**Plymouth Youth Athletic Association**

Tricore

December 16h, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:**

Mike Ames-President

Doug Sass-Vice President

PJ Weber-Secretary

Travis Downs-Board Member

Ryan Arnold- Board Member

Mitch Henschel- Board Member

Jason Eigenberger- Board Member

Rich Rau- Board Member

Rich Flunker-Board Member

Mark Raeder- Board Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Steve Bein- Board Member

Joe Williams-Treasurer

Tim Schweitzer-Board Member

Josh Chapman- Board Member

Frank Arbuckle – Board Member

**Coordinators Present:**

Doug Sass (Horizon League)

Jeff Desoloch (Umpire)

Ryan Arnold (Concessions)

Travis Downs (Junior League)

Mike Ames (Mid-Shore)

Frank Arbuckle (Non Traveling Softball)

PJ Weber (Traveling Softball)

**Coordinators Absent:**

Tyler Gritt (Developmental)

**Guests Present:**

Jeff Desoloch

Dan Knaus

Dave Hein

Roger Jones

Ann Troka

Billy Rau

**7:10PM**-Meeting called to order by Mike Ames, President

**Review of Agenda-**The agenda was reviewed by all present. No changes were noted.

**Review of Minutes-** Minutes were approved by all that were present.

**President Report**

*President: Mike Ames*

* A/B Team Feedback –
  + Need feeback and we are serving community. Our goal is to serve the youth and allow them to play baseball and softball in Plymouth.
  + What is the program’s purpose? Our purpose is to feed the high school. The more the better.
  + We had A and B teams in the past. We received a lot of feedback.
  + Numbers mean everything. Our numbers average 18-25 typically.
    - What is the plan right now (Roger)?
      * Evals first. Pausing formal decision until after evaluations.
      * Split talent at younger ages
      * What’s the best interest of the kids – want to keep and retain talent. Grow develop and advance. We all love the sport and it matters.
      * It can work and it can fail. Kids look up and learn from them. Worry about safety, and struggling about moving people up that are not ready.
      * Junior league needs to be age appropriate. (1st-4th graders)
      * The coaching is everything. It is hard to find good coaches. You are reducing opportunities to learn with an A/B team.
      * Teaching sportsmanship
      * Goal of HS is success the Varsity level.
      * Do we need to amend the bi-laws?
      * As the board changes the programs need to stay consistent and strong
      * Looking at A-B for 7th / 8th grade
      * Our program needs to be crystal clear on our direction
* Lions Club Project – Mike and Travis meeting week of 11-15-21.
  + Enhancement of fields and improvement of atmosphere

**New Business**

* Community Communication
  + Area of opportunity. Engage the community more.
* Lions Club Project
  + Met last month. Overall it went well. One disconnect – the amount of the funding was not what was anticipated. 3 ideas presented. Nut Hill up and running, PYAA fields improvement, make Suttner accounting building into a Beer Garden, or permanent ice rink.
* Strengthening Youth Program
  + How we develop players needs to be adjusted and strengthened.
* PYAA Bi-Laws – Don’t do a good job of clarifying our purpose
* Special Updates:
  + August Field Update - Josh
  + Mower – Mike/Steve
  + Top Dresser - $1100
  + Girls Tournament Location QQO – Mitch
* Baseball Open Gyms for off season – Need owner and dates
* Evals – 8am to 1pm (Sundays the 13th and 20th of February)
  + 5 minute buffers
  + 50 minute stations
    - Can we extend to 3pm on the 13th and 20th? (PJ will talk to Stephani Newbi)

**Treasurer's Report:**

**PYAA Savings: $30310.18**

**PYAA Checking: $17253.06**

**TOTAL: $47562.24**

**Board Committee’s**

**Tournament Committee**

**Members: *Ryan Arnold (Boys), Travis Downs (Boys), PJ Weber (Girls), Mitch Henschel (Girls)***

***DATES SET - 2022***

* ***Boys – 17th, 18th, 19th June***
  + ***Almost full***
* ***Girls – 24th, 25th, 26th June***
  + ***½ full***

**Registration Committee**

***Members: Doug Sass***

* **Link to tournament info / sign up genius? Doug to look into this**

**Evaluations Committee**

***Members: PJ Weber, Doug Sass, Mike Ames, DJ Weber***

* ***End of January/February***

**Sponsorship Committee**

***Members: Mark Raeder, Josh Chapman, Rich Rau, DJ Weber***

**Equipment Committee**

***Members: Steve Bein, Doug Sass***

* **Boys Baseball – 2 uniform sets**
* **Girls Softball 10U and 12U uniform sets 4 sets needed.**
* **Fence sticks for Lone Oak – 4 – 5 needed**

**Fields Committee**

***Members: Tim Schweitzer, Josh Chapman, Jason Eigenberger, Steve Bein***

* **August – New mix has been applied**
* **Northside – over seeding will be done by Tim after football season**
  + **$150 for a bag.**
  + **New mower - $6500/$12000 for fields.**

**Election Committee**

***Members: Doug Sass, Jason Eigenberger***

* No Elections

**Coaches Committee**

***Members: Mark Raeder, Josh Chapman, Mitch Henschel, PJ Weber***

* ***Do we put on a coaches clinic for youth coaches at all levels?***

**Coordinator Reports**

***Mike Ames, PJ Weber (League Coordinators)***

* Nothing at this time

***Doug Sass (Horizon Coordinator)***

* Nothing at this time

***Tyler Gritt (Developmental Coordinator)***

* Nothing at this time

***PJ Weber (Girls Softball Traveling)***

* Nothing at this time

***Frank Arbuckle (Girls Non-Traveling)***

* Nothing at this time

***Travis Downs (Junior League)***

* Nothing at this time

***Concessions (Ryan Arnold, Josh Chapman, Tim Schweitzer, Mark Raeder)***

* Nothing at this time

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 19th - 6:30pm @ Tricore Insurance**

**Meeting End Time:** 9:00pm