

Lake Travis Youth Association  
A Texas Non-Profit Corporation, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Peter Maddox at 6:16pm.

**The following Officers, Directors and Sports Commissioners were in attendance:**

Peter Maddox, President  
Jerry Mohn, Vice President  
Susanna Cutrone, Secretary  
Melissa Nelson, Member at Large  
Josh Sanders, Baseball  
Len Pickus, Treasurer  
Adam Rowins, Basketball

**Guests**

Chris Cutrone, Member, Baseball Board  
Aaron Plante, ATX Hardball Baseball  
Marshall Diehm, Member

**The following Officers, Directors and Sports Commissioners were absent:**

Corey Hale, Member at Large  
Ken McCannon, Past President  
Mike Besecker, Volleyball  
Bill Stroud, Football  
Chip Transou, Softball  
Jim Donnelly, Flag Football  
Steve Johnson, Soccer

**Reading of the Minutes**

The reading of the October minutes were dispensed based upon the email circulation. Peter Maddox asked that the minutes be approved and there was unanimous support.

**Executive Director's Report - Scott Cronk**

Prior to the meeting, Scott circulated the P&L statements to date and there was unanimous support of the financial health of the organization and appreciation of the oversight by Scott of the operations and management of the non-profit.

Scott provided an update on the real estate transaction on the Williams property for the new sports complex. The closing date on the property exchange between the City of Lakeway and the family is on February 17, 2015. LTYA is involved with contemporaneous closings for the 10 acres donated by the Williams' Family to LTYA that LTYA will subsequently donate to the City of Lakeway.

Scott provided an update on the status of the engineering drawings and the approximate investment being \$250,000. There is a strong commitment from the City of Lakeway to be involved. RVI referred LTYA to another firm as they are booked out until early June, 2015.

**Treasurer's Report**

Len reviewed the 990 (to be filed tomorrow) and the financial statements. He will review the audit report when it is published. Scott is waiting for a letter from Bob Dorsett to finalize the audit. Len advises that LTYA file the 990 tomorrow and if necessary we will file an amendment.

#### **Audit Committee**

Jerry Mohn complimented Scott for all the good information. Scott asked Jerry to provide a recommendation to the Board for the next auditor.

#### **Budget and Finance**

Len Pickus, Treasurer and Chair of this Committee, referred to the Treasurer's report supporting the consensus that the financial statements look good. Softball should be opened with the rest of the Spring Sports so that it can be included in the annual budgets. Scott sent out all the budgets in advance for opening of registration.

There was a motion by Peter Maddox to open Softball registration on December 15, 2014, at the same rates as last year on a tiered structure. There was a second and the motion carried.

Susanna Cutrone made a motion to postpone the presentation and proposal of the annual budget for approval to December, 2014. There was a second and the motion carried.

#### **Planning & Development Committee**

Peter Maddox provided an update on the work involved in the land acquisition and development. Scott and Alan Tye are going to talk to 2 - 3 real estate brokers in the near future and bring a recommendation to the board before retaining representation.

Scott and Peter will converse one last time with a representative of the City of Bee Cave to determine if there is any interest in their support of the real estate deal and development of a new sports complex.

#### **Governance & Membership Committee**

Susanna Cutrone reported that there are currently no vacancies on the parent board. There are two committees' still needing sports and membership representation. Guest Marshall Diehm volunteered for the Program and Communication Management Committee, as well as the Budget and Finance Committee.

#### **Safety Committee**

Jerry Mohn, Chair, reported that there were two CPR classes held last week, all of which had over 15 participants. LTYA now has over 115 individuals who have gone through CPR courses. As a result of the classes and materials provided to date, LTYA is required to reimburse \$2,875 the American Heart Association \$2,875.00 on the one hour classes.

Jerry Mohn and Jenni Rhan, Safety Officer, inquired whether LTYA wants to require coaches to be CPR certified. There was discussion amongst the board about the timing and Scott encouraged that certification be strongly encouraged with a hard deadline by the end of 2015.

