

Lopatcong Township Athletic Association Meeting  
 July 23, 2019  
 Meeting Minutes

**Call To Order – 8:07 pm**  
**Prayer - Moment Of Silence**  
**Oath Of Allegiance - Flag Salute**

**Roll Call**

Sport	Director	Assistant Director
Soccer	K Tichy (acting)	
Football	E O'Neil	
Strength/Conditioning	D Schaible	
Softball	C Torres (acting)	
Baseball	J Napolitano	K O'Brien
Cheerleading		
Basketball	J Hezel	
President		
LAA Liaison	J Palitto	
Secretary	H Hezel	
Treasurer	M Herzer	L Ciesla

**Guests:** B Weeks, Lopatcong DPW, J Mengucci, Mayor, S Leahy

**Approval of June Minutes –**

Motion: J Napolitano/Second: D Schaible/Motion approved

**Treasurer's Report / Approval To Pay Bills -**

Approval To Pay Bills -

Soccer:

\$432.50 to Destination Athlete for Car Magnets.

\$30 to Jagtar Dhot for multi-player family discount

\$20 to each of the following for multi-player family discount.

Sarah Poliseo, Kayla Teeling, Kathryn Martinez, Nevada Fullerton, Kristin Duaine, Melissa Muir, Pauline Ekeh, Arly Dominguez, Mackenzie Laubach, Eric Johnson, Lisa Snyder, Carrie Korski, Jennifer Fischer, Jennifer Mele, Yahaira Bustos, Amandeep Grewal, & Stacie Ullrich

Fall Baseball:

\$150 payable to LVCRL (Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken League) - Fall League

Softball

\$585.50 to Warren Business Products for Championship Shirts

\$54.52 to Cortney Torres for supplies

Football - Refund \$85 to Rachel Wood

Deposits:

Spring Baseball - \$294 - Shoe Drive

\$90 - Keith O'Brien umpire fee refund

\$500- shoprite fundraiser

Fall Baseball - \$50 (Registration)

\$50 (registration)

\$492.80 softball

\$425 Football

Motion: C Torres/Second: J Hezel/Motion approved

Upcoming Fundraisers for Approval-

Soccer Spirit Store

Soccer Photos

Soccer Potential Concessions at Soccerfest/BiddyFest

Motion: D Schaible/Second: J Hezel/Motion approved

Budgets Submitted for Approval -

Soccer - Fall Preliminary

Motion: D Schaible/Second: J Napolitano/Motion approved

M Herzer addressed the issue of not having balances for directors. He has been spending much time as a forensic auditor going through years of info from the town, B Bisci and bank records to come up with, what he believes, is a true number. D Schaible stated that the directors have been promised this info since last year and J Hezel asked if the accounting would be done by September meeting, otherwise, we should move forward with the plan that was voted and approved in February to bring the general fund to a working level, reducing the balances for all sports using percentages of funds available and give all directors numbers to work with. M Herzer replied that he will get the numbers done by September meeting. L Ciesla offered to M Herzer that if he finds an entry that needs more info, he should sent to L

Ciesla and H Hezel for additional research to move process along. L Ciesla reminded group that audit needs to move forward for 501c3 status/taxes.

### **President's Report -**

Report as submitted in agenda

### **Old Business**

#### Open Positions

- a. Soccer Director – K Tichy will continue as acting through end of Spring 2020
- b. Cheerleading 2020 Season
- c. Softball Director – C Torres will continue on acting director

Baseball Clinic - K Lutz - present estimates for turf, signage and screen will be collecting it once back from vacation-however, may need to hold off since the general fund needs replenishment. The schedule of the sponsor and KLutz has not meshed up to meet just yet. Outstanding deposit to be made within the next few weeks.

Impact Testing for Fall Sports - K Lutz waiting to hear back with CH open dates and hopes to have this week. - table until September. J Hezel will look for a form to use for school mandate of all who use school facilities (Lopat BOE change over summer).

Upcoming Pool Dances - cancelled – J Palitto said nothing was discussed yet by town council.

#### Bylaws vote

Motion: J Hezel/Second: K Tichy/Motion approved

#### Concession discussion of Robert Samson.

Through discussion, R Samson was approved as new concessions director. L Ciesla and M Herzer will set up monetary controls and only ref fees to be paid out of proceeds. R Samson has been made aware that concessions position also may include assistant for other sports within LAA and definitely will encompass Community Day and Memorial Weekend assistance for Veterans events at park. Globes for concession will be removed and only B Weeks and E O'Neil will have access. B Weeks would like a list of all those who have keys for field house as once globes are removed, concessions is more readily available.

Motion: E O'Neil/Second: J Hezel/Motion approved

Tabled discussion from P Segeda about LAA registration refund form. - table until September - directors do want their own refund form.

New background check form to be sent to directors following meeting by H Hezel.

Mail box for LAA - Voting to get a 5 x 5.5 box from Phillipsburg PO for \$176 a year to come out of the General Fund. Will determine who gets keys in August.

Motion: D Schaible/Second: J Napolitano/Motion approved

Back to School Night presence- D Schaible distributed info and offered to work the event. Suggestions were made to distribute old (unused) items from field house, such as seats, shirts (basketball) at table at event.

### **New Business**

Lopatathletic.com "Cheerleading Teams" page needs to be updated so that the grades listed per level are for information purposes only. Teams/Levels are set by the Cheer Director utilizing the number of girls registered, grade, uniform availability and skill, etc.- discussion tabled until P Segeda is present.

Community Day is scheduled for 8/24 from 2-6. All directors will get two volunteers for event. Plan is to sell Powerade, water, pizza and Ritas Italian Ice.

### **Office Reports**

Soccer Report as submitted in agenda

Football Report as submitted in agenda

Cheerleading Report as submitted in agenda

Basketball Report as submitted in agenda

Softball Report as submitted in agenda

Strength & Conditioning Report as submitted in agenda

Baseball Report as submitted in agenda

### Recreation

Community Day – 8/24/2019-See New Business. Also, LAA is now part of Amazon Smile. Should be added to website.

### Subcommittee Reports

1. Concessions – no report
2. Bylaws – see old business

LAA Liaison No report

Trustee Report no report

**Public Comments**

There was a brief discussion on when the fields will be ready for football. B Weeks was working for first home game, however, E O'Neil reminded him that they need lines for practices also. B Weeks reminded LAA that he only has 6 people and with the repaving of roads and summer work, it will be tight, but he will do his best. S Leahy suggested volunteers to run string to cut down time (and doesn't require knowledge of machinery).

Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm

Motion: J Napolitano/Second: C Torres/Motion approved

Next Meeting Date – August 27, 2019 8 pm