

**Trojan Youth Lacrosse**

**September 2024 Board Meeting 10.22.2024**

**Attendance:** Nick, Rusty, Jason, Jen, Katie, Austin, Andrew, Anthony, Jon, Melissa

1. **Approve September Minutes**

* September minutes approved**.**

**2. Fall Rec Season-**

* **Boys Update – Jen**
* 71 Boys in the rec program!
* On Sunday K/1 boys are hosting a round robin. They have done great this season.
* Middle school working on finishing up evaluations. Several want to come up to select
* 6/7th playing with 8th graders was not the best. It was tough competition.
* Host a try-it clinic for all grades in the spring
* Next fall register boys into an academy not NewTown (spelling??)
* U9 boys are doing great passing and catching.
* **Girls Update – Andrew**
* Girls rec
* 7th/8th grade group are playing together right now. They’ve won the majority of their games
* 5/6th grade girls have grown a lot this season. They are playing full field the way it should with passing.
* Elementary girls have made progress. Our goal is to score 10 goals. Need to recruit younger girls. Nick is taking on more duties on the high school board, may have to step back as a coach due to time commitments.

**3.Select Program-**

* **Girls Select**
* We have fields Mon.-Thurs. the first week in December. Times and definite date to be decided for select.
* Numbers will look solid for both junior and senior level. Coach Corbin- will coach senior select. Coach Emma-will coach junior select. We will be playing Walton, Pope, Roswell who will all junior and senior select teams.
* Girls will be a required to complete a number of wall ball routines to hold players accountable for independent practice.
* Out of district numbers? Keeping 7th grade players wanting to play, especially newer players.
* Last year we allowed a couple of girls out of our district to play unless they have been playing with us for years. Most of the players will be Trojans😊.
* **Boys Select**
* GMSAA-a motion to have a 10 or 12 game season. There will be a vote on how many games, and how many out of district players are allowed.
* Trying to have two teams: Select Elite and a Rec team.
* There will be 3 bootcamps on Sundays in November. Tuesdays will be open for extra practice. There is a lot of support from the high school level.
* Fundraiser for helmets to look more uniform.

**4.** **Uniforms and Spirit Wear** – Melissa

* Rec Uniforms
* Select Player Pack-should be set.
* Boys-shooter that will match last season, not New Balance b/c of cost. Practice shorts and Pinnie, shooter shirt. Cost below $150.
* Girls-compression shorts, sports bra type top that coordinates with uniform, Nike hoodie, custom pinnie. We will get uniforms much faster. All the boys select uniforms were collected from last year.
* Rec-go on to Sportabella/Sportabeast-$80 a uniform. Parents can put in size and request a number. Melissa will pick up uniforms to save on cost of shipping.
* New Balance order was delivered today from August☹.
* Shooters for rec-ideally would like to have sponsors cover the cost of shooters.
* Practice Pinnies-is there money in the budget to do a bulk order of practice pinnies? We are down to only really small sizes.
* Anthony-at the younger level he is washing them every couple of days.
* Laundry bag of pinnies should ne washed (Nick)! Coaches should hand out pinnies and collect at the end of practice. Purchase cheaper, random colored for the boys.
* Keep the pinnie out of the store
* Spirit Wear Store- when you register you will get a link to the store to purchase for both select and rec. Add-ons for parents, etc.

**5. Fields and Equipment** – **Nick**

* **Mabry shed update-**was hit by a tree, Chris Anderson is going to repair the shed quote for labor was $2100, materials $700-$800. There will be a barn door instead of an electrical door. Nick has asked for a formal quote. This can be completed before the end of next month. The shed will need to be cleaned out. They are planning to get a dumpster and we can do a clean out of the Simpson shed.
* **Scoreboard update-**there has been no electronic scoreboards this season. One needs new batteries, the other the remote is broken. Looking to see if we can order a new remote. They are $1650 to replace. We have had these a long time. Depending on cost of remote, it may be worth replacing. There are some for cheaper that could be purchased.
* **Mabry field update-**Steve could potentially take care of the chemical treatment of the fields, so Turf Masters will no longer be needed. Steve has the deposit. Check with Turf Masters to see if they did a specific treatment and know the schedule services.
* Mabry (on the side closest to the parking lot) has a lot of bare spots. We need sod and to fill in the creases.
* We need to encourage people to use the far side of the field to be able to get work done.
* McCleskey administration is not communicating with Nick. We may need to consider stop taking care of the field. We part down starter fertilizer on the field on 9/20.
* CCSD policy-we were able to make it through the entire season with only one payment. They want payment up front, but that doesn’t work if practices don’t take place.
* We are good on paint. We will order more for spring.
* We didn’t have enough cones for the 5/6 girls game. Melissa had to get them from home. There should be cones in the blue bins for each field. Make sure the blue bins have rule books, cones, balls. Blue bins are in the shed. Jen will update the bins. Create a labeling system for materials. Organization to come (thanks, Jen!).

**6.Sponsorships/Spirit Night Updates**

* Spirit Nights were not very successful. There are too many.
* Sponsors for shooter shirts-Zingler and Rev Coffee in Smyrna (owned by a TYL family) are sponsors.
* We would like to have $2,000 in sponsorship for the rec season.
* Reach out to Swarm. We have sold $61 tickets for the Swarm.
* For shooter shirt-$500 to go on the back of the shirt. 4 sponsors on the back.

**Finances:** $53,000 in the bank. Nick needs checks, but he will give the money collected from uniforms to Rusty.

**Other business:**

* Open up registration for spring rec sooner than later? Do any early bird discount for registration or charge more the later you register? Have a cut-off date earlier? Let’s look into progressive pricing. Open up registration January 1st and increase price by February 1st. Have registration complete 3 weeks before practice?? May not be possible. Practices begin first week in February.
* Select tryout registration beginning of November.
* Make sure processing fees are taken care of by families and not absorbed by TYL.
* Send a thank you to C. Moore for the matching donations of over $1200😊. Caroline Moore’s dad from the girls 5/6 team.

**Next meeting:**

* Future volunteers
* Spring pictures

**Next Meeting:**

November-TBD