

WAYA Monthly Meeting - May 2022
May 1st, 2022
Whitehall Schools - Elementary Commons
6:30pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Katie Johnson. Roll Call was taken, Katie Johnson, Derek Bell, Dan Klidzejs (late), Stephanie Sartor, Kelly Kaufman, Brittany Halama, Koren Stevens, Becky Nordahl, Kelly Giedd, and Susie Zambrano were present. A quorum was established.

Meeting Minutes from March 7 were approved with a motion from Brittany Halama and a second from Stephanie Sartor, all were in favor and motion carried. April Monthly Meeting Minutes were tabled by President Katie Johnson for further review until the June Monthly Meeting.

Treasurer Dan Klidzejs arrived late to the meeting and was unable to provide a current Treasurer's Report. Dan advised he would prepare the report and send via email. The May Treasurer's Report will be reviewed for approval at the June Monthly Meeting.

Treasurer Dan Klidzejs advised the WAYA Board of his resignation effective "the end of May" due to a change in residency. A board seat will be open for the remainder of Dan's term, beginning June 2022 and ending July of 2024. The Board collectively wished him and his family luck and well wishes.

An interim Treasurer was elected for the remainder of the Membership Year as officers are elected yearly. Vice President Derek Bell nominated Board Member Koren Stevens as Interim Treasurer. Koren accepted the nomination. Board Member Kelly Kaufman second the motion. All were in favor and Koren Stevens was motioned as Treasurer.

An update on the Falls Meat Service Meat Bundle Fundraiser was provided by Program Coordinator, Becky Nordahl. She informed the board that over 100 families participated and over 1,650 bundles were sold. WAYA's benefit from this fundraiser will result in roughly \$9,000 from Falls Meat Service of Pigeon Falls, to be officially determined by Tim Brueggen. A reminder was given for the Meat Bundle Pickup day on May 14 from 9a-11a at the Pigeon Falls Park upper Parking Lot.

WAYA intends to begin communication with the City of Whitehall regarding the City's contribution to the condition of Larson Park. WAYA's points of interest include but are not limited to: creating a 3-5 year plan to gradually contribute financially to improvements to the park's ball field, concession stand and announcer's booth, and playground. The suggestion to potentially buy Larson Park from the City of Whitehall was also brought to attention. The City of Whitehall will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 10th where these discussions will be brought to the City's attention on behalf of the WAYA board.

Brittany Halama and Kelly Giedd are planning on creating an official Volleyball League for 5th and 6th graders. 5th and 6th grade seasons were previously determined by communication between communities to schedule games. This has proved to be a frustrating process for our coaches as communication is sparse. Providing a league to WAYA families and youth athletes in our surrounding communities will ease the scheduling process and provide a realistic volleyball season for our members entering the Middle School sports world. A 4-day clinic is also in the works. This tentative clinic will be 4 days in August and will provide different skills on different days. Athletes can choose which days/skills to participate and will be charged \$10/day per athlete. This clinic will not be limited to WAYA members and will be open to all communities.

There will be two (2) full term board positions open starting July of 2022 as Board Members Melissa Pientok and Stephanie Sartor's terms will expire at that time. The Nominating Committee will begin reaching out to potential board members to fill these positions.

Concerns regarding the Dairyland League were expressed. 14U baseball coaches disagreed with the rule that batters cannot lead off until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand as this does not prepare them adequately for High School Rules. There was also concern for the soft rule on the difference in pitching distance based on field size. Our coaches believed all teams should be required to play on the same size field for consistency. 14U baseball coaches were advised to contact Chad Duerkop, Dairyland League Director, regarding negotiation of rules. President Katie Johnson offered her assistance with communication as needed. Game Schedules arriving late was also brought to the WAYA Board's attention. Program Coordinators, Katie and Becky, have been in contact with Dairyland League Director, Chad Duerkop regarding schedules. He advised he would have schedules completed by Monday, May 3rd. Coaches will receive these schedules as soon as Katie and Becky confirm there are no conflicts with field availability.

A scholarship was submitted for approval. Approval was motioned by Dan Klidzejs with a second by Stephanie Sartor. All were in favor, motion carried.

It was brought to the WAYA Board's attention that an 8U player was playing up at the 10U level without pre-approval. Stephanie Sartor motioned that the 8U player playing at the 10U level be brought back down to his appropriate 8U level, due to 10U numbers, the 8U player was not needed at the 10U level. Susie Zambrano second Stephanie's motion. 7 votes were in favor, 1 vote was opposed. Motion carried.

The June Monthly meeting is set for June 5th, 2022 at 6pm at the Whitehall Schools.

*Ammended date: Sunday, June 12th, 2022 at 6pm at the Whitehall Schools.