

**Lopatcong Township Athletic Association Meeting  
May 26, 2020  
Agenda**

**Call To Order – 7:29 pm**

**Prayer - Moment Of Silence**

**Oath Of Allegiance - Flag Salute**

**Roll Call**

Sport	Director	Assistant Director
Baseball	John Napolitano	
Basketball	Jeff Hezel	Keith O'Brien
Cheerleading	Patty Segeda	
Football	Ed O'Neil	
Softball	Cortney Torres	
Soccer	Ken Tichy	
Strength & Conditioning	Dave Schiable	
President	Shawn Leahy	
LAA Liaison	Jim Palitto	
Secretary	Hope Hezel	
Treasurer		Lori Ciesla

**Guests: Anthony Barresi**

**Treasurer's Report** -L Ciesla is working on refunds. Paypal and Venmo for baseball-done, soccer Venmo to be done. Check order in process and then remainder of checks will be mailed out. C Torres can go back and see if any of her players had Venmo and Paypal.

LAA approved at past meeting to add Shawn Leahy to account. L Ciesla will add Mr. Leahy and keep M Herzer on until Mr. Leahy is officially added.

**Approval To Pay Bills**

Soccer: \$44.64 for Shed Locks - pay to K Tichy

Baseball: \$148.48 - payable to John Napolitano - purchase of 4 "USA" Certified baseball bats for 2 Advanced Rookie teams....

L Ciesla needs to send \$100 to gaming authority.

JH motioned, DS seconded, unanimous

Deposits none

Bills Paid since February Meeting-

Basketball - \$2,839.72 - Lopat Board of Education - Saturday custodial time

Soccer - \$482.89 - Networld (paid to K Tichy); Destination Athlete - \$1127.50 - paid direct to Vendor

### **President's Report**

Next meeting at public location (Rally Point). He spoke to B Weeks at DPW. Mr. Weeks will need three weeks (and probably volunteers to help with football) to get fields ready.

### **Old Business**

Anthony Barresi is interested in taking over for soccer for Mr. Tichy. Unanimously ayeed by directors.

Kristine Pacewicz is interested in taking over for cheerleading. Unanimous ayeed by directors

Contracts

Nothing to report...Covid related

### **New Business**

#### **Fundraising approach**

Mr. Leahy stated challenge is figure out how to reduce costs for families. He is open to ideas. Sport by sport is option or perhaps fundraising by season. Need to come up with some type of plan.

D Schaible liked idea of seasonal. Perhaps can use community day or outdoor activities.

P Segeda spoke about PTA "Fun Run" at the park. Ms. Segeda also brought up Shammy Shine gift card \$4 for every \$10 . C Torres also brings in similar amount for flower sales in spring.

S Leahy felt that the cost of multiple kids and multiple sports tends to be an issue, and the LAA needs to aggressively still attack fundraising and run each sport like a business.

J Napolitano only needs certain items every year. Equipment is an issue for him and umpires (2) for each game.

H Hezel agreed, but stated that many problems with fundraising is getting parents for volunteers

J Napolitano questioned if spring sports work together, how would they divide the proceeds? L Ciesla replied that the proceeds would be broken down in the same percentage of sales by each.

D Schaible suggested if the directors do a different type of fundraiser, they can decide ahead of time what the split is between sports.

H Hezel stated that we just need to make sure that the general fund is replenished year. L Ciesla said the payments from the general fund are insurance and background checks, mailbox fees, checks, and scholarships. With the town contract, CH/LVHN funds and \$5 per player, these costs should be covered without addition funds.

L Ciesla suggested a remote raffle if the sports are not able to play in fall.

L Ciesla stated all directors should come up with an amount that you would need to start up your sports over the next year (approx. \$15,000) and at the next meeting, (once all refunds are done), we can figure out what is needed and replenish General fund and start each sport in July before the fall sports start. If the CH/LVHN monies come in, then we are in even better spot. If town is able to have any activities (community day is cancelled) like movies in park, the LAA could possibly have a hand in helping out and working towards town contract.

E O'Neil agreed with fund raising should be done by season. His concern is that those residents that are focused on just their sports, may not be ok with the split of fundraising proceeds, but as suggested, the funds raised by each sport will still stay with each sport.

D Schaible asked P Segeda to come up with a "calendar" of what PTA does for next meeting.

### **Office Reports**

Baseball- Refunds in Progress....Paypal and Venmo refunds completed, Checks in process !

Basketball - Out of season. No report. Final 2019-2020 budget posted on website.

Cheerleading – no report. PS asked what everyone feeling is on 'sideline cheerleading' would be. Ms. Segeda doesn't feel there will be competition level of cheering.

Football - EO no information yet. He was speaking with feels that things are looking better, but no news yet. Registration packets will be ready tomorrow. No need to recertify kids/birth certificates because of new policy/procedure from last year. Only new parents will need to turn info and packets for all returning players will go to coaches. Next meeting, June 22, WCMFL will be voting to have season. Still need to work out scenarios of what will be done if someone is sick.

Soccer - refunds in progress, Fall soccer is still up in the air. President of TRAYS may be sending out registrations without collecting. K Tichy is thinking registration in July.

Softball- no report

Strength & Conditioning -

2020 Season finished.

Final 2020 budget post on website.

Equipment being collected from school this week, will organize. Would like to store at Fieldhouse.

Recreation – Community Day cancelled, and pool may stay closed. Music or Movies in Park may still be a possibility, later in summer, following social distancing rules. Nothing has been decided. LC is working on what we do for our graduates as a community.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Concessions Committee -. No report
2. ByLaws Committee – no report

LAA Liaison – Nothing for cancel. Mr. Palitto offered to help with new soccer and congratulated Mr. Tichy.

Trustee Report – no report

**Public Comments –**

No public

**Next Meeting Date - June 23, 2020 7 PM\* at Rally Point.**

Meeting adjourned. Motioned by J Napolitano, seconded by D Schaible