



Deep Run Board of Directors Meeting

7:30 p.m. – September 10, 2024

Deep Run Clubhouse

Attendees (In Person): Bill Van Sant (President); Dan Shollenberger (Vice President Operations); Melanie Rush (Secretary); Michelle Bogle (Administrator); Jeff Tiemann (Connie Mack Commissioner); Myles Bartos (Intramural Boys/Girls Soccer Commissioner); Evan Lowery (Intramural Baseball Commissioner); Nick Gontkosky (Softball President); Scott Holbert (Travel Soccer Commissioner)

Attendees (Virtual): Sarah Prebis (Girls Lacrosse Commissioner); Kevin Fischer (Incoming Intramural Boys/Girls Soccer Commissioner); Fabio Sciarrino (Club parent and member of the bylaw committee)

1. Approval of August Minutes: *All*

- Motion to approve August minutes made by Myles Bartos and seconded by Melanie Rush. All voted yea.

2. Bylaw Committee Update

- Working session with Chris Mominey of Avanti Advisors scheduled for September 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse
- Discussed how to structure payments (two equal payments or thirds)
- Motion to pay Avanti Advisors in thirds (one payment after the 9/16 meeting, one payment after receiving the first draft of the bylaws, and one payment upon completion of the project) made by Bill Van Sant and seconded by Melanie Rush; All voted yea

- Project to be completed and paid by December 31 2024

3. **Key Administrative/Complex Updates:** *Michelle Bogle and Board*

A. **General Update**

- Frank seeded and laid hay beside soccer field 1; Bill Metz would like to rope off
- Temporary ballards have been purchased and placed
- Permanent/removable ballards have been purchased and will be installed in a few weeks by Myles Bartos and Nick Gontkosky
- Picnic tables have been purchased and put together under the new pavilion
- Summer camp organizers Michelle and Audrey sent words of appreciation for flowers and Perk gift certificates
- Septic system pumped September 5, 2024
- Cleaning of portable toilets dropped back to 1x/wk at main complex
- Small garage door on pole barn is off the track and needs to be repaired/replaced; Discussed if Jefferson could do the work; Jeff Tiemann to ask
- Need more string for additional parking lot by exit (\$89.91)
- Bill Metz needs a pole digger for fencing
- Need to renew lease with Carson Helicopter; Current lease expired September 7; Michelle Bogle has e-mailed Carson twice
- Want refund policy in place for all sports
- Bill Metz requested 6 more new trash cans; Motion to purchase them for \$532.89 total made by Bill Van Sant and seconded by Dan Shollenberger; All voted yea
- Fall 2024 registration = 802; Fall 2023 registration = 894; Down 92 year over year
- Reviewed bills paid in August
- Club earned \$800+ in American Express Amazon rewards
- Discussed JDP criminal background checks and ways to improve tracking system for coaches who have completed them
- Most sports prefer TeamSnap over Team Sideline
- Discussed SASH field; We do dragging; SASH cuts grass; Need to maintain better in spring; Portable toilet not needed at this time
- Frank of Blooming Green maintaining his price of \$10,000 for grass cutting; Motion to continue with Blooming Green at a price not to exceed the previous contract price made by Bill Van Sant and seconded by Dan Shollenberger; All voted yea

B. Food Trucks

- Reviewed hours; Decided on Saturday from 8:30-3:30 and Sunday from 11:00-5:30
- Discussed additional food truck possibilities; Melanie Rush will pursue
- Added additional truck parking option; Michelle Bogle to update complex map

C. Summer Volleyball Clinics

- Great feedback
- Dan Shollenberger asked if families would be willing to pay more to move the clinics indoors and all said yes
- Gauging interest for winter and researching possible locations/schedules

D. Old Website to New One

- Working with Steve Leo to transfer old site to the new one
- Discussed removing content from old site and/or putting a “We’ve Moved” banner on the old site directing users to the new site

E. Nomination Committee

- Dan Shollenberger and possibly one other board member leaving
- Committee is talking with possible candidates
- Sending club wide e-mail asking for interested parties to contact committee

