MYA Board Meeting Summary – Program and Facility Updates

Attendance and Opening

1. Meeting called to order at 7 PM.
2. All attendants present except Jason Lancaster (baseball) and Tom Thornton (town council liaison, excused absence). Special Guest Greg Blarzik (sp?) from DPW
3. No public input as no public attendees were present.

Field and Facilities

4. Proposal to repair/regrade Veterans Park football/baseball field due to safety concerns (holes in the field).
5. Funding may come from town's existing reserved funds for fields, not from DPW budget.
6. Discussion of relocating soccer from Twardosky Field to Wasserman for the fall season, for safety and space issues. soccer could move in fall due to spring golf use.
7. Other facility notes: Lost irrigation at Veterans Park this summer; repairs completed.
8. Consideration of poison ivy control at fields, with goats suggested as a solution.

Equipment, Concession, and Storage

9. Discussion about increasing storage: shipping containers or larger sheds (with potential murals for aesthetics, shared cost among multiple programs).
10. Softball and baseball programs discussing concession operations – planning to reopen Bise concession stand and Softball possibly acquire a food trailer or new shed for storage/snacks.
11. Emphasis on permitting, utilities (power, water), and insurance for new or mobile concessions.

Program Reports

Basketball

12. Strong registration numbers (expected ~670, surpassing last year by ~30).
13. Three intermediate girl teams up from one last year; participating in regional leagues.
14. Fundraising via digital popcorn sales; 50% proceeds.
15. Issues with uniform numbers/names resolved by supplier at no cost.
16. 57 players in travel basketball across six teams.

Wrestling

17. Program started at middle school cafeteria.
18. Request for new mat ($27,000 quote considered high; other options less expensive).
19. Still using original mats (12-13 years old).

Football

20. Season ended; seniors made playoffs.
21. Successful program changes implemented; positive feedback.
22. Banquet scheduled (negotiating date conflicts).
23. High school field used for games; positive outcome noted for player retention.

Baseball

24. Season over; prepping for possible building burn at Getinge Field.
25. Opportunity for two free clinics with New England Admirals.
26. Discussed avoiding conflicts with AAU/travel schedules.
27. Ongoing storage and equipment management improvements.

28. Concession operations at Bise to resume with Erin as director.
29. Emphasis on parent volunteerism for concessions.
30. Considered purchasing a shed for storage and snack preparation.

Softball

31. Season finished; storage spaces cleaned and organized.
32. Registered for next year's travel season with five travel teams.
33. Planning to host two to three tournaments (12U, 14U) with FastPitch Nation managing registration and payments.
34. Discussing acquiring food trailer or large shed for concessions and storage.

Lacrosse

35. New leadership: Tim Burns as Director.
36. Community support and memorial ideas for Craig (homecoming renaming, scholarships).
37. Registration opens Nov 1; indoor practices start March 2.
38. Considering open house/free practice events and indoor leagues.
39. Interested in storage container for large equipment.

Golf

40. Out of season. New board member joined; two stepped down.
41. All equipment stored at Wasserman shed. Rodent deterrence and periodic checks in place.

Financial and Administrative Updates

42. Treasurer reported mainly positive finances. Some confusion and fees on merchant/service accounts due to multiple card readers; hoping to waive or subsidize fees.

43. Audit in progress; fundraising and revenue up from last year.
44. Meeting minutes managed by each program; public posting encouraged for accountability.
45. Insurance policies in place for all programs for player, coach, and equipment coverage.
46. IRS and PayPal/Venmo rules for 1099s clarified for referee payments.
47. QuickBooks used for program bank reconciliation and financial tracking.

Special Topics and Action Items

48. Metal storage containers and shed proposals at Reeds for shared program storage (could feature murals or business sponsorships).
49. Need for multifaceted storage/concession solutions for growing field usage.
50. Scholarships and memorials for program members/families discussed; flexibility in bylaws under review.
51. Ongoing communication with town council/manager regarding field work and project approvals.
52. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Next Steps

53. Coordinate with town council for possible field regrading and storage placement approvals.
54. Continue facilities improvements, fundraising (popcorn sales), storage expansion, and memorial project planning.