

Whitehall Area Youth Association
March 7, 2022
Whitehall Memorial Schools

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm in the Whitehall Memorial Schools Commons. Roll call was taken. Board members present were; Kelly Kaufman, Derek Bell, Sami Becker, Melissa Pientok, Brittany Halama, Dan Klidzejs, Stephanie Sartor, program coordinator Becky Nordahl, and President Katie Johnson. A quorum was established.

The February minutes will be amended and approved at the April monthly meeting, along with the January and March monthly meeting minutes.

The treasures report was reviewed. Brittany Halama motioned to approve the February treasures report, second by Stephanie Sartor. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment-

There were a few questions on our reasoning behind seeking sponsors for this season. Treasurer Dan Klidzejs spoke about our decision and how due to COVID our league funds were hurt. With having no concessions the last few years, and needing all new jerseys the idea of sponsors was discussed. Thanks to some of our sponsors the new jerseys will be at no cost to our players and we will be able to use more fund towards things like umps and concessions. There was question on if we had attended any of the local township meetings to ask for donations. We had not done this yet this year but do plan on attending in the future.

Elect new Board Memembers-

The nominating committee stated they are having a very hard time seeking new members. They plan to continue to reach out to members of the community in hopes to find two new Board Members.

Nominate/vote – new Vice President

This action will be tabled until the two vacant member positions are filled.

Draft Guideline meeting Report –

The board has decided to go back to the original drafting guidelines. There will be two practices held for each team that is being split, these practices will be REQUIRED. At the draft President Katie Johnson, and board member Derek Bell will be present, along with the Program Coordinator. There will be a 24 hour “cool down” after the draft for our coaches to review their team choices, after this changing the eams will not be allowed. In the end all parties must agree on their teams.

Committees and Descriptions –

Katie went over the committees. She has gone through and “cleaned up” each committee and their descriptions. Kelly Kaufman and Brittany Halama spoke about how they’d like to create a

volleyball league. They would like it to be something bigger like our softball/baseball leagues. They will be in charge of this new volleyball league committee.

Discussion Topics –

Parent vs. Non-parent Coaches:

WAYA currently has no non-parent coaches willing to coach this year. At the 14U level we have decided to stay with the preference of having a non-parent coach but will allow it if needed.

Coaching Approval Process:

Discussion was had on the thought of selecting coaches based on their experience in the sport. If we have multiple coach offers at a level we will decide on the coach that best meets the qualifications and experience with the sport. Melissa Pientok made a motion to approve coaches based on qualifications and experience at all levels across the board. Brittany Halama second. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Splitting Teams vs. Podding:

The board has decided to split teams larger than 20 participants. Teams under will be podded. Teams that will be podded the 2022 season will be; T-ball, 8U baseball, and all softball levels. 10U, 12U and 14U baseball teams will all be split.

All coaching positions have been filled at this time. Melissa Pientok motioned to approve all of the coaches for the 2022 season. Brittany Halama second. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Coaches meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 16 at 6:30pm in the Whitehall Schools Commons.

Concession stand/volunteer policy for members –

The new concession stand/volunteer policy for members was reviewed and discussed. This policy will required each family of baseball/softball players to volunteer for a minimum of 2 shifts (per child). T-ball players will be required to volunteer 1 shift (per child). Failure to fulfill the required shifts will result in a fee of \$50 per missed shift. This would be invoiced to you at the end of the season and will be carried over to following seasons until paid.

Stephanie Sartor motioned to approve the new Concession stand/volunteer Policy for Members. Derek Bell second. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.

Equipment needs –

There are minimal new equipment needs this season. The items we do need to replenish are game balls, and ice packs for our first aid kits.

Other –

Picture day for our spring teams will be sometime in May. Abbie Herman will be taking these photos. She will update us more as we get closer.

WAYA will be participating in a Falls Meat Fundraiser. Coaches will hand out fundraiser forms to players. Forms will be due April 24th. Pick up day will be May 14th at Falls Meat. WAYA staff will be assisting in distribution that day.

WAYA will be hosting a 12U baseball tournament on May 21. More details to come.

Sports engine fan store updates were reviewed from the January meeting.

The new owner of Whitehall Specialties, Rick Peterson, would like to cover the cost of the new jerseys and hats for the 8U-14U teams, which will include the new Whitehall Specialties (Ornua) logo. This will mean that all players will receive a new jersey at no cost to them!

Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods, as well as the Bell family will each be sponsoring one T-ball team. Ornua has also decided to pay for all of the hats for the 8U-14U baseball/softball teams as well. A motion was made by Kelly Kaufman to allow each player a limit of one hat if they would like. Second by Derek Bell. Due to there being no quorum for the January meeting this motion is not passed. A new motion was made by Kelly Kaufman to allow each player a limit of one hat if they choose to receive one. Second by Melissa Pientok. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.

Next meeting date will be April 10 at 5:30pm in the Whitehall Schools commons.

Melissa Pientok motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Brittany Halama.