

# **Palmer Township Athletic Association General Membership Meeting**

Via Zoom

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Call to Order:** 8:06pm

## **Members Present:**

Chris Oraschin, Brian Rinda, Chuck Romfo, Eddie Lozano, Lisa Bowman, Jeff Bowman, Mark Cosover, Bob Smith, Jeff Vincent, Matt Rusnock, Craig Conner, Jerry Hudgins, Jen Swinsburg, Allison Philips, Maureen Rinda, Greg Lapham, Bill Stocker, Larry Ringhoff, Dave Dumpel.

**Motion** by Eddie Lozano to accept the November minutes. Second by Craig Conner.  
**Passed.**

**Motion** by Craig Conner to accept the treasurer's reports. Second by Dave Dumpel.  
**Passed.**

## **Sports Reports:**

### **Lacrosse:** Eddie Lozano

Season cancelled. Practices started in early March. \$2000.00 spent on equipment this season will be used for next year. \$700.00 in league fees being returned. Equipment and uniforms still need to be returned.

### **Soccer:** Dave Dumpel

Team commitments due August 6<sup>th</sup>. Rosters are due Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. Everything is on hold.

### **Basketball:** Bill Stocker

Season was ended by the league before the playoffs started due to COVID-19. Equipment and uniforms still need to be returned. Unused referee monies being returned with approximately 15% received to date.

### **Field Hockey:** Maureen Rinda.

Waiting on the state to open up before decision by league on the fall season is made.

### **Softball:** Brian Rinda

No checks paid. No motions made. Purchased 114 uniforms from last year's budget. League will focus on fall softball.

**Baseball Upper Level:** Matt Rusnock.

There has not been any communication from Jr/Sr Legion about the upcoming season to date. Bushkill valley will play if we are green by June with a modified schedule.

**Baseball Lower Level:** Jeff Bowman

Season cancelled due to COVID-19. No registrants participated in practices or games. Fall ball might have 2 teams in the Cal Ripken League. Any equipment purchased will be used in the 2021 season.

**Wrestling:** Lisa Bowman for Dave DiSora.

Two senior wrestlers, Brett Scalzo and Colby Duffy, who went through the Palmer program are graduating from EAHS. Taking donations for door decorating and snacks as a treat for kids who wrestled all through the Palmer program. No uniforms have been turned in to date.

**Cheering:** Jen Swinsburg

Waiting to see what happens with football.

**Football:** Mark Cosover

League wants to have a season and is waiting to see what the PIAA and schools are doing. Mini camps are cancelled. Coaches meetings are taking place via zoom

**Fundraising:** No report

**Board Report:** Chuck Romfo

Reimbursements went out to all spring sports registrants. Over \$40,000.00 was refunded, which cost approx. \$2500.00 in processing fees. Switching from Stack Sports to Team Snap for our registration system. Building a new website that will include master scheduling, stats and standings. The goal is to increase website traffic. Switching from Trusted Employee to Project Youth Sports. New background checks will cost \$15.00 per coach. Palmer days is in limbo. Waiting to hear from the township on what items we can sell at the wine tent. Registration will not open for fall sports until there is a seasonal plan from each league.

**Motion** by Allison Phillips for \$300.00 for background checks. Second by Craig Conner.  
**Passed.**

**Minotti-** 13 students received the scholarship this year. The committee may do a virtual presentation.

**CoachFest-** is cancelled.

**Bylaws** – Third and final reading of the changes to the bylaws. With this reading the bylaws are so amended.

Section 3: The Board of Directors will consist of **seven (7)** members including the Association's President, who will serve a two (2) year term, the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will each serve one (1) year terms. One at large active Association member will be appointed by the President who will serve a two (2) year term. **Two** At-Large Active Association members will be elected by the General Membership by a simple majority vote; one (1) who will serve a two (2) year term and **one (1)** to serve a one (1) year terms ~~each on the Board of Directors~~. See Article IX Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors for a detailed structure of said Board.

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of **seven (7)** members including the president, who will serve a two (2) year term, the vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Association, who will each serve one (1) year terms. The president shall appoint one (1) at large active Association member to the Board, who will serve a two (2) year term. **Two** Active Association members will be elected during the December elections (as per Article XII) by a simple majority vote. One will be elected to a two (2) year term and the remaining ~~two~~ individuals will ~~each~~ be elected to serve one (1) year terms ~~on the Board of Directors~~. Association members can only run for either the two (2) year term or the one (1) year term during the same election.

### **New Business**

Township supervisor Bob Smith gave a COVID-19 report. Two weeks ago the township started to slowly reopen in accordance with state mandates. Parks, sewer, and road departments are staggering times that they will have people work. Those departments did not hire any part time help for the summer. Palmer pool is ready to open with a 25 person capacity including employees. Charles Chrin Community Center will remain closed. All park bathrooms are open. Basketball hoops will go up half court only. All fields are being maintained and dragged. Old press box at the football field has been removed. 25 feet will be added to the pole barn at the football field to act as the new equipment storage facility, and will be heated. Getting quotes for re-sodding the football field between the hash marks only. Initial plans for the field house are on schedule and awaiting final approval. Approximate cost \$650,000.00. Construction is slated to start the end of the 2021 fall season. Getting quote for replacing the lights at the football field to LED lights and adding lights to the baseball field at Fairview Park.

**Motion** to adjourn 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted

Doug McTighe

Secretary