

NEW CUMBERLAND YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF April 21, 2022

The meeting of the New Cumberland Youth Baseball Association was called to order on April 21, 2022, with the following members were present: Gary Smith, Jamie Ellenberger, Andrew Ellenberger, Amanda Lauver, Julie Drabenstadt, Jessica Hoke, Jeremy Hoke, Todd Paradine, Mike Haas, Paul Richie, Savannah Lynch, Alexandra Lester, and Sam Daisley.

1. Recognition of Visitors: Candace Stepp, Jessica Rhayem
2. Secretary Report. The minutes of March 17, 2022 were presented for approval. Savannah Lynch made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jamie Ellenberger and passed.
3. Health & Welfare. Sam Daisley purchased softer balls for his team to prevent injury for a few of his tall kids
4. League Correspondence.
 - a. Incoming Correspondence. Jamie Ellenberger shared that she received approval from New Cumberland Borough to hang a banner on the concession stand at the park. Andrew Ellenberger received a scam email from someone posing as Gary Smith asking to release \$3,800 in funds.
 - b. Outgoing Correspondence. Amanda Lauver indicated that she reached out to Cedar Cliff and Red Land Key Club and National Honor society groups to recruit assistance for the egg hunt and concession stand. She also reached out to Rite Aid corporate office to request another donation of any remaining Easter supplies they have in preparation for a larger event to take place next year.
5. Treasurer's Report. Andrew Ellenberger presented the Treasurer's Report for the period March 1, 2022, to April 19, 2022. He reported the balance as of April 19, 2022, in our checking account of \$10,310. Typical bills were paid, sponsorship money rolled in and we started stocking concession stand. Uniform payments were made.
6. Association Business.
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt. Gary Smith was impressed by the amazing turnout. Lots of activities going on, concession stand was extremely busy (sent Andrew to the bank twice), and the most of the kids had a great time. Lots of people doing sand art and getting raffle tickets. Gary wants to ensure Jamie Ellenberger gets more support next year if she chooses to take it on again. Jamie said she had approximately 2000 eggs and there were kids that did not get any eggs. There was no way to predict the amount of people that showed up. The event was advertised around 4 times for a cost of around \$8. The day of the event had amazing warm weather which also enticed people to come out and enjoy a great time. Jamie said if she continues this, she requires more assistance from current board members on the day of the event and days leading up to it (stuffing eggs, preparing baskets, etc.). Amanda Lauver stated that there were 4 National Honor Society teens

that assisted with the event. Andrew Ellenberger reported that we profited \$275 off selling raffle baskets that were donated by local businesses, \$28 from selling 50/50 tickets, Face painting brought in \$191, and sales from the concession stand totaled approximately \$330. We received a portion of sales from Kona Ice (\$130) and the sand art stand (\$100).

- b. Opening Day. April 23rd @ Will Cole field. Rascal will show up at 11:15. Gary will coordinate with Paul to ensure PA system works so that player intros can be done. Jamie and Andrew to get list of current players on the team to Gary so he can do the announcements. Mike Haas said the equipment is in the back of the cage. Jamie mentioned we need to find the 60ft plugs. Jeremy mentioned there is a metal detector to locate the pegs. Pre-T clinics will start up on Sunday at noon.
- c. Fundraising. Julie Drabenstadt stated that today R&K sub sale forms were due with a delivery date of Monday, May 2nd. She said she selected the Senators game on Friday, June 17th at 7pm. She returned the form today and will receive order forms this week. Julie also reached out to Stauffer's about flower sales to potentially re-visit in the future – possibly mums in fall ball? Jamie Ellenberger mentioned the 5/21 Hanna's day and encouraged all teams to come out. Time is from noon to 4pm.
- d. Concession Stand. Amanda Lauver stated that all the initial purchases were made and that now we are just in restocking mode for hot dogs/rolls. Jamie Ellenberger stated that popcorn is a huge money-maker. Each 1oz bag that gets popped is approximately about \$.11 and we sell them for \$1. We have determined pizza doesn't sell at Will Cole. Jamie asked about the repair to Coke refrigerator at Will Cole – Paul suggested that there is another fridge at the teener field. Gary Smith likes the display and selection that has been set up for Boro's concession stand.
- e. Commissioners Reports
 - a. Paul Ritchie reported that the joining w/ Cedar Cliff has been wonderful. No problem with coaches, kids are playing well – all positive.
 - b. Jeremy Hoke said that everything is going well. The games are fun and competitive, just wishes the rain would ease up.
 - c. Todd Paradine arrived late so Jes Rhayem initially reported that she feels that the Cedar Cliff teams contain younger players and it leads to the other teams getting discouraged playing against us. Paul stated a lot of their 8-year-olds get bumped up to minors. Gary Smith stated that he has heard the Pony Blue team is doing fantastic and was appreciative of the fact that she took over at the last minute and has tremendous success pulling the kids together. Jamie Ellenberger told Jes that she has had multiple parents complement her coaching techniques. Todd Paradine stated that both New Cumberland teams are competitive, and the season has started well.
 - d. Alex Lester reported for that everything is going well for Rookies. Their first game went well but the competition is more “tball” level and the opposing coaches are granting more pitches to their players than what should be.
 - e. Gary Smith said that Tball opening day starts Saturday and hopes that everyone will come out to support them. Everyone has everything they need and the season is right on

track. Jamie Ellenberger stated that some teams only had a handful of practices due to rainouts.

- f. Uniforms. Jeremy Hoke stated that everything has been fixed and the uniforms have been paid for. Gold merchandise has been added to the spirit store. Jamie asked if the verbiage had been removed from below the baseball player logo. Royal blue will stay as an option for purchase.
- g. Sponsorships: Todd Paradine reported that we received the banners. The banner at the Senators stadium needs picked up. Candace Stepp offered to pick it up.
- h. Fields, Facilities and Equipment. Paul handed Andrew an invoice from paint he picked up for the foul lines (approximately \$250). Reminded everyone that bullpens need mowed. Water leak at Cole is fixed. Called to have porta-potty removed. We got the new 'L-screens' they just need assembled. He said he needs the gas tanks filled again at Will Cole, Gary said he would go get it on Sunday. Jeremy Hoke brought up that there is a run-off at field 2 that needs to be fixed. Paul suggested that this is a project that may need addressed after the season. Savannah said in a recent game the coach from the other team was concerned about the ditch.
- i. Picture Day reminder: Tuesday the 26th and Thursday the 28th.
- j. Movie in the Park event at Will Cole. The Sandlot will be played on May 14th. Jamie Ellenberger shared that the event was called out in the West Shore newsletter, and it mentioned that there will be concessions. Jamie will be in attendance to ensure things run smoothly.
- k. Visitors for Nomination to the Board. Gary Smith asked if there were any visitors that would like to join the Board of Directors. Candace Stepp and Jessica Rhayem both showed interest. Jamie Ellenberger made the motion to elect Candace to the New Cumberland Youth Baseball Association Board of Directors to a term that expires in September 2023. The motion was seconded by Andrew Ellenberger and passed by a ballot vote from the board. Andrew Ellenberger made the motion to elect Jessica Rhayem 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 by a ballot vote from the board.

7. Motion to adjourn. Mike Haas made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Candace Stepp and passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2021, at 7:30 PM at New Cumberland River Rescue, 1127 Market St., New Cumberland, PA.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lauver, Secretary