

**Lopatcong Athletic Association
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020**

Call to Order 8:16 pm

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Sport	Director	Assistant Director
Baseball	J Napolitano	K O'Brien
Basketball	J Hezel	K O'Brien
Cheerleading	C Steinmetz	
Football	E O'Neil	
Softball	C Torres	
Soccer	A Barresi	K Tichy
Strength & Conditioning	D Schaible	
President	S Leahy	
LAA Liaison	J Palitto	
Secretary	H Hezel	
Treasurer	M Brennan	

Guests-

Mayor J Mengucci
M Reitemeyer
P Segeda

Presidents Report

Mr. Leahy reported that R Samson and E O'Neil cleaned up the kitchen at the field house for upcoming inspection and are looking at cleaning up the locker room (football) also in the near future.

Mr. Leahy updated the directors on the gaming license held by the LAA. It expired December 2019, so R Samson worked with the town clerk to resubmit the application for the upcoming football raffle fundraiser. It was mailed on 9/19/2020 and approval could take 2 weeks. Moving forward, this license will need to be submitted on a yearly basis with the town clerk for \$100.

Mr. Leahy requested that H Hezel set up a final text chain and include the Assistant Treasurer, L Ciesla and Town Council Liaison J Palitto.

Mr. Leahy reported that wrestling has been put on hold. His previous suggestion was to get a director first and then get a head coach to begin the program, but potential directors withdrew.

Treasurers Report

Bills/Deposits

Deposits-\$60 Soccer, \$3595 cheerleading, \$7879 football

Bills -

Soccer: \$65 Stacey Ullrich, \$180.40 K Tichy, J Trent \$50, R Zapata \$200, E Johnson \$200, B Martinez \$200, P Kadlub \$200, TRAYS Soccer \$575

Football: LVF \$4500, E O'Neil \$108.93

Motioned J Napolitano/second D Schaible, motion approved

Budgets for Fall Baseball, Soccer, Cheerleading and Football were presented at August meeting.

Motioned and seconded - K Tichy/J Napolitano, motion approved

Business

Contracts - No news on contracts, however, there was also a brief discussion on LAA website info. Website is currently down and L Ciesla and D Schaible are working on getting it up and running (may be issue with Go Daddy account). Mr. Leahy further explained that he recommended that LAA information page be approved by town council attorney because many residents still believe that the LAA is under town rule and it would be good out of respect of town council and contract. H Hezel inquired as to whether the current negotiations of the town contract are for 2020 contract or 2021 contract.

Mr. O'Neil stated that he did not understand the town's position that the LAA has to do volunteer work in order to earn funds. Ms. Ciesla pointed out that it is her understanding that, due to town/state ordinance, the town cannot just give money as a gift to a local non profit.

Background checks - as per the meeting minutes from August 2020, H Hezel requested the listing of background checks that have been approved by JDP to date. Mr. Leahy explained that he did not have that list as Ms. Ciesla has been inputting the information on the coaches into the system. It was suggested that Mr. Leahy or Ms. Ciesla contact JDP and asked that H Hezel's email be added to the approved background check notice that is sent upon completion. Ms. Hezel would then continue to update the list of individuals approved to coach for the directors.

Insurance-

Ms. Hezel reviewed the insurance renewal for this year. As per her discussion with K and K (the insurance provider), the LAA only has to submit numbers for the current sports in session. When the next season starts, Ms. Hezel can submit a supplemental with the new participant numbers and pay for just that upcoming season. This will allow the LAA more flexibility in numbers and pay as each season starts instead of lump sum.

Coverage costs for this year-

- Directors and Officers \$625 for \$1,000,000 in coverage
- General Liability (with fall sports numbers) \$3528.86 (with \$15 insurance fee)

Lopatcong Athletic Association					
	Class	Exclude Brain Injury?	# participants	rate	Premium
Baseball	B	no	13	\$6.28	\$81.64
Baseball (13+)	B	no	0	\$10.45	\$0.00
Football	C	no	76	\$23.84	\$1,811.84
football (13+)	C	no	10	\$42.09	\$420.90
Cheerleading	C	no	62	\$7.14	\$442.68
Cheerleading (13+)	C	no	16	\$8.51	\$136.16
Soccer	C	no	62	\$8.72	\$540.64
Soccer (13+)	C	no	8	\$10.00	\$80.00
Total Participants			247		\$3,513.86

Motioned by J Napolitano/second J Hezel, motion approved.

Directors Reports

Baseball

Fall season is half way through...2 weeks left in regular season and the following week will be season end tournament. Team competed really well with a mostly young team.

Basketball

Mr. Hezel reported that he is still looking for school or local gym to open for program, but until then, all is on hold. Some local schools, Forks and Palmer, have recreation center in town, so they are able to move forward. Mr. Leahy suggested that he, Mr. Hezel and Mr. Schaible attend the upcoming school board meeting on 10/13/2020.

Cheerleading

Uniforms distributed. Registration collected. Excited for 1st football game. Cheerleading is looking at fundraisers of Shammy Shine car wash cards and sponsors for yearly tshirt.

Football

Fundraising Raffle Drawing for 2020. Each player sells 20 tickets at \$5 each for a drawing on the last game of the season. Grand Prize \$1000 prepaid credit card, \$500 Home Depot card, \$500 Home Depot card. Mr. O'Neil invited cheerleading and soccer to join fundraising efforts.

Motion to approve football/soccer/cheerleading fundraisers for fall (raffle, car wash and tshirts) made by J Napolitano, second by D Schaible, motion approved.

Mr. Leahy commented that LAA should look at non members to make up a new fundraising committee with the purpose of helping the LAA become self sufficient. Contracts with town and CH/LVHN can only do so much.

Soccer - practices and games have been started with no issues.

Softball- nothing to report. .

Strength and Conditioning

- School use submitted, Atilla advised that at this point they are not allowing any activities in the building. Board will review in the future.
- Brian Fleming is no longer with the district

Other Reports

Concessions no report

ByLaws - no report

Recreation Ms. Ciesla thanked S Leahy, D Kish, J Mengucci, B Weeks and N Ciesla for helping LAA with movies in the park.

Liaison - no report

Public Comment Mayor Mengucci agreed with Ms. Ciesla that the town was not legally able to give LAA gift of contract monies, but had work within contract. He also mentioned that the town continues to look at options for recreation in town such as park planner or town recreation manager.

Meeting Adjourned 9:40 pm

Next Meeting: October 27, 2020 8 pm