities as the board deems necessary
 - Sponsors on shirts or offer banner
 - Discussed and will decide at later time when uniform contract is secure
 - Discussed Roberto Clemente
 - Will not register in RC this season
 - 1-2 grade will be Babe Ruth
 - 3-4 grade Wille Mays
 - Board discussed and approved

Adjourned: 8:38 PM

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: 2-3-21; 7 PM Zoom