

Pirate Youth Athletic Association
Meeting Minutes for the Organizational Meeting of the Board
C-FC High School Commons
February 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 6:05 p.m. by President Zach Schmidtknecht
2. Roll Call (x denotes that individual was present):

<u>Board</u>		<u>Program Leads</u>		<u>Committee Chairs</u>	
Zach Schmidtknecht President	x	Dan Wicka Football		Jeff Mann Program Development	
Jerry Skroch Vice-President	x	Early (Buzz) Murty Wrestling	x	Steve Scharlau Policy	x
Kalene Engel Secretary	x	Patrick Thorsell Boys Basketball	x	Mark Brone Fundraising	x
Ben Adank Treasurer	x	Randy Knecht Girls Basketball	x		
Jason Becker Facility Coordinator	x	Shelli Brone Volleyball	x		

3. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2014: Motion by Jason, seconded by Ben to approve minutes. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Announcements/Communications:
 - Zach received an e-mail from Mr. Hiebert with the following points to share with PYAA:
 - The streamlined facility use scheduling has been a huge success, with much credit going to Jason and Steve Stoppelmoor.
 - If spring brings bad weather, some of the scheduled youth practices may need to yield to the high school sports
 - Reminder not to schedule non-school sponsored youth practices during junior high sports (golf and track)
 - Reminder not to schedule any optional practices—either have practice or don't have it
 - Encourage youth to utilize the fitness program supervised by Chris Ritscher. Zach will ask Mr. Hiebert for more information about the program
 - John Nett Center availability: Steve Scharlau learned that the John Nett Center in Winona may be available for use for volleyball/basketball practices at no cost. He will check into the details.
5. Review and approval of bills: Motion to approve bills by Zach; seconded by Kalene. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Financial Report (Ben Adank): Replacement checks with dual signature lines have been received, as has a debit card. Current balance in the PYAA General Fund after payment of approved bill is \$1,299.00. Motion to approve financial report by Kalene; seconded by Jason. No further discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Committee/Program Reports

a. Committee Reports:

- i. Program Development : None, Jeff was not present.
- ii. Policy Committee (Steve Scharlau): Steve will meet with Jeff Mann to define program development versus policy. He will also update policy committee team members on committee progress.
- iii. Fundraising (Mark Brone): Mark has eight pages of suggestions/thoughts for fundraising ideas, but is currently focused on the Alumni Tournament, which will be held on April 18th and 19th. A Facebook page has been created and details about the tournament are on the PYAA website. The committee will meet immediately after the board meeting to discuss delegation of responsibilities, procurement of insurance and other details. Larry Gabel is apparently working on the sports program idea with Mr. Hiebert. The Booster Club has agreed to buy the new banners for the gym.

b. Program Reports:

- i. Volleyball: All grade levels have, by agreement of the coaches/parent organizers, merged into one program, with pooled funds and standardized registration. There were some questions about the rationale for doing so, but once people understood that it was for overall program (not individual grade level) sustainability as well as the need to raise funds to stave off facility use fees in the future, the coaches/parent organizers were fine with it. Zach noted that other programs that are not already merged should start thinking long term about where they want to go with a funding standpoint.
- ii. Boys Basketball: No updates.
- iii. Wrestling: The youth tournament was down in numbers of participants but went very well. Zach recognized the Murtys for the great job they are doing with the wrestling program. He noted that the program unity across all levels of wrestling was a good example for the rest of the programs.
- iv. Football: No updates
- v. Girls Basketball: Discussion was had on financial issues involved with merging the grade levels when there were different needs/expectations regarding number of tournaments, etc. Randy will convene the group to start talking about those issues.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Insurance Update: Insurance was purchased from Sadler Sports for the basketball program (both boys and girls). Volleyball insurance will be purchased directly from the volleyball fund once final registration numbers are received. Kalene will work with the Murtys to figure out final numbers for the wrestling

insurance, as some of the wrestlers will have their final practice on February 10th.

- b. Coaches Certification: To qualify for reduced insurance rates, the wrestling and volleyball programs will have at least half of their coaches undergo the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) training. Shelli, Kalene and Buzz have already done the training and feel it is worthwhile. Even if it would not reduce insurance rates for other sports, the training may be something to do from a program development perspective anyway—probably during the late summer.
 - c. Collaboration with Booster Club and PTO: Ben and Kalene attended the January PTO meeting and shared information/ideas about fundraising projects. Jason attended the January Booster Club meeting and reported that the PYAA was well-received as a “junior booster club.”
9. CapX 2020 and Township Feedback: Kalene and Zach attended township meeting in Milton, Belvidere, Cross and Buffalo. The initial message to the towns was to consider giving money to the school as well as the PYAA. Although Milton has some specific needs that might make the donation of funds to the school resonate well with the Board, the other townships do not. After attending the meetings, Zach felt that the better approach would be to have the school step in on its own behalf to seek CapX funding from the townships and have PYAA focus on its own needs. Therefore, he would like to have each program put together a wish list of program needs (equipment, clinic expenses, etc.) and get it to Zach by the end of the month. Kalene will assemble cost information for insurance for all sports. Zach will talk to Dan Wicka (who wasn't present) regarding the “wish list” for football. Zach will then draft an appeal letter to each town board.
10. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kalene, seconded by Ben. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalene Engel, Secretary