

**NSYLA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 – (7:00 – 8:30 PM)**  
**Southborough Library**

- Introduction and welcome - Present: **Bob Flynn, Scott King, Don Axline, Dave Pierce, Peter Larsen, Greg Munro, Fran Flynn**
- Financial report – John Doyle, Treasurer  
Report given by **Bob Flynn**
  - Discussion on Fee's for next season. Fees cover:
    - MBYLL \$100 per town plus \$100 per team (\$50 for U9) = \$950;
    - Jamboree fee \$1,100
    - USLacrosse fees \$25 per child and \$50 per coach (\$7,200)
    - 911 usage fee (\$3,000) and 135 Usage fee (\$535)
  - A motion was made and seconded to raise the Registration fee for 2011 \$25.
  - **The motion passed unanimously**
  - A motion was made to increase the family discounts from \$20/\$40/\$60 for multiple children to \$25/\$50/\$75
  - **The motion passed unanimously**
  - It was re-stated that we also offer scholarships to those who might not be able to play due to the cost. For a scholarship we ask the family to contact **John Doyle** (Treasurer) in complete confidence. We do ask that a player receiving a scholarship pay only \$25 to cover the USLacrosse portion of the NSYLA fee.
  - Current Balance in our bank account remains strong
    - There are approximately \$1,000 in anticipated bills whose invoices have yet to be received.
  - Request for Donations to Northborough for Track and a Boy Scout Project were discussed
    - A motion was made and seconded to donate \$650 to the Town of Northborough to defray costs on the Rt 135 Field Track improvements.
    - **The motion passed unanimously**
    - A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to Tom Hamilton of Northborough who is working on an Eagle Scout project to add benches to the soccer fields at Ellsworth/McAfee Field in Northborough.
    - **The motion passed unanimously**
- Volunteers
  - Introduce Lead Volunteers and discuss how to fill open slots. Review who volunteers during registration in the next few weeks.
    - Volunteer Coordinator – **Open**
    - MBYLL Rep - Dave Pierce
    - Town Coordinator - **Open** (Fred's old job)
    - Field Lining Coordinator - **Open**
    - Raffle/Pizza - **Open**
    - Rosters – **Open**

- CORI Administrator – **Open** (cannot be a coach)
  - Fundraising – Eileen Cremin
  - Cannons Night Coordinator – Stephanie Nardone
  - Spirit Wear – Francine Flynn
- Nominate Board of Directors members (vote is at next meeting)
  - Current Board Members list reviewed
  - The Algonquin High School Coaches agreed to continue in their roles as Board Advisors. This includes **Peter Larsen** and **Rich Luongo**.
  - Nominees to be voted on at next Board Meeting are:
    - Position –Person Nominated - Term Expires**
    - Officers:** (*term is annual*) **Sept 30, 2011**
      - President - Bob Flynn
      - Vice-President - Dave Roche
      - Treasurer - John Doyle
      - Clerk – Scott King
    - Members:** (*two year terms*) **Sept 30, 2012**
      - Volunteer Coordinator - Open
      - Board Member At Large – Don Axline
      - Board Member At Large – Chris Arcona
      - Board Member At Large – Morgan Hall
      - Board Member At Large – Mary Trimboli
      - Board Member At Large – Eileen Cremin
- These Members continue their terms:
  - Members:** (*two year terms*) **Sept 30, 2011**
    - Town Coordinator - Open
    - Board Member At Large – Marty Healey
    - Board Member At Large – Joe Laning
    - Board Member At Large – Bruno Nardone
    - Board Member At Large – David Pierce
  - Emeritus Members:**
    - Board Member Emeritus – Fred Mueller
    - Board Member Emeritus – Michael Virgil
- Review calendar for 2010 season
  - On-line registration plans are set to open on Nov 3rd for returning players only. Open registration will happen one hour after the informational meeting on November 10th.
  - Info Night is scheduled at the Northborough Library Nov 10th from 7-8PM for new AND returning parents and players.

