



**SYA Board Meeting / Holiday Party  
February 19, 7pm, SES Library**

Attendance: Jess O., Liz, Jen M., Brittney, Bryon, Brooke, Adam, Rebecca, Annie, Zee, Amadelly, Mike S., Dave, Tiffany, Katie, on zoom: Turbo baseball


Bryon called the meeting to order at 7:12pm

(There is a designated Zoom meetings link set up for SYA meetings:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85800939659?pwd=XB4lGX0F1XGf67TYQzqw5TLuse6uLm.1>

Except it keeps malfunctioning during our meetings and saying we have run out of time or run out of allowed meetings – strange since we are paying for the service that we thought allowed for unlimited meetings. **There was a brief discussion about switching from Zoom to Google Meet, which is free).**

1. Wins and Recognition: YAY! to STSD for sending SYA member Dave a mug shot of himself and an invoice for \$25 in exchange for his helping the basketball girls get to the SHS Basketball SYA night! Some members congratulated Dave on this accomplishment, and some feel the school district should be recognized for their efficiency. Great job to Kenny for securing some west side baseball fields. Thank you to the loved ones of Al Snyder who have made about \$200 in donations to SYA in his memory.
2. Quote of the Day: “To live happily is an inward power of the soul.” -Marcus Aurelius
3. Current Accounts / Treasurer report: Brittney has been working on consolidating accounts
  - Checking - \$38,561.44 (Open seasons sports' spend)
  - Savings - \$25,000 (SYA improvement project)
  - CD 1 - \$32,615.98 (Snyder Donation)
  - CD 2 - \$6,114.21 (Longer term, higher return)
  - Total: \$102,294.63
4. President’s Report:
  - a. **Iron Pigs** is coming up (5/9) and Bryon brought up the idea of using a Google Form to keep track of tickets and seats. Several people agreed with using google docs. Brittney helped with this last year and will work on it with Bryon again this year. **We need to start promoting now, as we have 600 tickets to use!**
  - b. Zeffy was set up, it links with our bank, it can be set up to use for any fundraisers or payments. March Madness bracket fundraiser wants to use Zeffy, each program can have their own log in, intro videos. **Bryon will send out invites to all program directors.**
  - c. Recreation Committee: SYA will be going to the Rec Com to ask to use Lindberg Park (again). Grasshopper and Bidy are the only teams the other league needs to sue Lindberg for.
  - d. Should we make shirts for Community Day? A 2026 SYA shirt, for everyone or just for Board (“bored”) members. There was a discussion about making shirts that are not specific to 2026, so we can order in bulk. Several members like that. What should the design be? It was suggested that we hold a contest for a shirt design and the winner gets a free sports

- program registration. It was decided we will run a contest for new shirts: “SYA” has to be on it, it has to fit on a shirt – those would be the requirements.
- e. We got the first version / draft of the new waiver back from our new lawyer (can review later in workshops).
  - f. The football incident: “General Denial” letter was sent this week from the insurance company to make it official that SYA was not involved.
5. Vice President report:
- a. Discount Code Reminder: We can create a new code for each season so that each director can track any discounts to players in separate reports. Additionally, board members and directors are entitled to one free registration per year. If you haven't used your registration yet and need help getting the code, please email Lauren for help ([vicepresident@syasports.net](mailto:vicepresident@syasports.net))
  - b. Spring Permit Requests: Requests were sent to the township on Feb. 15. Lauren will update individual programs if/when she hears back about their requests.
  - c. Mandated Reporter Training: I have emailed Sarah about securing dates for an in-person mandatory reporter training for our programs that do not offer training through their leagues. This is voluntary, but I strongly suggest that everyone goes through this training for the safety of all of our players. At least all Board members should attend.
  - d. Clearances for Spring: Directors with an open spring season should have already received an email from Lauren with a link to upload the required clearances for their coaches/assistant coaches. Please remember to send a separate approved coaches list in prior to the start of your season, even if you have returning coaches who clearances are already on file.
6. Chief Administrator’s Report: Not present
7. Secretary: Directors should send Annie any announcement they want included in March’s mass email. Also let her know if you have any amendments to the January minutes, otherwise they will be accepted as is.
8. Treasurer: Brittney is taking an inventory of what each program needs. We have funds for large expenses if anyone has equipment needs that would enhance their programs now, give that information to Brittney so we can start purchasing what we need.
9. Webmaster: End of season surveys: Adam has completed the generic surveys (see QR code). Surveys will go out via email to all registered program participants. QR codes will be available for directors to use if they want to push out the surveys in other media (in case people are not responding). Directors can add additional questions, just let Adam know what you want and he can customize your program’s survey. The feedback from the surveys will be analyzed and shared with Directors.
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10. New Business:
- a. The School Board met on Feb. 11 to discuss proposed changes to the field at SMS, which involves moving and renovating fields used by Soccer, Softball, and possibly Field Hockey. These changes would impact the 2027 season. We will need to find other fields to use.

