

Palmer Township Athletic Association General Membership Meeting

Via Zoom

February 18, 2021

Call to Order: 8:06pm

Members Present:

Mary Sook, Chuck Romfo, Doug McTighe, Craig Conner, Dave Dumpel, Lisa Bowman, Jake Ruggles, Dawn Ackerman, Donna Cohen, Matt Rusnock, Brian Weiss, Chris Ritter, Eddie Lozano, Jen Swinsburg, Tina Walton, Kevin Walton, Bill Stocker, Jeff Vincent, Allison Phillips.

Motion by Eddie Lozano to accept the January minutes. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed**

Motion by Jen Swinsburg to accept the January treasurer's reports. Second by Dave Dumpel. **Passed**.

Sports Reports:

Lacrosse: Eddie Lozano

74 registrants. 11 teams in each division. Coaches meeting coming up. League meeting Tuesday. Moving forward with season. League has mandated adding shields to the helmets as a COVID-safety policy.

Motion NTE \$750.00 for league fees, referee assigner, and face shields. Second Brian Weiss. **Passed**.

Soccer: Brian Weiss

Over 100 registrants. Keystone shed Eagle Scout project is 95% complete. Chris Ritter thanks the PTAA for the championship jacket and our support.

Basketball: Dave Dumpel

To accommodate the request of the Chrin Center to host PIAA wrestling on February 20, 21 & 27, 38 games and approximately 20 practice sessions had to be rescheduled. Chrin center offered and PTAA accepted \$1000 as compensation, which will be split with the Nazareth basketball program.

Motion for \$180.00 to reimburse Allison Phillips for HS aged girls referee fees. Second. Brian Weiss. **Passed**

Season will wrap up on March 7th.

Field Hockey: No report.

Softball: Jake Ruggles

23 registrants. Looking to keep registration open as long as possible. Numbers are down across the board. Looking at combining teams with other townships. Meeting with Darren Cox about field lining. Using SuperSass for scheduling. Talking with Lafayette College about running coaching clinics.

Baseball Upper Level: Matt Rusnock

Bushkill Valley is moving forward with the 7/8 grade season. Junior Legion will not have a season due to low registration numbers. Palmer Junior Legion will join Connie Mack. Senior Legion will have a season.

Motion for \$250.00 for Bushkill Valley umpire all-star and hats. Second Craig Conner.
Passed.

Baseball Lower Level: Jeff Bowman

52 registrants. 19 for tee ball. Estimating 2 teams for each level. GEABL board new covid guidelines will be based on what Bushkill Valley did last fall plus CDC and The State of Pennsylvania recommendations. New Jersey teams cannot play in Pennsylvania based on guidelines developed by the State of New Jersey. The league will have two separate divisions one for PA and one for NJ. Palisades and Tinicum Township joined the league.

Wrestling: No report.

Cheering: Jen Swinsburg

Looking for a coach for the younger teams.

Football: Mark Cosover via text

Kids were presented with their championship sweatshirts last week. Thank you to the PTAA. League meeting is 3/24. Would like to open registration no later than 5/1
Offseason minicamp tentative dates: 5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/13

Fundraising: No report

Equipment: Mary Sook

12 People are needed to help move the shelving from the field house to the pole barn.
Dates to be announced.

Board Report: Chuck Romfo

Minotti

Lisa Bowman returned all of the checks. Most parties reissued the checks under the new name.

New Business

Commissioners need to get their capital improvement projects in to the board.

Final reading to amend the by-laws to increase the board of directors from 7 to 9 members.

Article V Meetings: Section 2:

Special general membership meetings of the Association shall be called by the President, or eight (8) members of the Board of Directors or one-third (1/3) of the active general membership.

Article VI Officers: Section 3:

The Board of Directors will consist of seven (9) 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. Four 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 the remaining individuals will be elected to serve one (1) year. See Article IX Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors for a detailed structure of said Board.

Article VIII: Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (9) 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. Four 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 individuals will be elected to serve one (1) year. Association members can only run for either the two (2) year term or the one (1) year term during the same election.

With this reading the bylaws are so amended.

Chuck Romfo appoints Craig Conner to the 2 year position and Dawn Ackerman to the 1 year position.

Motion to adjourn 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McTighe

Secretary