

Palmer Township Athletic Association

General Membership Meeting

February 17, 2022

Charles Chrin Community Center

Call to order: 8:04 PM

Members Present:

Dave Dumpel, Chase DiNardo, Matt Rusnock, Brian Weiss, Lyne Blodgett, Jeff Vincent, Chuck Romfo, Craig Conner, Dawn Ackerman, Laura Bachman, Jen Swinsburg, Doug McTighe.

Motion: by Brian Weiss to accept the January minutes. Second by Gator Connor. **Passed**

Motion: by Craig Conner to accept the January treasurer's report. Second by Dawn Ackerman. **Passed.**

Sports Reports:

Lacrosse: Laura Bachman

Motion for \$4298.00 for boys LAX ref fees, balls, league fees, chest protectors, USLAX membership, Girls League fees and helmets. Second Dawn Ackerman. **Passed.**

Running a K-2nd grade program. Looking for coaches. Disposed of all old equipment. Girls 5/6 coming back to Palmer from the EASD middle school.

Soccer: Brian Weiss

Motion NTE \$2500.00 for spring season tee shirts. Second Craig Conner. **Passed**

Basketball: Jen Swinsburg for Bill Stocker

The CBL once again didn't not put the full schedule out complete and had teams playing less than their original 12 games. Allison, worked very hard to organize and contact all the other organizations to request and schedule games so that all Palmer teams would have their 12 games. It's was a very challenging task and she did a great job in achieving it and securing a full season for our teams.

We are in serious talks of joining another league next year as this one just cannot get

their stuff together. The regular season is looking to end the weekend of March 5/6. With playoffs starting the following weekend and going to two weeks ending the weekend of 21/22.

Motion: NTE \$400 for league fees for two (2) 11th grade teams. Second by Jake Ruggles.
Passed

Field Hockey: No Report.

Softball: Dawn Ackerman for Jake Ruggles

Softball registration is in full swing. Numbers for us are about average across the league. We have a league zoom meeting this coming Sunday. This Sunday will also end the EAHS pitching clinic. It grew from the initial start and I was very pleased on how it went despite not having it the past few years. My recommendation would be to have the net proceeds (after facility use fee) all go towards the EAHS softball booster program. This was discussed at our last meeting, and I understand the townships stance on clinics, etc. We are not talking about an enormous amount of money and it is more than a logistical nightmare for the commissioner to reimburse all these parents (or decipher Forks and Easton parents vs. Palmer). I do have a sheet with all who paid but moving forward I do not see this as a viable accounting method. Again, I would much rather the monies go into the booster club in lieu of only reimbursing the Palmer families. This is just my interpretation of how it went and what would be easiest for all involved. I will leave it up to the powers to be, however.

Upper Baseball: Matt Rusnock

Will have 3 divisions this season. Three dozen hats left over from the fall. Will use fall jerseys for the spring season. League meeting coming up. New hats for Connie Mack Lehigh Valley. Senior Legion needs hats, baseballs, and jerseys.

Motion NTE \$5346.00 for hats, baseballs, jerseys and hats for CMLV. Second Craig Conner. **Passed**

Lower Baseball: Dawn Ackerman for Greg Duff

We currently have 85 registered for lower baseball. We had 110 register last year, so I am hoping that many families are just waiting until winter sports are over. There has not been a GEABL league meeting set at this point. I have a coach's clinic scheduled for March 5. I will also be holding an opening coaches meeting in March, date and time are TBA. Equipment will be in over the next few weeks, and I am in the process of ordering shirts for the younger levels. I am shopping around, and will motion for all of that at next month's meeting. Thank you!

Cheerleading: Jen Swinsburg

Looking for a commissioner. May 1st registration opens. Looking for coaches.

Wrestling: Chase DiNardo

Vuel over. Great season. Novice had six take medals including 2 female wrestlers. JV 3 boys medaled. Varsity had 5 boys Medal. Wrestlers now competing in individual tournaments.

Motion for \$475.00 for League fees. Second Dawn Ackerman. **Passed.**

Football: Craig Connor for Mark Cosover via text.

May first registration opens. Looking at having spring mini camps.

Motion for *83.14 for helmets to Riddell. Second Dawn Ackerman. **Passed.**

Fundraising: Mary Sook

Sport Parent Survival Kit Raffle: 3 Soft Yeti Coolers are on order (received at a discounted price, retail value \$80), awaiting link for payment, will include \$25 Wine and Spirits gift card and \$25 Easton Beverage gift card per cooler, will be raffled off. Need to apply for small games of chance license. Ticket price TBD.

Motion by Jen Swinsburg for 254.34 for Coolers. Second Brian Weiss. **Passed.**

Motion by Craig Conner for small Games of Chance License Fee in the amount of \$125.00 made payable to Northampton County Treasurer. Second Jen Swinsburg. **Passed.**

Hats- Sold all baseball caps, 5 beanies remain. Five Below- Ran 2/4-2/11, awaiting total.

Equipment: Mary Sook via Text

If any spring sports need to get in the equipment room soon I cannot commit to anything the week of Feb 28. Any idea when power will be back on? I know the generator is still there.

Would like to purchase organizational caddy for the lacrosse sticks (\$54.00)

Motion by Jen Swinsburg for a Lacrosse caddy NTE \$70.00. Second Chase DiNardo. **Passed.**

Board Report:

Thank you cards were sent to all restaurants that contributed to the Christmas tree sale.

Motion by Brian Weiss for \$70.00 to the State of PA for insignia report. Second Laura Bachman. **Passed.**

Motion by Matt Rusnock for \$762.50 to Dawn Wells for tax preparation fees. Second Jen Swinsburg. **Passed.**

Motion by Chase DiNardo for \$793.94 to Sports Engine. Second Laura Bachman. **Passed.**

Motion by Matt Rusnock to reimburse Tina Walton \$38.52. Second Jen Swinsburg. **Passed.**

Motion by Brian Weiss for \$21.85 to reimburse Jason Cahn for background check. Second Laura Bachman. **Passed.**

Sales tax exemption has been filed with the state.

Looking at getting three estimates for 4 scoreboards for football and baseball/softball. LVHN will help with the cost.

Team Snap continues to have registration issues. Looking to change vendors to Sports Engine.

Clearances:

73 Coaches, 8 Need to Be Completed, 7 Pending, 7 Need FBI Checks.

Motion: Reimbursement to Jason Cahn for the amount of \$21.85 for his FBI Clearance.

New Business:

Youth center is three weeks behind schedule. Masonry work should be done by March first. Roof should be finished by March 31st.

Motion: to adjourn 9:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McTighe

Secretary

