



West Bridgewater Youth Athletics Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

March 23, 2016 @ 8:00PM

WBYAA Clubhouse

Meeting Summary

Motion	Result
Meeting minutes	Approved (all in favor)
Treasurer's Report	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$9,000 to replace the outfield fences on North & South Fields, and raise the fence to 12 feet on South Field	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of \$250 to purchase shirts for the 6 th & 8 th grade Boys Travel Basketball Teams	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$625 to purchase polo shirts for Spring Soccer Coaches	Not Approved (0 in favor)
Approval of up to \$2,000 to purchase clay for the baseball fields	Approved (all in favor)

Meeting Minutes

- a) Meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM. 19 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 noted that we've had about \$15,000 in registrations thus far. He also reviewed the top expenditures for the prior month. Following his report, there was a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. **The report was approved unanimously.**

New Business

Field cleanup day is going to be on 4/2/16. Greg or Jamie will post a note on the YAA Facebook page to try to get additional volunteers. There will also be shredding bins to dispose of old birth certificates in the Clubhouse. It was suggested that someone reach out to the High School, as some students could volunteer to help satisfy community service requirements.

There were several individuals nominated for the Service To Youth Award. There will be a short Executive Board meeting immediately following this meeting to discuss/vote on the recipient(s).

Jamie reviewed the year-end survey results for Boys & Girls Basketball. Some of the comments included a program for 2nd graders, increase practice time, staggering game times, and access to the High School gym for the older divisions.

Jamie reminded the group of the new “No Heading” rule for soccer at the 10U & 12U levels.

Bob Bigelow has been confirmed for 4/12/16 at the High School. We will be raffling off two free future registrations for attendees that have children that participate in the WBYAA. We will also be extending invitations to WBYFA, East Bridgewater, Easton, and some of the other surrounding towns.

Lastly, the Board agreed that it would be a good idea to hold April’s meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (4/20), to allow enough time to discuss rule proposals and to make sure that everything is in order for Opening Day.

Report of the standing committees:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Peter noted that the Finance Committee will be discussing all submitted “Wish List” items at the next Committee meeting.
- b. **Scholarship Committee:** Wally said that we should be receiving them in the next few weeks.
- c. **Fundraising:** Peter said that thus far, we have raised \$6,000 in sponsorships, and are waiting to hear from a number of last year’s sponsors. We will be putting all sponsors on the program for the Bob Bigelow event. The information session for the Falmouth Road Race is on 3/31/16 at 10AM. Paul is working on putting the fundraising calendars together.
- d. **Snack Shack:** The floors were cleaned on Friday. Glenn is going to work on the inventory next week. We need to hire someone to clean the bathrooms this year. Wally is going to provide an individual to Glenn. The porta potties have been ordered, but the dumpster still needs to be ordered.
- e. **Awards:** Jamie mentioned that kids have been going to Moonlight to get fitted for Jackets.
- f. **Website:** No Report.
- g. **Letter Writing:** No Report.

- h. **Field Day:** We may need to find a volunteer for the National Anthem. We also need suggestions in terms of throwing out the first pitch. We will be inviting all sponsors, as well as the WB Selectmen and the School Committee.
- i. **Complex Improvement:** Following a meeting with Hawkeye Fence, Jon Craven mentioned that although the posts can be regalvanized, the entire fence on South Field (& North Field) needs to be replaced. Hawkeye's proposal to replace the fence, as well as raising it to 12 feet from left field to center field (150 feet) would be \$4,500. There was a request to approve up to \$9,000 to replace the fence on both South & North Fields, provided approval by the MIAA for the new height. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**
- j. **Rules Committee:** Greg read the rules proposed for Baseball. They will be voted on at April's meeting.
- k. **Safety Committee:** The First Responder course is a week from tomorrow (3/31/16) at 6:30PM in the Howard Cafeteria. We will set up a calendar event for it on Facebook. Bill Roy will be supplying sweatshirts to the two instructors.
- l. **Fall Soccer:** No Report.
- m. **Dome Soccer:** Paul said that practices are wrapping up this week, and the 3rd Session will be completed next week.
- n. **Boys Basketball:** Seniors are done, and the championship game for Majors is on Friday night. This Saturday (03/25) will be the "All Star Extravaganza". On the Travel side, both the 6th grade team and the 8th grade team won their respective championships. Mike requested approval of up to \$250 to purchase t-shirts for the two teams. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**
- o. **Girls Basketball:** Greg noted that the season is over for both Minors & Majors.
- p. **Spring Soccer:** Greg read the report submitted by Kevin. SSSL games start on 4/2/16. We have 4 teams at both the U10 & U12 levels (split evenly between boys & girls teams). The U8's will begin play in East Bridgewater on 4/16/16 with a Skills clinic, followed by the first set of games on 4/23/16. The Committee discussed holding more coaches clinics, especially at the younger levels. He asked if the WBYAA secured approval of the use of Upper Howard Field. Jamie noted that he has a verbal approval, but needs to get it in writing. Lastly, Kevin requested approval for polo shirts to be worn by coaches this season, not to exceed \$625. **The motion was not approved, with zero in favor.** The Board did discuss the idea of allowing coaches to purchase their own shirts.

- q. **Baseball:** Greg read the report submitted by Rich. Registrations are scheduled to close on 4/5. There are currently 48 for Instructional, 43 for Minors, & 42 for Majors. The Board suggested that the season start after April Vacation, not during it. Two of the three scheduled clinics have been held, with the third to be rescheduled due to snow. All of the Head Coach spots have been filled, except for 1 additional coach needed for Instructional. The Baseball Committee has developed a preliminary schedule, and will be submitted once the number of teams has been finalized.
- r. **Baseball Tournament:** Paul reiterated that this year's tournament will be held from 07/05/15-07/10/15. WB will be participating in the Freetown tournament for U10, U11, & U12. We are still looking to fill all the spots for our tournament.
- s. **Softball:** Wally mentioned that there will be 3 Minors teams this year, and 2 in Majors. He is going to reach out to Jamie for approval to have two 7th graders play down at the Majors level. The umpires have been secured for the season, and games will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays. All of the coaches have been secured. 34 kids showed up for the first tournament, and Janelle Carlson from the Lady Sting will be doing a pitching demonstration at the second clinic. The draft will be on next Tuesday (03/29/16). He also noted that we will need to order clay for the fields. The motion was to approve up to \$2,000 to purchase the clay. **The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**
- t. **Softball Tournament:** Wally noted that the same teams that participated last year will be back again this year.
- u. **T-Ball:** Registrations have been strong this year (86 so far).
- v. **Adjournment**

The Next Meeting is on April 20, 2016 at 8:00 PM at the WBYAA Clubhouse. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Attendance:

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

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