

**NHAA General Meeting  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Sagamore Upper Pavilion**

**Call to Order:** \_\_8:01PM\_\_

**Board Member Attendance:** Gvora, Filisky, Lanzilotta, Senk, Hermann, Lanese, Deininger, Sprang (phone), Bewley, Reville, Moran (8:06, phone)

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**Approval of July Minutes:** 1st: \_\_\_\_\_Hermann\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: Gvora\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Report:** (Scott Lanzilotta): Budget Review / Projections

- Account balance:

Balance to date - \_\_\_\_\$23,377.75\_\_\_\_

Outstanding:

- Various explanations, no questions asked.

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**New Business:**

- COVID19 (level 3 – red and transitioned to fully opened)
  - Mask mandate removed
  - No reporting attendance at games and practice
  - Spring went well, no cases reported

Conclusion of the season 2021

- Make up games due to rain all in now
- Total of 569 registrations
- Equipment return completed
  - 5 outstanding

**League Updates:**

- Parental Conduct / Spectator Conduct
  - No tolerance policy / Updated and needs acknowledgement at registration New for 2021
    - New code of conduct being revised for all members of the league (Nick/Sean completed in 2021 with board approval)
- Fall Ball 2021
  - Run August 16th to 3rd week in October, take the first week of school off
    - Must secure fields and parks
      - Got schools
      - Sagamore Park being completed and submitted this week
      - St Barnabas secured
    - Other communities Brecksville, Hudson, etc

- Hudson joining NHAA for Fall
      - WM, PWR, SK (4-5 teams total per age group)
    - Joining TBL
      - BR
      - COLT
  - Softball Fall Ball as well
    - Trying to gauge interest and find teams to play
    - No AAA as not enough registrations.
- (no questions here)
- Equipment
    - Replacing catchers equipment
      - Girls catchers gear as well
      - Boys had donation for HS division catchers gear from local business
      - Re-plenishing the old gear with new getting quotes
      - Balls are still good at this time for fall ball
      - Ordering practice balls both;
        - Softball and baseball (getting quotes)

(No questions here)

- Colt / SK (Bobby Reville /Andy Papile) :
  - Joined with TBL and other eastern communities
- Umpires:
  - Special thank you to Dan Lingo for education and scheduling of the umpires
    - Long season:
      - Low on umpires
      - Looking for more kids in the community to assist with umpiring games
      - Few new kids added this year
  - Dan Lingo commented that some kids signed up to help late in the season and liked the opportunity. Paying \$20 / game for younger umpires. Encouraged more recruiting.
  - Off season training will be offered closer to the season.
  - Proposal in front of school board to offer sport officiating as curriculum

#### Softball Updates:

- Joined with other communities now for 3 seasons
  - Great season traveling to other communities
  - Went well
- Some feed back was:
  - Valley View Dominant with Caps team playing in rec
  - Some of the other communities talent pool less than Nordonia
  - Pitching needs help in off season with clinic and instruction

#### Fields:

##### Longwood:

- Full access to Sugarbush
- More use of Longwood fields this season, a few night games were held

#### Sagamore Hills:

- Dugouts redone with concrete by sagamore hills township
- All fields used this season
  - Emailed to township to weed kill for fall ball (Confirmation will be done)
  - Securing fields at Sagamore park for fall ball
  - Cutting field 4 needs to get done this season and then add dirt to #4
  - Discuss transitioning sagamore fields to crushed brick at last board meeting
    - Obtaining quotes
    - [Sprang meeting with and 3 companies regarding quotes. Please ask about drainage too. And about asking doing 2 fields as part of the same job.](#)
    - Setting meeting with Trustees to discuss and approval

#### Northfield Village:

- Smith Park and Magnolia are up and running full season
  - Parking still an issue, please park at parking lot around corner and in the park itself, no street parking
  - Smith Park needs dirt at first base side

#### Schools:

- All school fields were up and running
  - Northfield needs weed killed
    - Dirt added 5 tons
  - MS
    - Dirt added to MS
    - 15 tons
  - Ledgeview can use dirt at 1<sup>st</sup> base side

#### St Barnabas:

- Used more this season. Exclusive use of field to NHAA
- Great relationship going forward into the coming years

#### Fund Raising: Culvers and Chipotle this past year

- Opportunity for fall fest with Macedonia for beer truck sales, waiting on details
- Other fundraising ideas:
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#### Play Offs went well

#### Travel Updates: (Andy)

- Try outs:
  - Completed for 2022 season
    - Softball Struggling
    - 10u poor turn out

- Brian Griffith to coach. Looking for more players, please reach out if interested. Board will blast out.
- 12u poor turn out
  - Lost girls to two local club teams
  - Depleted out 12u program
  - Jerry Lowery to coach
  - Lost many players to new 12U club teams
- 14u doing OK, lost some to club teams
  - 12 on roster. Jim Filisky to coach.

AAA Soft Ball and Fast Pitch:

- Went well and had three teams, girls all had a good time and no complaints.

**Board Member Nominations: by Laws allow for minimum of 5 and maximum of 19 Board Members  
Terms are for two years**

Board members whose terms expire at end of 2021 Season :

- Jim Filisky-YES, Dave Hermann-YES, Mike Graham-YES, Nick Lanese-YES, Sean Nowlin-Still deciding

Board Members whose terms expire the end of 2022 Season:

- Marc Sprang, Andy Papile, Bobby Reville, Scott Lanzilotta, Julie Moran, Matt Bewley, Kyle Deininger, Chase Senk, Nikki Gvora

Nominations for Board:

- Melinda Malyuk\_\_\_\_\_
- Kenny Sanger\_\_\_\_\_
- Andy Piscula\_\_\_\_\_
- Kevin Bilkie\_\_\_\_\_
- Kathy Loya\_\_\_\_\_
- Brenda Kovi\_\_\_\_\_
- David Rose\_\_\_\_\_
- Brian James\_\_\_\_\_

○ LEAGUE TRUSTEE REPORTS

**OPEN FORUM:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Kyle Deininger – GMP skills gap and competitive issues. To be addressed at board meeting.  
Potential rules change about score keeping.

2. Scott Lanzilotta – WM drop dead time for games going well beyond 2hr rule due to unlimited run innings. To be discussed at board meeting potential rules change.

3. Request to do hitting clinic pre-season next year. Complete hitting clinics already committed this summer. Board to discuss on email.

4. Fall Ball 2020 – thank you.

5. Suggestion to do National Anthem all at the same time on All Star Day.

Tough to start all at once with 4 games.

6. Pee Wee Reese – fall ball yes, partner with Hudson. For fall our rules should be the standard for fall. Jim to check with Dave Skoczen on Hudson rules.

**Meeting Adjourned: \_\_9:17PM\_\_\_\_\_**