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Annual Meeting Agenda

July 13, 2022

6:00pm

Whitehall Schools Auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm in the Whitehall Memorial Schools Auditorium. Roll call was taken, and board members were introduced to the public. Board members present were Derek Bell, Koren Stephens, Sami Becker, Melissa Pientok, Stephanie Sartor, Kelly Giedd, Jason Price, Kelly Kaufman. Along with President Katie Johnson, Program Coordinator Becky Nordahl, and Community Advisory Member Susie Zambrano. Community member Jeremy George motioned to establish a quorum. Community member Jake Paulson second. Voice Vote taken. Motion carried.

1. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Reports were review with the most current information had by the new Treasurer. Katie Johnson also spoke about where the donations from this year are going, with a percentage being transferred to our scholarship savings account. Community member Nick Gamroth motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report with the most recent data. Kelly Kaufman Second. Voice Vote taken. Motion Carried.

Donations were reviewed and donors were thanked. Community members did make a recommendation of having a possible Audit Committee. Board thinks that is a great idea.

b. Board Report on Participation

The participation numbers for the 2021-2022 year were reviewed. The numbers varied slightly in both direction this year, with some sports/teams having a few more, and some having just a few less. Overall good numbers. In baseball/softball we had 210 participants, which is up slightly from last year.

c. Questions/Comments on Reports

2. Approve Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting:

The 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were read and reviewed by Katie Johnson. Derek Bell motioned to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes. Koren Stephens second. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

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3. Election of New Board Members (2 open seats)

With two open seats the current board members voted via paper ballots for the candidates to fill these spots. Stephanie Sartor was voted on again, and the second seat was a tie. After another paper ballot vote, Nick Gamroth was voted to fill the second seat. Both Stephanie and Nick accept their roles as WAYA Board Members.

4. Membership approval of Constitution Changes- The changes were reviewed.

- a. **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP - D.** The Members represent various youth recreation activities within the borders of the Whitehall School District and/or enrolled in the Whitehall School District. **The board is looking at adding: Exceptions to this will require Board approval which will be based on each individual situation until our registration closes. Approval will be determined from sport to sport and roster caps will be considered.**

Community member Jeremy George motioned to approve this addition to Article III Membership, section D. Community member Jake Paulson second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

- b. **ARTICLE VI. DISSOLUTION - para. 2** In the event of the dissolution of the WAYA, all of the assets, after payment in full of all its debts and obligations of whatsoever kind and nature, shall be donated and divided **evenly** between the Whitehall Elementary / Intermediate Physical Education Program, The City of Whitehall, Village of Pigeon Falls and Town of Hale/Pleasantville Lions or for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

The board would like to strike out the word “evenly”; and add “based on the utilization and contribution and overall need of each organization. To be recommended by the budget committee, for final approval by the board.”

The board also would like to add the word “perceived” to the first sentence making it state; “In the event of the perceived dissolution of the WAYA...”

Melissa Pientok motioned to approve the changes made to Article VI. Dissolution, paragraph 2. Jason Price second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.



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- c. **ARTICLE VIII. ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION - C. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** - The Fundraising committee is part of our Board and individuals from the Members. Their duty is to solicit funds for specific needs, if any arise, such as equipment for activities. WAYA typically, but not limited to, solicits funds seasonally through business mailings, raffles, concessions and/or tournament admission fees.

The Board wishes to add: The Budget Committee will collaborate with the Fundraising Committee in determining the distribution of allocated funds based on the needs of each sport or activity.

Stephanie Sartor motioned to approve the addition to Article VIII Activities and Operational Information, section C. Kelly Giedd second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

- d. **Add to ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP : G. The Members of WAYA, including its athletes, coaches, board members, and all personnel within the WAYA shall read, understand, sign, and adhere to the “Player/Parent/Coach Contract” at the time of registration and for the entirety of the membership year. Any members of the included sorts who show misconduct in regards to the contents of said contract will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and may be removed from their current sport and/or their membership status may be revoked with no refund. WAYA members will be expected to always represent the organization in a positive manner and while negative situations are sure to occur, they are to reference their signed Player/Parent/Coach Contract which provides steps to solutions.**

Player/Parent/Coach Contract: [Click Here](#)

Nick Gamroth motioned to approve the addition to Article III. Membership. Stephanie Sartor second.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

5. Membership Fees/Per Sport Fee changes

The new recommended fee changes were discussed in great length by the board and budget committee. Currently the discussion is for information purposes only. We will address again later in the future.

