

Minutes of the September 13, 2009 LHYA Meeting

The LHYA meeting of 09/13/09 was called to order @ 7:05 by President Richard Wand. Present were board members: Richard Wand, J.R. Reams, Johnna Phillips, Linda Aitken and Courtney Reams; 2 trustees: Keith Phillips and Dan Knight and nine members. Absent from the board were: Director of Baseball, Shawn Gardner, Equipment Manager, Larry Gardner as well as Trustee, Pat Palombaro. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2009 meeting was approved. The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer, Johnna Phillips with \$315.05 in the equipment/concessions checking account and \$1,183.53 in the checking account, \$23,352.44 in the savings account making a total of \$24,851.02. Total income from January 1 through September 12, 2009 was \$74,364.74. Total expenses from January 1 through September 12, 2009 were \$78,910.91. The account for the Volleyball League is as follows: Checking account, \$2,265.36. Total income as of September 12, 2009 \$3,165.00. Total expenses as of September 12, 2009 \$899.64. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Pat Bridger and seconded by Courtney Reams. The Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baseball/Softball Updates: Softball: Dates for clinics and tryouts for the travel league will be emailed later this month.

Volleyball: We now were able to expand volleyball into November. Picture day is Sept. 28 for the Sr. division and Oct. 5 for the Jr. Division. We will be using Sides Photography. Youth night is Oct. 1. Uniforms were handed out Monday Sept. 14. Next year we hope to use Kessler for uniforms.

Field maintenance and clean-up: Dan Knight will take care of dragging the fields. We are still looking for volunteers to weed eat the fence lines at Foundation Park.

We are trying to get a multi-year agreement with Foundation. We should have an answer on an agreement with Foundation by November 1.

If we can get a zero turn lawn mower, we would be able to do the fields ourselves. The cost would be about \$6500. If we were able to buy our own mower the pay back would be two years.

Foundation Park said that they will try to fix the broken tractor and will add the mowing deck to it. The Lions Club is still mowing the sports fields but will not weed eat. A city of Pataskala worker is mowing the other areas. If we could get a 4-5 year deal with F.P., Richard Wand said that he would consider adding another field.

Under Construction:

Still under consideration are the Core Teams. We need a policy in place before anything is done. Still need ideas and thoughts from the whole league before we put it up for a vote.

Richard is continuing to work on the Coaches Hand Book. If you would like to review a copy or help with it, please contact Richard.

We are working on a list of pro/cons for the season to review what went well and what didn't. Please send any additional comments to Richard (president@lhya-sports.org) or JR (vice-president@lhya-sports.org). We have received only 2-3 emails so far. This will be discussed more at the November and December meetings.

New Business-

Baseball: The league is still considering a 12U Select team that will be registered with COYBL. If we choose to do this the deadline for registration is late December. The price would be around \$400-500 for a team. Per player cost

would be \$250-300. The price would be based upon paying for umpires and the number of games played.

Basketball: We will have a program for grades 3-6. There will be a boy's team and a girl's team. We will try to send out an email to all the baseball/softball/volleyball parents regarding registration for basketball. Larry Gardner will be head of the program. Northridge, Johnstown and Granville are all interested in playing us.

Sides Photography: They gave a presentation to the league. We are already using them for the Volleyball pictures. We may possibly use them for basketball. She does have two other photographers she can use if needed. Pictures can be back anywhere from 72 hours up to a week. Please see attached for more information of Sides Photography.

Nominations for October Elections: Next meeting is the election of new officers and one trustee position. Richard Wand is running for School board. He feels that he will have a bigger impact on sports and schools by running. He will rerun for President of the LHYA. If elected to school board, he would resign from his LHYA position.

Richard Wand was nominated for President by Johnna Phillips

Larry Gardner was nominated for Vice President by Keith Phillips

Secretary Position was left uncovered

Johnna Phillips was nominated for Treasurer by Courtney Reams

Courtney Reams was nominated for Director of Softball by Johnna Phillips

Shawn Gardner was nominated for Director of Baseball by Keith Phillips

Rita Pendexter was nominated for Trustee by Courtney Reams

Matt Plants was nominated for Equipment Manager by Keith Phillips

Concession Manager was left Uncovered.

By-laws and Constitution Changes – Can bring changes at the next meeting. We will vote on them.

Anything Else:

The West baseball field is done complete. Because it is located in Jefferson Township, they have first dibs on scheduling.

It was asked if Jersey has double pins. The answer is yes, they just need to be found and dug up. If we could get the drainage issue fixed at Leads Small, we could use it for A and AA baseball.

Watkins said that they would be interested in playing us in a Fall Ball league if we were able to put one together next season.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Courtney Reams and seconded by Pat Bridger. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on 10/04/09 @ Leads Center. **ALL COACHES NEED TO ATTEND.**