**Plymouth Youth Athletic Association**

Call in Meeting

April, 8th 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:**

**Mike Ames**-President

**Doug Sass**-Vice President

**Joe Williams**-Treasurer

**Travis Downs**-Board Member

**Steve Bein**- Board Member

**Rich Rau**- Board Member

**Mark Raeder**- Board Member

**DJ Weber**- Board Member

**Josh Chapman**- Board Member

**Jason Eigenberger**- Board Member

**Rich Flunker**-Board Member

**PJ Weber**-Secretary

**Mitch Henschel**

**Ryan Arnold**

**Tim Schweitzer**

**Board Members Absent:**

Andrew Nass

**Coordinators Present:**

Doug Sass (Horizon League)

Ryan Arnold (Concessions – Baseball)

**Jeff** Dessloch (Umpire Coordinator Baseball)

DJ Weber (Softball Developmental League)

PJ Weber (Softball Traveling)

Steve Bein (Softball Traveling)

Travis Downs (Junior League)

**Coordinators Absent:**

Tyler Gritt (Baseball Developmental)

Melissa Straub (Concessions - Softball)

Randy Schmitz (Mid-Shore)

Mitch Henschel (Umpire Coordinator - Softball)

**Guests Present:**

none

**7:05 PM**-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 reviewed by all that were present.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* *Treasurer: Joe Williams* 
  + ***$26,306.16 - PYAA Savings***
  + ***$15,856.02 – PYAA Checking Total***
  + ***$14,068.91 – PYAA Checking***
  + ***$1,688.01 – Pumas***
  + ***40,974.28 – Total PYAA***
  + ***500.11 – PYB Checking***

**President Report**

* *President: Mike Ames*
  + *Cathy Austin feedback – keep us in know on city rulings on park usage*
    - *Parks can be worked on – just use social distancing*
  + *Delay – Not seeing anything on cutting or killing season*
    - *Hold out until the end*
  + *Spending – people are waiving future year fees.* 
    - *Don’t have season – but need to prepare.*
    - *Spend on low end until we know more*
    - *Tim – will scrape bill august field*

**New Business**

* Lone Oak – Fence approved from April 31st – August 31st
* Mid-Shore League – no new news
* NO organized practice until we have more information in regards to COVID-19 and mandates from State and Local Authorities.
* Dads should be able to take kids to public park.
* No one can use HS fields baseball/softball until further notification
* Paypal 180 days refund policy – Roll over into 2021?
* May 31st – Registration Extension –
* Cancel / Re-schedule all games prior to May 31st
* Group text for immediate info.
* Benches approved at Lone Oak – PJ will send message out when doing work.

**Coaches conference on COVID-19 and Summer Sports/Leagues** – PJ

3000 in attendance over the web. Doctors, CEO's, HS Coaches, Club Coaches, Officials, League Coordinators most involved were from Summer Team sports (Baseball, Softball, Soccer, etc.) from all over USA.

Focus on impact to team sports and league sports in current environment.

No crystal ball here, but good insight on what other programs are doing all over the country -

**Gave a Best Case / Likely Case / Worst Case Scenarios**

* **3 months - June 1st start to season (Best Case)**
* **6 months - September 1st - Kids back to school (Likely Case)**
* **9 months - January start – if another spike happens (Worst Case)**

Economy and Schools coming back will dictate the return of sports and leagues. Need all-clear from federal, state, and local authorities.

Very likely to see changes to all team sports -

* Equipment usage - helmets, bats, catchers gear, gloves, facemasks
* Clothing - batting gloves, headbands, hats
* Food / water bottles - seeds, gum, snacks, etc.

Unfortunate news is that majority of programs nationwide will be rolling over registrations to 2021 for summer sports if no good news in next 30-45 days (May 31).

-This crisis is accelerating trends that could negatively impact team sports.

-Could possibly see shifts in numbers from team sports to individual sports.

-Programs must have a Value Proposition to maintain engagement with student athletes and maintain numbers at this time. When we are able to go again - that could be Free training, Free Camps, Lessons, or Free facility usage to help maintain number of athletes in the program.

-Most are trying to mitigate intermingling with other communities to reduce spread, so it is likely that the re-introduction of team sports will be last to come back.

**WEBSITE UPDATE**

* Get new photos to PJ (Need New Baseball photos)
* Registrations open until May 31st
* New letter / update will be provided by Mike Ames to post on facebook and website. Will email to all in program.

**Old Business**

* **Nothing at this time**

**Board Committee’s**

**Tournament Committee**

**Members: *Travis Downs, Mark Raeder, Mitch Henschel, PJ Weber, Tim Schweitzer***

* Both Boys and Girls tournaments posted on website
* May 31st Cancelation date if needed for both tournaments -
  + BOYS June 19th – 21st
  + GIRLS June 26th – 28th
    - Girls full 8 teams per level – all teams paid
    - 4 sponsors – Culvers, Great Lakes, and Pleasant View Realty, Masters Gallery – All for $250 ea.
    - Boys have a few openings U11 – 4 teams / 12 U 2 teams / 13U 10 interested, 5 paid. 14U 7 paid / Plymouth teams not included.

**Evaluations Committee**

***Members: PJ Weber, Rich Flunker, Travis Downs, Mike Ames***

* Dates / Location – TBD due to current health situation

**Sponsorship Committee**

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

12 emails / 12 phone calls each member – goal for $7-8,000 – New logos for signs

**Decision was made to hold off on contacting potential new sponsors until current situation subsides.**

3 new sponsors

1 cancel / no participation

**Equipment Committee**

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

* 2 Catchers gear sets ordered for developmental fastpitch league from Van Horn.
* Baseball needs heart guard for 2021 season. Mark asking for 2-3 shirts for heart guard. $80 per shirt. $120-160 per chest protector. 7th/8th grade 1st.
* Plymouth – 4th grade uniforms needed. Youth mediums for majority?
* Looking at hats through Custom Craft – with P for baseball
  + Doug working with custom craft for hats and jerseys.
    - 180 hats – $3100 – hold until we know more
    - 2 sets jerseys ($38 ea.) $1276 – approved to order

**Fields Committee**

***Members: Tim Schweitzer, Andrew Nass, Jason Eigenberger, Rich Rau, Rich Flunker***

* Ryan Rusch – used scraper on Gale Grahn fields
  + Randy has been doing work at Loebe / Rex has aerated and fertilized the fields – fill up roller with sand. Wanted to put a cage up. 1 pallet of chalk and ½ pallet of field dry.
  + Toro – went in today for hydraulic leak.
  + Tim will spray fields – Loebe, Rotary, August, and Lone Oak
  + Ryan Arnold – ordering net for Lions Park. $1,450 for new net. (Need to know by next week Wednesday)

**Coaches Committee**

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

* Nothing at this time

**Coordinator Reports**

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

* Nothing at this time

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

* Nothing at this time

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

* Nothing at this time

***PJ Weber, Steve Bein (Girls Softball Traveling)***

* Nothing at this time

***DJ Weber (Girls Softball Developmental)***

* Nothing at this time

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

* Nothing at this time

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

* Nothing at this time

**Next Meeting:** May 6th – 7:05pm or over phone or web – TBD

Doug to set up MS Teams Meetings for next meeting if possible

**Meeting End Time:** 8:20pm