We will continue with our registration fee of \$35/player or \$140/Family max per year. Baseball and softball uniform fees for 8U and above will remain being paid for by the families. T-ball shirts will continue to be included in the membership fee. There may be other fees associated with each separate sport (tournament entry fee, clinic fee, etc.)

6. Spring Sports and League Information

President Katie Johnson reviewed the feedback WAYA has received on the new Dairyland League.

There has been both good and bad feedback. WAYA will be sending out a parent survey to all members for their thoughts on how the league went this season. There will be a meeting with the Dairyland League in August or September. At our upcoming coaches meeting we hope to get the thoughts and ideas on the league from our coaches. We look forward to their input in helping us decide our future with the league.

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7. Fall Sports Information

Becky Nordahl and Katie Johnson presented and update on flag football and outlined the season. Registration for grades 3-6 will open on July 14 and run through July 29. There will be 2 mandatory practices held for each level. Team drafts will be held August 6. So far, we have no coaches. We will be utilizing 6 fields this season.

WAYA will again be offering a volleyball clinic for grade 3 & 4. And a 4-6-week season for grades 5 & 6. The idea of concessions was discussed. WAYA hopes to next year form a volleyball league much like our flag football league.

8. Winter Sports Information

WAYA will be offering a 4-week basketball clinic for grades 1 & 2, and 3 & 4. The clinics will run on Wednesdays starting in January, with a showcase event in February.

9. Need for Coaches

At this point volleyball is the only sport we have coaches for. We will ask for the publics help in finding coaches for our remaining sports.

- Background Checks will be completed on all coaches
- Family Exempt from Volunteer Obligations
- Coaches approved by board based on Background Check, experience, other relevant certifications

10. Sponsorships and donation opportunities

The types and ways someone may donate to or sponsor a team were discussed.

Those ways include:

- Monetary
- Sponsor Teams/Clinics (Provide shirts with Logo)
- Tournaments/Concessions
- Other

11. Volunteer Obligations

The current policy from the baseball/softball season was discussed. The current policy is that each family must fulfill 2 shifts per player, with a family max of 4 shifts. If the shifts are not fulfilled the family will be charged \$50 per unfulfilled shift. This will be in place for baseball/softball only, due to the limited need for our other sports for concessions.

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12. Fundraisers

This years Meat Bundle Fundraiser went very well. Almost 100 families participated selling roughly 1,643 meat bundles. WAYA raised \$928.00. The idea of WAYA possibly giving a credit towards family shifts if they participate in the fundraisers was shared.

13. Questions

No questions at this time from public.

14. Adjourn

Melissa Pientok motioned to adjourn the annual meeting at 7:50pm. Stephanie Sartor Second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Donation Thank You's

Badger Stainless	Bell Family	Carol Hanson	Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods
Creative Designs	Days Escape Salon	Epic Whitetail Habitat	Falls Meat Service
Hillbilly Fun Grill & Saloon	Julie & David Warner	KIAZF Services LLC	Kwik Trip
Molis Insurance Agency	Ornuia Ingredients North America	Peter & Julie Fremstad	Pigeon Falls Lions Club
RES-Q-N BBQ	Semingson Arberle Plumbing	Spring Brook Resort Dog Grooming & Boarding	Sylla's Deere Country Acres
Tri-City Sanitation	Tri-County Communications	United Community Fund	Whitehall Beef & Dairy Days
Whitehall Veterinary Clinic	5 Alarm	Randy's Roundup	THANK YOU ALL!!

We may have missed some, but the outpour of support was overwhelming and so greatly appreciated!!

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