

CHICHESTER YOUTH ASSOCIATION

CYA

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President – Joe Montambeault

Vice President – Jim O'Rourke

Treasurer – Julie Mercier

Secretary – Jennifer Cassidy

Member at Large – Rebecca Pillsbury

Chichester Youth Association
Minutes from November 17, 2013
6:00 pm
Town Hall

I ATTENDANCE:

Joe Montambeault, Jim O'Rourke, Julie Mercier, Jennifer Cassidy, Jimmy Chiavaras, Jacqueline Hanna, Betsy Purvis, Allison Eaton, Tara Andrews, Emilie Daniels, Tammy Montambeault, Jen Randall, Kris Losey, Harold Losey, Stefanie Berkeley, Ian Berkeley, Joe Strazzeri, Rebecca Pillsbury, Wendy Moses, Nancy DeBlois, Chip Wagner, Joe Bonacorsi, and Cassie Vigue.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Jimmy seconded by Tammy the minutes from October 20, 2013 were approved with all members in favor.

III TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account: \$9,594.52

Savings Account: \$10,359.26

- 1 outstanding U10 soccer tournament payment from another town
- Julie will ask Kevin Kennedy to do our tax return again this year.

On a motion made by Tammy seconded by Jimmy the Treasurer's Report was approved with all members in favor.

IV COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Soccer:

- League to set date for end of year meeting.

Baseball/T-ball:

- Concord Sports Center will be contacted for dates for both baseball and softball – field and cages. If numbers are too high, may exclude rookies. Joe B. to contact CSC for dates.

Softball:

- Discussion about staying in the same league as last year. Consensus was to stay within the same league for the upcoming season.

Snack Shack:

- Allison Eaton and Harold Losey work together as Snack Shack Coordinators
- Questions about selling water at all games – problem with finding volunteers for soccer games. Suggestion about having a vending machine – will look into to see about maintenance and cost (contact Ray Labbe.)
- Suggestion to sell baked goods

V EQUIPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Tara Andrews is the new equipment manager. She has the shed and storage organized.
- CYA jackets – should the back and arm be printed or embroidered. Consensus was to keep with the jackets being embroidered.
- Concern about the soccer jersey numbers falling off when washed and dried. Due to material of jersey, suggested to not be dried.

VI FUND RAISING:

- Joe M. has contacted the Track to see if we can be on the list again.
- Survey comments stated to have more family events. CYA dance and Golf tournament are adult only fundraisers but raise the most money. It is also a good opportunity for the parents to get together without kids.

VII WEBSITE:

- Domain name has always been free but will now be \$15 charge. Board approved to have the name renewed automatically each year.
- Updates still need to be made
- Joe M. to email sponsor names

VIII SAFETY REGULATIONS:

- Joe M. to ask Parks and Rec for fencing or signs to keep kids off. Also ask for more no smoking signs to be posted around the park.

IX OTHER BUSINESS:

- Donation request from Pembroke Jr. Spartans Cheering – Per discussion, Board decided to not donate to this organization
- Donation request from CCS 8th grade yearbook – request should be sent to CYA Board.
- Donation to the Secret Santa of Chichester Fund – CYA will continue their yearly donation of \$250.00
- New CYA Member – Tara Andrews
- To become a CYA member, you must attend 2 consecutive meetings. Once you are a member, you need to attend 2 meeting throughout the next 12 months.
- Discussion about the CYA's mission for players. This was brought up by a formal complaint about a player having to do pushups at a practice. The parent felt it was hazing having the player do pushups for missing a shot on net. After Joe M.'s review, it was not hazing as he discussed the incident with the Coach and other parents from the team. This brings up the point of how we should be coaching the kids. Do we want the kids to learn, be responsible, grow, and be competitive? The answer is yes. Comments:
 - There should be teaching moments as to why the player is running a lap, doing a pushup, etc.
 - More kids are leaving CYA for more competitive leagues/teams.

- Laps, pushups, etc. teaches responsibility, discipline and refocus of what is being taught.
- We want our kids to appreciate their time and effort while playing in the CYA, especially when they get to the high school level.
- Tournament brackets are designed for some teams to have long days where they play back to back games without rest. It all depends on whether the team wins or loses and which bracket you fall into. This will probably never change.
- Question about an A and B team if more than 1 team for a level. CYA will continue to determine even level playing teams as best as possible based on the coach's decision.

X ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Tammy to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Jimmy with all members in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Sunday December 8, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.