4. Treasurer’s Report – *Megan Miller (via e-mail)*

- Adjustments to the Treasurer Report have been completed (thanks to Michelle for assisting with that)
- Club checking account balance is \$141,000
- Overall activity was normal this month
- One of the higher ticketed items was Keystone Tree Experts (\$1,990.00)
- Club Capital Improvement account is at \$47,000; \$700 a month going into this account; Strongly consider increasing this next year to \$1,000 or \$1,500; Refer to Capital Budget Scenarios
- Hardship Account is at \$2,101.00; Funds available to allocate to a family in need; An e-mail came through from a single mom looking for assistance
- Need more information on hardship application recently received
- Sponsor Income is at just under \$34,000; 2023 was at \$20,000

- With camp no longer operating and the snack stand income going down, suggestions on ways to regain these funds are (1) increase registration costs; (2) get a new operator for camp; and/or (3) begin planning for in-house specialty camps for summer 2025
- Discussed fundraiser possibilities (golf outing, car show)

5. Operations/Field Update *Dan Shollenberger and Board*)

A. Tree Update

- ATS walked property and identified falling trees
- Bill Van Sant authorized trees to be taken down
- Project completed

B. Annual Aerification/Seeding

- Frank from Blooming Green gave an estimate of \$6,675 for project (soccer fields)
- Personal Gardens also quoted project in his proposal dated September 5 (item 4A)
- Nick Gontkosky of Personal Gardens to coordinate with Frank of Blooming Glen to identify best option(s)
- Work to be completed first week of December to allow for soccer season to finish
- Discussed possibility of aerating/seeding baseball fields and Telegraph fields as well

C. Work Proposal for Connie Mack Soffit Project

- Waiting for netting quote
- Looking into electrical in press box

D. Pole Barn

- No report

E. AAA Field Drainage Update

- Project ongoing (late August or Fall)
- Adding woodchips to create a path to avoid walking through mud

F. Mid-Season List of Potential Grounds Improvements

- Wood chip install along third baseline of AAA to be completed
- Creating walking paths from parking area to soccer fields using existing wood chips
- Soccer field aeration/seeding project to be discussed/coordinated with Frank of Blooming Green
- Nick Gontkosky to consult with ATS on tree work
- Redefining lines of field transition zones between turf and infield areas project to be reviewed by baseball and softball boards for approval; Should be completed in January

6. **Commissioner Reports**

A. **Soccer (Intramural/Travel)** – *Myles Bartos, Kevin Fischer, and Scott Holbert*

- Intramural started September 7; All went well
- Travel started September 7; Going well
- Dealing with uniform problems; Will likely use Kampus Klothes
- Planning Turkey Tournament
- Commissioners may want to attend Hilltown Township meetings with other board members

B. **Baseball (Intramural/Travel/Connie Mack)** – *Evan Lowery, Scott Holbert and Jeff Tiemann*

- Intramural going great to start
- Travel has 110 players trying out
- Connie Mack has three teams; Start September 14; Using Hilltown Civic Park

C. **Softball (Intramural/Travel)** – *Nick Gontkosky*

- Started September 8 playing against Warrington and Plumstead
- Board meeting next Tuesday to discuss transition of leadership and new positions

D. **Girls Lacrosse** – *Sarah Prebis*

- New coaches are contacting commissioners
- Fall meeting planned to discuss fundraising

E. **Boys Lacrosse** – *Bill Van Sant for TJ Figaniak*

- Had a summer skills competition and will have another one in the fall
- Registrations are down; Need to promote
- Quakertown High School coach may send players to Deep Run

F. Basketball (Intramural/Travel) – Bill Van Sant for Amy Van Sant

- Tryouts happening soon
- Gym time has been secured
- Lease signed with XL Sports World
- Two people interested in helping with the season; Meeting on September 16 to discuss
- Discussed timing of basketball registration; Last year it started September 18

G. Camp

- No report

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Van Sant and seconded by Melanie Rush; Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.