#### **Sport Reports**

##### **Softball - Len Pickus**

Softball had an end of season trophy ceremony on Field number 3 that went very well. The first weekend of November LTYA hosted a Mustang tournament and there were 10 teams. A small profit was made. There was discussion about initiating opening day activities.

##### **Basketball - Adam Rowins**

The season is off and running with over 800 kids ranging from pre-kindergarten through 6th grade playing. There are 96 teams. Practices are doubling up on gym space. There was some pushback from coaches that currently Concussion Awareness, PCA & background checks are required. The referees are ready to go.

Adam will ask the head referee about the junior referees to inquire about whether they have had or will be willing to complete CPR training.

The league's use of the LTISD gyms went smoothly the first week of practices and clinics. Games start on December 6th.

**Football** - There was no representative present for football so Scott Cronk reported. A 10U and 9U team won district championships and will move on to regionals next weekend. The football teams practiced on two baseball fields since daylight savings, and that is a good example of sports playing nicely together.

**Volleyball** - There was not a representative from Volleyball present so Scott Cronk reported. The end of season survey is going to go out soon. The clinics hosted by Adam Johnson received mixed reviews but the feedback from the season overall was very positive.

**Baseball** - Josh Sanders

The Fall season was a success. The feedback was positive overall. The spring registration will open on December 15th at the same rates. Assessments will be in February with practices starting before Spring Break.

### **New Business**

The Baseball Board has been looking for options for LTYA to start an Elite Baseball program. Aaron Plante, who runs ATX Hardball, was introduced to LTYA through Clint Jones and Chris Munnerlyn. Aaron was in attendance at the meeting. Josh Sanders and Scott Cronk reported that since 2012, LTYA's 14U league is down 40%; 12U has lost 30% of its participants, the 10U league numbers have remained steady, 8U numbers are up and T-ball is down slightly. The baseball board approved Aaron Plante's organization, ATX Hardball, providing an Elite Baseball league for one team each in 8U - 14U for Spring 2015. ATX Hardball's 12U team has a Cooperstown Bid, and it will be moved to LTYA. LTYA Head Coach Rodgers is in support of the program and would like to be involved as an advisor.

LTYA Baseball represents that this league will not impact recreational play. The field space currently used for private league rentals will be encompassed by the program;

The pricing structure is anticipated to be

\$900 / player at 10U and below; \$500 per player in offsite fees;  
\$2500 / player at 11U and 12U + \$1500 for offsite training and \$850 for Cooperstown;  
\$1500 / player for 13U and 14U + \$1500 for offsite training

The team selection and tryouts will begin in early December. Practices will begin for the different age groups on the following, approximate dates:

8U - 10U practices begin in mid-February, 2\* / week

The season will include tournaments from March - June

11U - 14U In December, mandatory off-season practice and workouts begin and seasons will end in mid-June; These age groups will have paid coaches.

There is a maximum roster of 12 players per team. The entire line-up will bat unless the tournament prohibits it;  
Every kid will learn to pitch and have the opportunity to pitch and every player will be taught an in-field and an out-field position; and  
Free weekend field space will be available upon request at LTYA's FOD;

Josh Sanders made a motion to follow the baseball board's approval to bring the ATX Hardball Baseball Program into LTYA. There was a second and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Fundraising discussion**

Conversations with members who fundraise are ongoing and they are available on an ongoing basis for volunteer consulting. Research will be conducted with event planning and fundraising consultants for presenting the board with a proposal to raise funds or launch a capital campaign for the building of new fields.

### **Banking**

Scott will look at local financial institutions to determine where to move LTYA accounts since the current bank branch moved out of Lakeway.

Scott proposes that we raise the limit for single signature from \$1500 to \$2500. Jerry Mohn made a motion to raise the limit of single signature expenditures from \$1500 to \$2500. There was a second and the motion carried.

**Next meeting** - The regularly scheduled meeting of December 20th will be changed due to the school holidays. A weeknight date will be determined soon.

### **Adjournment**

Peter Maddox adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Peter Maddox  
President, LTYA



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Susanna Holt Cutrone  
Secretary, LTYA Secretary