

Minutes of the July 12, 2009 LHYA Meeting

The LHYA meeting of 07/12/09 was called to order @ 7:06 by President Richard Wand. Present were all board members, 2 trustees and nine members. Trustee, Dan Knight was absent. Motion to approve the minutes from the June, 2009 meeting was approved. The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer, Johnna Phillips with \$7.05 in the equipment/concessions checking account and \$1,705.64 in the checking account, \$3,326.74 in the savings account making a total of \$25,039.43. Total income from January 1 through July 12, was \$72,808.24. Total expenses from January 1 through July 12, was \$77,543.03. Which leaves us a net loss of \$4,734.79? Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Pat Palombaro and seconded by Linda Aitken. The Report was approved. Richard Wand explained some of the reasons for the deficit: " We did not raise the registration cost this year while other cost did go up. We did not have a full concession at both Leads and Jersey for most of the season."

OLD BUSINESS:

The baseball and softball season is pretty much complete. There are still a few all star tournaments going on. 14U and 12U select softball still have a few tournaments left to play as well.

Baseball/Softball Updates: Baseball commissioner, Shawn Gardner had nothing new to report on the baseball side of the league. Courtney Reams, commissioner of softball wants to remind coaches to please return their keys and pick up your trophies. You can contact her at anytime.

Added to website:

The league is working on the survey. We can learn a lot with this survey. We do review each and every one of the comments. So please take the time to take the survey and let us know how you feel the season went.

New Business-

Amanda Trenkamp, who is the Licking Heights High School boys and girls Volleyball coach, spoke at the meeting about setting up a youth program. She is asking the league to help run it. She gave us a quick overview of what she would like to see:

- There would be a league for 3rd and 4th graders. 9 players per teams with a minimum of 4 teams.
- Also, a league for the 5th and 6th graders. It would also have 9 players per team with a minimum of 4 teams. She would like to see these grades be more game oriented. Both age groups would be coed.
- She hopes to have all games played on Wednesdays and to be held at the elementary gyms.
- She is asking the LHYA to purchase the volleyballs. She would need 4-5 per team.
- She would like to use our uniform vendor to be able to get team t-shirts.
- All of the expenses would be in the registration cost.
- The season would go from September through October.
- She would ask for parents to help coach and have her varsity and junior varsity volleyball players officiate. They would either get their community hours or be paid.
- She had 28 children come to her 1 day camp in June, but many more were interested. They just had prior commitments.
- She did not have a budget worked up yet but is willing to work with Pat Palombaro to get it on paper and present it to the LHYA board. Amanda also stated that she would use her booster money to help start the program.

***We need help emptying the storage and concession sheds. Please, if you could spare some time contact one of the board members. Our tentative date is July 25 in the morning.**

The LHYA Board is considering keeping team cores together. We had a large discussion at the board meeting regarding this topic. We are asking you to please give us your input on this idea. Our thought process on this is that if we make

better teams we will have better coaches who are truly dedicated to the children. On the registration form, each child will get the opportunity to “opt out” of playing for the same team. They would then be put back into the draft. If your registration fee is late, you would also be put back in the draft (no exceptions). Please contact Richard Wand or J.R. Reams with your thoughts and ideas.

WE WILL NOT VOTE ON THIS UNTIL THE POLICY IS DRAFTED AND PUT IN PLACE.

We are currently working on a list of the pros/cons for the season to review what went well and what did not. Please send any additional comments to Richard Wand and/or J.R. Reams.

We dealt with a lot of issues this season which we don't normally have. One was that we lost our concessions manager early in the season.

We are looking for ways to handle the cash boxes differently to take some of the daily burden off of the treasurer.

On the “pro” side of things...our girl's softball season went very well. All teams had a great season.

Sponsor Logo vs. Hornets Logo on jersey's for next year? Some feel that if the sponsor's name was on the front of the shirt it would be a great marketing tool for getting more sponsors next year. If we did this, the child's name would be on the back of the jersey. We welcome all of your comments on this as well.

Parking on Grass is Prohibited: Please, please, please...All Coaches, tell your parents to NOT park on the grass. **THIS IS FOR LEADS AND THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Anything Else?: Pataskala Parks and Rec. sent an email to Courtney Reams. That email stated that they were very pleased with the way we ran our league. They are asking us to renew our lease with them for another year. This is very good news!!

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Keith Phillips and seconded by Matt Plants. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on 08/02/09 @ Leads Center. **ALL COACHES NEED TO ATTEND.**