

NEW CUMBERLAND YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF October 14, 2021

The meeting of the New Cumberland Youth Baseball Association was called to order on October 14, 2021, with the following members were present: Gary Smith, Jamie Ellenberger, Amanda Lauver, Andrew Ellenberger, Julie Drabenstadt, Jessica Hoke, Jeremy Hoke, Paul Richie, Gary Shirley, and Greg Verbosky.

1. Recognition of Visitors: Savannah Lynch.
2. Secretary Report. The minutes of September 9, 2021, meeting was presented for approval. Paul Richie made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Gary Smith and passed.
3. Health & Welfare. None.
4. League Correspondence.
 - a. Incoming Correspondence. None
 - b. Outgoing Correspondence. None
5. Treasurer's Report. Greg Verbosky presented the Treasurer's Report for the period September 1, 2021, to October 9, 2021. He reported the balance as of October 9, 2021, in our checking account of \$14,875.89. Jessica Hoke made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Gary Smith and passed.
6. Association Business.
 - a. Recognition of Gary Shirley – Gary was presented an award for years of dedication and service by the NCYBA Board and New Cumberland Mayor Doug Morrow
 - b. Fields, Facilities and Equipment. Paul Richie reported the following.
 - (1) Gave last grass killer treatment to Will Cole field on 10/12. Did both fields around the fences, on the grass, around the buildings, on the dirt where there was grass. Should take us into the spring.
 - (2) Will Cole Refrigerator – compressor is shot. Instead of fixing (as it was a donation years ago) there is a coke refrigerator that may be a little smaller at the teener field that can be moved in the spring. McClay field currently has two refrigerators.
 - (3) Jamie Ellenberger reported that more lime/white chalk needs moved to Boro Park. Paul and Jeremy confirmed there is approximately 6 bags at Will Cole.
 - (4) Jamie Ellenberger also brought up that Boro field needs a few base plugs. Paul confirmed that there are extras at Cole fields.

- c. Winter Clean Up. Typically falls on the first Saturday after fall ball ends but Pony level is still playing. Scheduled for November 6th. Facebook post will be made.
- d. Hempt Field (Springer's Lane). Paul reported that this is a Teener field (60/90 field, fences are 300). Red Land shares this field with us as part of the Fairview agreement (along with Roof Park, Mickle, & McCollum). Paul has been in communication with Red Land about adding batting cages and splitting the costs. There is plenty of room to add. Paul has also been in communication with Fairview Township commissioners and they are ok with the project as long as blueprints are provided. Paul would be working with Rob McClure which owns Rogele, construction and intends to take this project on. Julie had suggested that Carmen Fusco also uses the field. Paul stated that he would reach out.
- e. Winter Clinic @ Yellow Breeches
 - (1) Deposit of \$396 was made to reserve on October 8th
 - (2) Dates TBD (Fridays Feb through March)
 - (3) Jamie suggested push for it on Facebook
 - (4) Jeremy Hoke offered to help but can't commit to every other Friday. Jamie is going to check to see if Mike Cerulli can help. Jamie offered to help with younger kids.
- f. Fall-Ball. Paul Richie said no news, no issues.
- g. Pre-Tee Ball Program. Jamie said the program is going well. Paul had reported that he was chatting with a family that had nothing but great things to say about the clinic. The family said they had mentioned our program to other families that are part of other programs that don't offer things like this. They said there may be interest from those families to bring their younger kids to participate in the spring. SUCCESS!!
- h. Fundraising.
 - (1) Julie Drabenstadt said that the Fall Ball sub sales profited \$1,623 (total of 771 items sold)
 - (2) Jamie Ellenberger reported the Fundraiser at Hanna's during the Apple Festival went well and they donated \$100.
- i. Lawn Mower from Weist Hardware @ Will Cole. Push mower works great. Old non-functioning mowers were picked up for scrap.
- j. Halloween Parade.
 - (1) Tuesday, October 19th with participant arrival time 7-7:10. Parade starts at 7:30.
 - (2) Jamie Ellenberger reported the meet point is past Weist Hardware and there will be 3 trailers. Approximately 35 kids participating.
- k. Transfer of bank account & PO Box. Greg Verbosky and Andrew are going to speak to expedite. Paul will get Jamie the combo for the PO Box.

l. Start of '22 Season

(1) Sign-ups

- a. Mike will get class counts from WWSD & St. Theresa as packs of flyers will need pre-counted packs made by class, by grade, by school
- b. Flyers will need sent around the beginning of January
- c. Jamie suggested creating the flyer to direct more online registration
- d. Julie suggested in-person sign-ups can be completed at winter clinic

(2) Sponsorships

- a. Ask local businesses to sponsor teams (shirts) - Hannah's, Tegs, Best Friends, Nicks, Knoll, Semuta's, New Cumberland Federal Credit Union, etc
- b. Paul estimates 4 T-ball teams, 2 Pony, 1 Minor, 2 Major & Teeners
- c. Julie had voiced that we may have an issue with more than enough sponsors
- d. Paul suggested sponsor spots on the hats or even front of the jerseys
- e. Social media recognition – Facebook & website

(3) Uniforms

- a. Paul suggested Artistic Imprints (local – Dan Jones)

(4) Committee Chairpersons

- a. Going forward with the rise in board members we can make this possible

(5) Insurance

- a. Paul will get Gary Smith information on local and Cal Ripken insurance. Bills are due in February

(6) Equipment Inventory

- a. Need to see what we can get returned from all coaches
- b. Need to purge things that don't comply with new rules/regulations
- c. Suggested to organize during fall or spring clean-up day
- d. Need to establish turn in days for coaches after each season

m. Branded Merchandise & Baskets for local raffles.

- (1) Jamie made an NCYBA basket for St. Theresa's silent auction. Included vouchers for upcoming season. Plans to put together 2 more baskets for Hillside's Halloween party
- (2) Jamie asked to get some type of branded merchandise for signups and/or other possible marketing opportunities. Paul said any extras could be sold at concession stand.

n. Revitalization Meeting.

- (1) Julie Drabenstadt asked if we have ever been asked to participate in any meetings. Paul said Brian Koch is on the board at Hillside park project. Gary Shirley stated he had attended meetings.
- (2) Water run-off issue?
- (3) Gary said website is www.hillsideparkproject.com

o. Board Member Activity. Jamie Ellenberger asked our guest if she wanted to become a board member. Savannah Lynch said yes. Gary Smith made the motion to elect Savannah Lynch to the New Cumberland Youth Baseball Association Board of Directors to a term that expires in September 2023. The motion was seconded by Jamie Ellenberger and passed.

7. Business for Future Consideration.
 - a. When and where to hold next board meetings
 - b. League commissioners

8. Motion to adjourn. Julie Drabenstadt made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jamie Ellenberger and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at **7:30 PM** at **New Cumberland First Church of God, 323 Reno Avenue, New Cumberland, Pa in the Fellowship Hall.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Lauver
Secretary