



West Bridgewater Youth Athletics Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

February 24, 2016 @ 8:00PM

WBYAA Clubhouse

Meeting Summary

Motion	Result
Meeting minutes	Approved (all in favor)
Treasurer's Report	Approved (all in favor)
Approval to pay 4 invoices totaling \$841.46	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$1,500 to bring in guest speaker Bob Bigelow	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of \$450 for Director's & Officer's Insurance renewal	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$4,000 for Snack Shack start-up costs	Approved (1 opposed)
Approval of up to \$1,600 for WBYAA Jackets	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$270 for Boys Basketball trophies	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of \$525 for referee fees for Boys Basketball playoff games	Approved (all in favor)

Meeting Minutes

- a) Meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM. 27 members were in attendance.
- b) Minutes were distributed (via email) for the prior meeting. **The minutes were approved unanimously.**
- c) Report of the Treasurer

Peter reviewed the financial reports. He requested payment for 4 invoices, totaling \$841.46 (\$175 for Girls Basketball referee fees, \$500 for Promo Tees, \$112.88 for postage & envelopes, & \$653.58 for costs related to Opening Day). Following his report, there was a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. **The report was approved unanimously.**

New Business

The Brockton Rox reached out to the Board regarding a sponsorship opportunity. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to pass on it.

Jamie recapped the Survey Monkey results for Baseball pricing, a payment related to Spring Soccer, and increasing each level of WBYAA sponsorships by \$25. All were approved unanimously.

The Board also discussed the possibility of bringing in Bob Bigelow as a speaker for parents and coaches. There was talk about reaching out to other organizations to share in the cost. After a healthy discussion, there was a motion to approve up to \$1,500 to cover the costs. **The motion was approved unanimously.** The goal is to have it at West Bridgewater High School.

The final piece of new business was a request for approval of the Board's Director's & Officer's insurance renewal in the amount of \$450. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

Report of the standing committees:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Peter noted that the Finance Committee met on 02/21/16. There was a long discussion on expenses related to the baseball complex, including future expenses. The topic of pricing as it compares to neighboring towns was also talked about. The end result of the discussion was that each committee is to submit their "Wish Lists" prior to March's meeting for the next 3 years.
- b. **Scholarship Committee:** Brian mentioned that they will be making a few updates to the form. The deadline will be 4/1/16, and volunteers will likely be needed to grade them.
- c. **Fundraising:** Peter said that half of the sponsorship letters were sent out this week, with the other half being sent next week (total of 160 letters). He reminded the Board that the costs for each level increased by \$25 to \$175, \$325, and \$450. He paid the fees for the Falmouth Road Race, and made mention of the fact that the first information session for it is on 3/31/16 at Pine Hills in Plymouth.
- d. **Snack Shack:** Glenn requested up to \$4,000 in start up costs - **the motion was approved, with one opposed.** There was also a discussion about using Honors Society students from the high school to help them with volunteer hours.
- e. **Awards:** Including no-shows from last year, there are 58 kids eligible for jackets in 2016. Jamie requested up to \$1,600 to cover the costs of the jackets. **The motion was approved unanimously.**
- f. **Website:** No Report.
- g. **Letter Writing:** Peter sent out the final round of letters for a select group of people that have outstanding balances. The recommendation from the finance

committee is to write off the balances. The final number will be presented at March's meeting.

