

# **NEW CUMBERLAND YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF December 9, 2021**

The meeting of the New Cumberland Youth Baseball Association was called to order on December 9, 2021, with the following members were present: Gary Smith, Jamie Ellenberger, Andrew Ellenberger, Amanda Lauver, Jessica Hoke, Jeremy Hoke, Todd Paradine, Paul Richie and Eric Weltmer.

1. Recognition of Visitors: Jennifer Paradine
2. Secretary Report. The minutes of November 11, 2021 meeting was delayed for approval due to no quorum. Additional board member arrived. Minutes were approved by Jamie Ellenberger and Andrew Ellenberger.
3. Health & Welfare. Amanda Lauver has recovered from Covid. Gary Smith reported that Josh Zeiders is still in the ICU and someone has set-up donations to ensure his children have Christmas presents. Josh was previously a board member and some of the kids have come up through the program. NCYBA is potentially going to donate towards the cause. Paul Richie reported that Patrick Kline passed away in an auto accident over the weekend. Paul also reported that Evan Semoff has also passed away. We will send cards. Jeremy Hoke reported that Stephanie Verbosky is in the ICU with COVID pneumonia. Donation will be sent if there is something set up.
4. League Correspondence.
  - a. Incoming Correspondence. Amanda Lauver reported that she did not receive any incoming correspondence. Andrew Ellenberger received the Certificate of Insurance from Gunn Mowery. Paul Richie will send email to Gunn Mowery to introduce Gary Smith as new contact. Amanda Lauver asked if we would need to send the COI anywhere. Paul Richie answered that he would suggest putting copies of the COI in concession stands if it is ever needed. Amanda Lauver asked if we would ever need to supply to any tournaments and Paul Richie said the insurance through Ripken covers that. Andrew Ellenberger also reported that we received a letter from the New Cumberland library asking for a donation. Paul Richie said we've never sent a donation previously. Andrew Ellenberger also reported that we received something from the New Cumberland Business and Professionals group about a spring community day with no details. Gary Shirley was previously at the meetings, unsure if anyone on NCYBA board wanted to join to keep in the loop.
  - b. Outgoing Correspondence. none
5. Treasurer's Report. Andrew Ellenberger presented the Treasurer's Report for the period November 1, 2021, to November 30, 2021. He reported the balance as of November 30, 2021, in our checking account of \$12,513.52. He also reported that there was a returned check from Future Stars stating that the account was closed. This resulted in a \$20 fee. Andrew Ellenberger sent letter to their P.O. box to inform them that there is a balance due. Paul Richie said he would reach out to Jr. Colts regarding this matter. Since there is no quorum, the report could not be voted on for approval.

6. Association Business.

- a. Fields, Facilities and Equipment. Paul Richie reported the following.
  - (1) Need to go through and ensure all coaches returned equipment from spring and fall. We don't necessarily need it back right now but we do need an inventory list so we know what to buy.
  - (2) Fall clean-up went well
  - (3) Paul Richie mentioned about possibly having the school district assist in maintenance of Hillside field since it is owned by them and used by the schools as well. Possibly draft letter for financially supplying weed killer.
- b. Spring Sign-ups – School Flyer Distribution. Jamie Ellenberger reported that the flyers are still waiting on the in-person date to be approved, otherwise its ready to be printed. She also reported that the website is live for sign-ups and that there was an email and Facebook post for early bird discount. The \$10 early bird discount is through the end of December and the sign-up deadline is February 19<sup>th</sup>. The flyer will go out in early January to West Shore School District.
- c. Dick's Sporting Goods. Paul Richie reported they will give us a \$1,000.00 in the form of 2 vouchers with codes on them for the league to buy equipment.
- d. Sponsors for Spring. Gary Smith stated that current sponsors are probably still good. He asked if there is anyone that currently chairs this, and Paul Richie responded that he and Julie Drabenstadt typically co-chair. Gary Smith also stated that we just need to figure out what sponsors will remain with us moving forward and what that looks like for them - such as signs, shirts, social media, etc.
- e. Uniform Provider. Gary Smith proposed to make a decision on uniforms due to time constraints after sign-ups. Gary asked if there were any other uniform provider suggestions other than Haas or Artistic Imprints. Paul recommended Artistic Imprints due to the drop off location and higher quality. Todd Paradine doesn't have a preference which provider we go with as long as uniforms are on time. Gary Smith is open to taking on this responsibility.
- f. Winter Clinics. Will be between January 14, 2022, and February 18, 2022, on Friday nights only from 6 PM to 7 PM at the Yellow Breeches. Jamie Ellenberger reported 9 spots filled at this point. There is a sign-up on the website and Andrew Ellenberger said they put a sign-up spot for coaches/volunteers. Jamie Ellenberger confirmed she will attend every week and help with the younger children. Eric will be able to make most of the dates and help with the older kids. Jamie Ellenberger said that Mike Cerulli has informed her he will be able to help with a few dates as well
- g. Ripken. Gary Smith asked Paul Richie about what we need to do about staying or leaving Ripken, as well as the timeline. Paul Richie said you may charter a league up to a couple weeks before the end of the season. We have always chartered in January or February in years past. You would need to indicate how many rec teams you have and that starts your profile. This opens post-season tournament opportunities as well as being eligible for their insurance

program. Todd Paradine questioned the boundary line. Paul Richie said there has always just been an agreement that any kids that feed into Cedar Cliff can play for either New Cumberland or Cedar Cliff. Boarders have never been discussed but all it would take is an email to Ripken to have this looked into. Mentioned possibility of beginning a travel team. Talked about potentially engaging with Camp Hill's program. Todd Paradine recommended putting together an All-Star league for extra games, etc. Gary Smith asked if we would like to remain with Ripken as opposed to being unaffiliated. Eric Weltmer made the motion to remain with Ripken. The motion was seconded by Todd Paradine and passed.

- h. Board Meeting Day/Time/Location. New location was unanimously agreed to use New Cumberland River Rescue going forward based on approval. Jamie Ellenberger will reach out and follow-up. Going forward - meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Todd Paradine made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Hoke and passed.
- i. Livestream. Paul Richie suggested live streaming upcoming board meetings to 'invite only' for any interested parents that would like to participate but can't make the meeting. Board members would need to be physically present to vote.
- j. Commissioner nominations for 2022 season
  - (1) Pre T-Ball – Gary Smith nominated Jamie Ellenberger
  - (2) T-Ball – Jeremy Hoke nominated Gary Smith
  - (3) Pony – Jamie Ellenberger nominated Mike Cerulli
  - (4) Minor – Gary Smith nominated Jeremy Hoke
  - (5) Major – Jess Hoke nominated Paul Richie
  - (6) Teener – Gary Smith nominated Eric Weltmer
- k. Visitors for Board Consideration. Gary Smith asked our guest if she wanted to become a board member. Jennifer Paradine said yes. Gary Smith made the motion to elect Jennifer Paradine 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.

7. Business for Future Consideration.

- a. Eric Weltmer said Teeners is an issue regarding boarders in the spring
- b. Concession stand/ concession stand manager
- c. Team mom meeting

8. Motion to adjourn. Jess Hoke made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Hoke. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2021, at 7:30 PM with the tentative location at New Cumberland River Rescue, 1127 Market St., New Cumberland, PA.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Lauver, Secretary