

Chichester Youth Association

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Clark Thorne - President
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Brian May - Treasurer
Maryellen Fish - Secretary
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Chichester Youth Association

February 10, 2019

6:30 pm Fire Station

Attendance: Clark Thorne, Maryellen Fish, Brienne Stone, John Rokeh, Steve Burris, John Bresaw, Heather White, Terri Lane, Chris Baines, Jon White, Todd Monterio, Joe Strazzeri, Jon Rokey, Kristy Barnaski, David Jobin, Briane May

Approval Of The Minutes: On a motion made by Todd Monterio,, seconded by Brienne Stone the minutes from January 13, 2019 meeting were approved with all members in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance is \$17259.98 (\$1482 designated for playground) and the saving account balance is \$12608.32. On a motion made by Todd Monterio, second by Brienne Stone, the Treasurer's Report was approved with all members in favor.

Commissioners' Report:

● Baseball

- Steve Burris along with 3 others representing Chichester attended Suncook Valley League Meeting in Pittsfield.
 - Rule changes were discussed
 - All baseball scheduling will be handled by someone in Alton
- Coaches are needed
- Low number of baseball registrations tuned in
 - About 5 as of Thursday before the meeting
 - Steve will talk to Brian Beaverstock about making reminder announcement at CCS
 - Heather White reminded the group that in past year sign up day was successful for getting people registered
 - Suggestion was made to have registration forms available at MultiCultural Night. Heather White volunteered to oversee the table

- Most likely not enough registrations will come in for a Majors team. May need to find another town's team for Major Players this year.
- \$600 of the \$700 Cal-Ripken Fee has been paid (owe \$100)
- ***All Stars Tryouts are May 2 and 3 in Pittsfield (U12, U10 and U8)
- Need to talk to Brian Beaverstock about scheduling gym time for baseball practice (in the past gym was used twice per week)
- Interested T-ball Coaches
 - Kristy Barnaski
 - David Jobin
- Softball
 - Low interested, may not have a CYA team this year
- Soccer
 - Todd attended end of year Soccer meeting
 - It was agreed upon at the meeting that Stafford would no longer use student refs. Paid professional refs will be used to ensure safety of the players. We will have to be sure this agreement is upheld during the season
 - Gary(from League) reminded all that background checks should be completed annually
 - Clarke will follow up with Betsy about Background Check process
 - Todd requested consideration from the board for CYA to sponsor some money toward indoor soccer (ex \$600/team, ½ of cost)
 - Must consider impact on insurance
 - A concern was raised about indoor soccer team not being open to all kids
 - Todd indicated multiple teams are possible and suggested CYA sponsor a certain amount per year with max of ½ of cost
 - Board will discuss this idea further
 - Need to talk to Parks and REc about soccer maintenance
 - Talk to Jonny Carr about helping with the fields
- Todd indicated that Jorge of Cambra Soccer Camp is working on improvements and ideas to increase turnout and involvement (suggested he may give back to community, like giving money toward fields)
 - Jon Rokeh spoke highly of the program and would like to see it continue to be offered

Snack Shack:

- Heather White will facilitate scheduling for coverage of snack shack. Coaches will be responsible for filling the spots.
 - Lock box will be easier for people running the store instead of register
 - Heather will shop/purchase new freezer (to be reimbursed by CYA)

Equipment Manager:

- Need New Home Plate
- *****Dick's Discount days March 22 and 23*****
 - Send email alert
 - Add to CYA website
- Dick's is donating \$500

Fundraising:

- Spring Dance
 - Maryellen will get tickets printed (\$15 each, \$30/couple)

Other Business:

- Basketball Skills and Rec Team (Chris Baynes)
 - Chris proposed offering a Basketball Rec league through CYA
 - Great turnout on girls school team and would like to give more opportunity to play, maintain and improve skills learned during seasons.
 - Heather White supports the idea of giving more kids an opportunity to get involved
 - Chris and Jon would like to research existing leagues that CYA may be able to join
 - Suggested potential contacts
 - Shannon Carrigan?, Joe Craig (Capital City), and Seth Little?
 - Bri provide Epsom Youth Association email: EYAAYOUTH@gmail.
 - Board will discuss this idea as more information becomes available
- Working on updates to CYA website (Todd suggested former webmaster may be a helpful resource)
- Heather White suggested we Purchase Balls for park (keep snack shack with deposit/sign out system)
 - May use Dick's donation for purchase
- Ideas to increase community outreach/participation
 - Texting may be a better way to send out information
 - Will look into texting methods
- Will schedule Field Clean up at March meeting.
- Jonny Carr (landscaper) helps with field
 - Talk to him about preparing in-field mix

Adjournment: A motion was made Todd Monterio to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Brianne Stone with all members in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 10th at 6:30PM** at Chichester Fire Station