- h. **Field Day:** The Board secured a Use permit for 04/30/16. Wally The Green Monster will once again be in attendance.
- i. **Complex Improvement:** As was the case in January's meeting, the topic of raising the fence on South Field was discussed. Jon Craven spoke with Jerry Lawrence, who suggested that we write a letter to the Board of Selectman to see if there are any funds available to assist the YAA. Jon is going to look into getting estimates prior to March's meeting. Glenn is going to meet with the town with regards to the Dog Park to be constructed, to see if there is any impact on the ball fields. Lastly, a date needs to be determined for Clean Up day.
- j. **Rules Committee:** The committee will be meeting prior to March's meeting to review some rule changes proposed by the Baseball Committee.
- k. **Safety Committee:** Greg is still trying to schedule a Concussion course. He also reminded everyone that if an injury occurs, coaches need to fill out an incident report.
- l. **Fall Soccer:** No Report.
- m. **Dome Soccer:** Per Paul, the 3rd session is going well. There are 13 team, and the practice schedule is already set. There is no U14 team this session. Next year the registration fees will likely increase due to an increase for practice time by The Dome.
- n. **Boys Basketball:** Greg reported on Mike's behalf - the regular season for all three levels will be wrapped up in early March. There will be playoffs at the Majors & Seniors levels, and Minors will have parent/son games on 3/5/16. Majors & Seniors will also have All-Star games, with selections being conducted in late February/early March. The games will be scheduled after the playoffs have concluded. He requested up to \$270 to cover the cost of trophies. **The motion was approved unanimously.** He also requested \$525 to cover referee fees for the playoffs. **The motion was approved unanimously.**
- o. **Girls Basketball:** Bill mentioned that the season is close to wrapping up, and that it has gone well. The girls will receive pins at the end of the season.
- p. **Spring Soccer:** Nothing new to report , other than the season starting in April.
- q. **Baseball:** We will be holding free clinics prior to the start of the season for each division. Rich mentioned that Tom Groh is the new umpire assignor. The umpire fees are unchanged from last year (\$56/game). As of the 2/24/16, the registration numbers so far were 27 for Majors, 26 for Minors, and 19 for

Instructional. Jamie mentioned that in terms of availability at Tufts, the best times are 5PM-8PM on Saturdays, 4PM-6PM on Sundays, and 5PM-7PM during the week when the season starts. Rich will coordinate the clinics there. Brian briefly discussed the notion of participating in a local “Pitch, Hit, & Run” event.

- r. **Baseball Tournament:** This year’s tournament will be held from 07/05/15-07/10/15. The goal is to have 6 teams at both the U10 & U12 age levels. Paul will be sending an updated letter to the various towns. We are planning on sending U10, U11, & U12 teams to the Lakeville tournament, U10 & U12 to the Easton tournament, and U11 to the Norton tournament. There was some talk about asking Glenn Tufts to borrow a pitching mound for the two U10 games held on Sullivan Field.
- s. **Softball:** Wally requested that free clinics be set up for March, similar to baseball. The Minors & Majors teams will once again play against Easton & East Bridgewater this year, and umpire fees are unchanged from last season.
- t. **Softball Tournament:** Wally mentioned that the letters to other towns will be going out this week, with the tournament scheduled for the weekend of 06/17/16-06/19/16. Both he & Rich plan on sending a note to Rose L. & Howard schools to promote it in the weekly newsletter.
- u. **T-Ball:** Jon said that the registration numbers so far look good. The West Bridgewater Hub appears to be a good resource for promoting it.
- v. **Adjournment**

The Next Meeting is on March 23, 2016 at 8:00 PM at the WBYAA Clubhouse. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Attendance:

✓	David Adams	✓	Jason Gothage	a	Tom Murphy
a	Phil Arsenault	✓	Lindsey Harrington	✓	Mark Navin
a	Mike Bellody	✓	Brian Lawler	✓	Kerri Reynolds
	Andrew Bisbee	✓	Rich Lebaron	✓	Bill Roy
✓	Chris Clarke		Eric Ledin	✓	Christin Santiago Calling
✓	Jon Craven	✓	Scott Maher	✓	Greg Sheedy
✓	Jon Enos	✓	Paul McCafferty	✓	Greg Stipkovich
✓	Scott Florio	✓	Paul McGrath	✓	Dan Smith
✓	Steve Frates	✓	Jamie Mitcheson	✓	Glenn Turner
✓	Peter Fredericksen	✓	Kevin Morash	✓	Dennis Wright
✓	Tom Fuller	✓	Wally Morse		

✓ = in attendance a = apologies blank = not in attendance