- **Bob Flynn** submitted articles which ran on NorthboroughNews.com; SouthboroughNews.com and is supposed to run on MySouthborough.com Blog and also the Villager Newspaper. Both Town recreation departments sent out notices, Northborough in their Fall information brochure and Southborough with an email from Doreen Ferguson. The following Schools also added the registration flyer provided by Bob onto their virtual backpack websites: Lincoln; Peaslee; Zeh; Proctor; Melican; Woodward; Neary; and Trottier.
- **Dave Pierce** once again offered to hang our 8 foot yellow banners at four schools in Northborough. Two of our six signs are missing.
- Discussed making yard signs (similar to politician signs) since we have no signage in Southborough. **Bob Flynn** to investigate and see if the sign company wishes to be a sponsor our website.
- Registration closes Nov 24th
- January 19<sup>th</sup> 2011– Teams and payment due to League
- Anticipated numbers of kids/teams is 200 players and 9 teams.
- Anticipated Coaches (see list) at each age group to be confirmed following registration.
- Head Coaches are now strongly encouraged to complete the on-line Level 1 US Lacrosse Training.
- All coaches will continue to get certified each February/March at regional MBYLL training classes. All coaches are required to complete this every two years, however NSYLA strongly encourages our coaches to get this annually.
- We will plan a private coach training session to be run by the Algonquin Staff at the start of our season, **Rich Luongo** and **Pete Larsen** have offered to run this so that the players can get exposed to the plays and expectations they will see when they reach the high school.
- MBYLL update
  - Position on STAT PESTs (Select Travel All-star Tournament Premier Elite Super Team's) discussed.

The TPL (Town Pride League) has made a change which will require towns who wish to be in that quit the MBYLL. MBYLL has taken a strong opposition to this, primarily due to the fact that TPL intend to play games on Sunday afternoons, exacerbating the shortage of referees we continue to experience.

Other leagues and clubs which do not play during the Spring are not of a concern, provided they start AFTER the Jamboree which takes place on the second and third weekends in June.

There are still other leagues springing up or morphing to grab market share from MBYLL since it has been so successful. NESLL is in discussions to alter how they structure their league, to go from regional tryouts to town sponsored entrants. Details on that forthcoming, however NESLL will continue to interfere with how NSYLA runs our program, as NESLL is planning to continue its Saturday games.

MSYLL will also continue to operate we believe on Friday nights.

- Start date – review calendar - Need to meet with new St. Mark's Athletic Director, as the previous AD has left. We want to continue the terrific relationship we have had and lock in the Cage dates so we can establish our calendar.
- We have requested that the Young Official Training program be continued and that they schedule training BEFORE these high school players start their season. MBYLL is looking into the feasibility of that. Towns need at least two AO's (Associate Officials) to be able to have a second Referee at U15 games and a primary at U9 games. We continue to enthusiastically support this program. To restate the NSYLA position, anyone who wishes to become certified is required to pay the \$30 fee and successfully complete the training. After that they must complete three games under the supervision of a senior official. If they do all of that, then NSYLA reimburses the \$30 fee that they paid, and they continue to be paid for the games which they officiate (\$35 per game).
- Gillette Stadium 2010 update
  - Two tournaments scheduled there for next spring - details will be posted on our website when they become available.
- Field Needs – **Dave Pierce** has submitted field request forms to both towns.
- Safety Issues, Needs and Training
  - AED's, Concussion First aid or CPR class. We need a volunteer to schedule a safety training class for the coaches, possibly in conjunction with the private coach training session we are scheduling. **Bob Flynn** will talk with **Morgan Hall** about availability of CERT trained people to lead this.
  - Lightning - we can reach out to **Fire Chief Mauro** to present Lightning Safety session.
  - A CPR and defibrillator Training class was suggested. We need to reach out to **Sue Lloyd** about teaching that.
- New Business
  - Equipment needs were addressed. **Greg Munro** offered to make some calls to see about ordering camouflage shorts similar to those Algonquin ordered last year.
  - We discussed having the boys be able to order Algonquin Helmets and gloves when the high school places their equipment order. This would increase the volume ordered and continue to promote the programs colors and identification with the Tomahawks. **Pete Larsen** will report back on if this is possible.
  - Discussed creating a scholarship for an Alumni of NSYLA to receive monies towards college. A formal proposal will be worked up for the next meeting to include eligibility requirements and amount of scholarship. This would be similar to the existing Mallet Scholarship at ARHS. Tabled until formal proposal can be presented.
- Adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted - Scott King, Clerk