- b. Ian R. collaborated on a hat with Iron Pigs, Byron asked whether SYA should buy some to give away at Community Day. We would get the \$34 snap backs, not the fitted. We could ask Ian to sign them and give them as prizes. Discussion ensued and 10 hats will be purchased (for \$340) to be “door” prizes. Brittney completed the purchase during the meeting.

#### 11. Old Business:

- a. Tractors Update: Jen Moll had an update on the tractors we currently have. The 4 wheeler at Franko was taken to LCTI to look at so their students can work in it and fix it (thanks to Adam L.). The Devonshire tractor is working. Laubach’s tractor is being fixed by Josh Gercie’s father (for free!). We may have to pay for some parts, if necessary.
- b. Purse Bingo raffle – raffled off to all attendants tickets to 3/8 PTO event - Bryon won! Congratulations Cramseys!
- c. The budget from last year’s Community Day was reviewed with some discussion about what we could put funds toward this year (like entertainment / food / raffle prizes). \$1000 Community Day budget was approved by all in attendance, although depending on how many sponsors we get, we may not need it all. \$340 has already been spent.
- d. Volunteer Recognition Award from Salisbury Township: should we nominate Frank Adamcik? Nobody objected to nominating Frank. SYA will work on a nomination for Volunteer Recognition Award to Frank.
- e. The 2/21 dance: 70 people total are signed up for the Sweetheart Splendor as of 2/19. Mike is prepared with enough craft activities for 48 kids. If a lot more people show up, he plans to only let a certain number in until he starts charging half price and tell them they can’t eat, since there is only so much catered food being provided. Volunteers are signed up to help: 4 kids from Key Club, 3 kids from NHS, 4 kids from Emmaus NHS. Mike is waiting to hear from Sarah O. to see if the DJ can set up his stuff earlier in the day. Other than that, set up is at 4pm and it sounds like it will be a great event.
- f. Jen Boandl gave us a thank you letter for the contribution to her brother’s funds.

#### 12. Director’s Reports:

- a. Basketball: The 5/6 Girls had an undefeated season!!! Playoffs are starting soon, all 9 teams will participate. In-house started having games, the season will wrap up on 3/5. Becky is putting together the end of year party, the end of season Basketball Bash, on 3/7. Doug Snyder is willing to host clinics for SYA so Jess may try to organize some off season clinics / skills and drills in the summer. She is also considering offering a summer league. Jess has several questions to add to the end of season survey and will get in touch with Adam about those. The STSD School Board approved that SYA can put lines on the SES court, making games much easier, however it was never done. Who can we follow up with? Probably Bill Bracket. We should contact the Sarah O. and ask if she can bring up the request with Bill Bracket.
- b. Cheer: Season is getting longer and longer, looking at competitions for next year that take place in January, February and March. Many cheerleaders are going to private coaches

and/or taking advantage of tumble classes at “All Star Gyms.” Rebecca is opening options for group tumble lessons in March/April for interested girls, per squad. The end of season Banquet is 2/28, final details are being nailed down. The St. Patrick Day’s Parade is the next big cheer event in March, the girls are working on a theme / décor. 12-14U squad got accepted to a UCA cheer camp, which is \$360 per cheerleader: this includes their own cabin and takes place over 4 days/3 nights. The theme is “Game Time.” Cheer is doing more fundraisers specific to this camp. Outfits also cost extra - they have to wear different matching outfits every day. 12 girls are on the list as committed to going. SYA can bring up to 15 girls. Transportation will be a 15 passenger van rental with Rebecca’s husband driving there to drop them off and then returning the van, then repeating the process for pick up (pricewise, this ended up making the most sense). Camp is 8/15-8/18. One of the fundraisers will be “Breakfast with Easter Bunny and Falcon” fundraiser is a new fundraiser she is working on with Sarah O. to get a space for the breakfast. Cheer brought in about \$127 from the Red Robin sales. Rebecca has a mini board who will break down how much they make in fundraisers and how much each girl will need and request funds from the general cheer funds to go toward each girl who attends to cut the family’s costs.

- c. Concessions: Jen needs a new assistant as Devon no longer has kids in “in-house” baseball. At the very least, she needs a designated contact person from In house and from Bidy to help organize the stand’s volunteers, and maybe can open and close the stand when she can’t? Kenny said Donna Ellis will help (she already told Kenny she wants to help with concessions as a possible assistant). Once the weather breaks, Jen will need to start looking at the actual shed to see what needs to be fixed (like the roof).
- d. Field Hockey: Jeremy will cover March’s meeting as Brooke will be traveling abroad. Brooke will be attending the LVYFH League meeting on 3/8.
- e. Football: Jeremy was also volunteered to run the Community Day Football table! Spring Flag registration is open and the link is through my.cheddarup.com. The format is 5 vs 5 coed. Games will be on Sundays from 4/26 to 5/17 at the SHS stadium. Practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15-7pm starting 4/1 at the SHS practice fields. There will be a championship tournament 5/31.
- f. In-house Baseball: Kenny secured 2 field spaces on the West side from the Allentown School District (sidenote: does this location have access to bathrooms?). Registration is open and in good shape. There are 8 committed sponsors so far, 5 of whom have paid. Kenny is still looking for more. They will also **need more head coaches between all three divisions**, although there are a healthy number of parent volunteers returning from last year so that’s good. Lots of kids from 7<sup>th</sup> Gen Charter School have registered. STM is another school that has almost a full team of players. We should focus on advertising at local charter schools. **We need to send the township the updated insurance certificate to get approval for the parade.** Kenny is looking into doing another series of events, with the help of some coaches, where kids can trade / try out equipment and parents can ask questions. All of the fields needs “Spring Cleaning” and Kenny is working with Tiffany and Jen to set up some days for

families to come help clean out the baseball fields...especially at Laubach. Kenny wants to make some 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tee-Shirts (“75 Years of Youth Baseball in Salisbury Township”) but is having some artist’s block and wants to know **if anyone else is interested in designing a “throw back” SYA baseball T-shirt** – maybe SYA should buy them in bulk and then tell our kids to wear them at Iron Pigs.

- g. Soccer: Registration is going well and will be open until 2/28 (or sooner if all teams fill up) – looks like there will be 2 teams at every level except for U9 girls and U15 coed (which is typical). Field permits were requested for Franko and Dodson and Sarah O. was asked about SMS. Field time at SMS will be split with Gore again. The Philadelphia Union soccer team has invited SYA to attend a game on 3/21. SYA is on the “Wall of Fame” at the Philadelphia Union.
  - h. Softball: There are enough registered players for 3 teams so far (10U D1; 10U D2; 12U D2). Tiffany is looking for more a few more players for the 10U teams (ages 7-10). Registration will stay open until mid March. **Tiffany still needs a head coach for 10U D2**, which only has an assistant coach so far. Some Open gyms are being organized to take place on Mondays and Wednesdays at SMS in late March, once registration is closed (waiting for confirmation from Sarah O.). Three League Coaches Meetings are coming up at Hokey Legion (3/24 at 7pm for 10U D2; 3/24 at 8pm for 10U D1; 3/25 at 7pm for 12U D2).
  - i. Travel Baseball: Registration is open – so far Knee High has 14 registered (with 3 pending), Midget has 16 registered (with 7 pending) and Bidy has 8 registered (with 1 pending). Jen might have to move some Midget players up to KH to accommodate two teams at the KH level. There is a free Coach’s Clinic on 3/7. The Connie Mack / Legion budget is pending. She would like to a pin or patch for the CM / Legion uniforms to celebrate and recognize Al Snyder. Jen will continue to try some new fundraisers, like a “Buy a Date on the Calendar” fundraiser (which is less complicated than it sounds once Jen explained it). Probably they are not doing lottery tickets this season. Review of ages for the different levels: Bidy – under 11, Midget – under 13, Knee High - under 16. There will be an apparel sale going on soon, details TBA. SYA Senior Baseball is officially in the PYL.
  - j. Wrestling: Season wrapped up very successfully and the banquet is on 3/20 (5:30pm). This season’s budget will be finalized by April’s meeting. Liz has several families who did not fulfil their fundraising requirements, so she is working with them by offering the opportunity to donate to / purchase supplies for the end of season party, rather than just cashing checks (which is very generous since she could just cash the checks). The new wrestling treasurer is Megan Ogelshock.
13. Workshops: Waiver Draft Review & brainstorming legal questions OR putting together / standardizing binders for Coaches. DEFERRED

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Liz at 8:35pm

Next Meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the SES library.