

UYC/SSBGC/SCYA Combined Board Meeting  
April 2, 2008  
7-9:30 pm  
Shady Side Elementary School

Attendees:

Brenda Dilts, Jay Furr, Mark Stahl, Rodney Dilts, Paul Atwood, Paul Bush, Walt Tolliver, Michelle Bickerton, Stephanie Legacy, Brion Burk, Lytle Galloway, Pam Davis, Gabrielle Pomerleau, Amie Crawford, David Brady, Mike Thomas, Brian Trott

President's Reports:

Jay Furr stated that the merger and all that goes with it has 'blown him away'. We have approximately 650 participants in spring sports at this time. He is concerned with the way the sports commissioners have been handling several things including awards and uniforms. "If our organization is to be successful, we must reel things in and get better organized for the future. This is a huge undertaking and it will take a lot of people working together to make it happen. Proper procedures must be followed by everyone."

Treasurer's Reports:

Jay Furr reported a UYC checking account balance of approximately \$26,000.00 and he just made deposits of \$299 and \$89 from the Basketball Banquets. Michelle Bickerton presented a Shady Side financial report showing an account balance of \$44,457.38 as of 3/31/08. She has forecast expenditures through July based on submitted budgets for spring sports and some of the known Club operating expenses. Total due through July is about \$60,000.00. She stated we need to check budgets again and see if there are items that haven't yet been purchased that can be held off on or reduced. We will need to do some type of fundraising to help offset these costs. Michelle also stated she needs to get a full inventory list of all equipment and uniforms from both UYC & Shady Side for insurance purposes by June. Mark Stahl mentioned Jennifer Tippet is good at organizing fundraisers as she was instrumental in getting money raised for playground equipment at the school. Mike Thomas mentioned his wife helped a great deal in that effort as well. Maybe we can tap these two ladies to help with our fundraising?!

Spirit Wear Presentation:

John Alger of Copper Threads gave a presentation about the products he can offer our participants. He can do screening, heat press, embroidery, tackle twill, etc. on all types of apparel items. He offered to setup a website at no cost for our club where parents can go and order directly from him. He would establish a Pay Pal account for us and our profit would be automatically deposited. Discounts can be found when items are ordered in bulk – recommended for give away items such as hats & t-shirts. He was asked to put together a proposal. Lytle Galloway will be the liaison between he and the Board.

Vice President's Reports:

Brenda Dilts reported on the Indoor Soccer Program (ISP). The permits were held in our name. There were 4 adults playing this past season. This is not in compliance with county regulations. The ISP sent Brenda a copy of their rules which stated that adults would be playing. If we are to continue this sponsorship, we will need to get approval from the county to allow adults to play. If approved, we need someone from SCYA to administer the program and ensure everyone is registered properly with medical releases and all fees are collected. Need to get approval by July.

Brenda also stated she had received an e-mail requesting us to continue sponsoring a Pick-up Soccer Program at Tracy's this summer. They'd like to run it from June 17 – August 14, 7-9 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. These questions were raised - should we send them to the county and have them go through the permit process or do we run the program through our organization? Amie Crawford stated in her previous experiences with pick-up games run at Shady Side that there was a lot of chaos and parental concerns about the vast age differences amongst the players. There was discussion about the lights, whose responsibility they are, providing access to them, as well as the costs to our organization. If we decide to sponsor it, we will need someone from SCYA to administer it and they will have to follow the rules of the Club, including medical waivers, fees, etc.

We will need that field beginning August 1 for our fall sports program. After much discussion, it was decided to send them through the county.

Brenda has been working on several fundraising prospects. She had originally secured two "SCYA Nights" at Pomodoro Grill in Edgewater. However, they have closed so they referred her to the manager of The Original Steakhouse. She is currently working on setting up two nights with them. Gabrielle Pomerleau stated that we should also work with Coldstone's to have the same nights so folks can go for dessert after dinner. She offered to help coordinate that effort. Brenda is working with Chick-Fil-A on a similar setup. She also has several parents who have stated they would like to make donations / sponsorships to our organization. She will follow up with them as well.

#### New Business:

Jay and Brenda discussed the fact that we need to send out the nominations form in the April newsletter. We still need someone to step forward for the Secretary position. Julie Thompson was considering it, but has decided she is unable to at this time. Rodney Dilts has agreed to take on the role of Director, County Boys Sports and Paul Bush has agreed to take on the role of Director, Clinic Sports. We still need a Director, Board Positions as well as several Operating Board positions. Mark Stahl will work on putting together the message for the nominations. This should be ready to go out by the end of next week (April 11<sup>th</sup>). It was determined that this notice would go out via email.

Brenda reported we had two people step forward to volunteer since the last meeting. Cathleen Dubois has offered to coordinate the Banquets. Jennifer Schiavone has also volunteered, but we have not yet determined for which position.

Jay stated the SCYA website contact information needs to be modified as it currently lists the folks who have offered to fill the SCYA Executive Board positions and since they are elected positions and we haven't had the elections yet, it should reflect the existing Executive Board members of the two organizations (UYC & Shady Side) instead. It was also recommended that we have two Commissioners for each of the Clinic sports, one at the Shady Side site and one at the Tracys site. Michelle Bickerton mentioned that on the website there are position descriptions listed for each position in the Contact Info section and requested a brief description for the Public Relations and School Outlet positions. These were provided by Brenda. Michelle will make these changes on the website.

Discussion was also raised about the ability to send out mass e-mail messages to the families in our organization. Our new website has the capability to do this. We can import e-mail addresses and anyone who visits our site can add themselves to our mailing list as well. Mark Stahl, Jay Furr and Michelle Bickerton will work on getting the addresses we currently have together to be added to the website mailing list.

Lytle Galloway reported on the U13 Girls Basketball Clinic that was held 3-29-08 at Tracy's. Two coaches from the High School Boys Basketball program ran the clinic. It went extremely well. Parents asked if this is something we would be able to offer on a weekly basis while school is in session. The board supports doing this, however there must be someone from SCYA to administer the program. We will need to ensure the coaches have background checks. We will need to collect fees and registration/medical waiver forms from participants. We will have to pay the hourly rate gym usage fee to the county. He was asked to develop a proposal for this program and bring it back to the board.

Lytle Galloway also asked if we would consider offering the other sports that are available at the High School, such as tennis, golf, volleyball, etc. Brenda mentioned she had received a request for us to offer cheerleading as well. Volleyball and cheerleading are listed in our Bylaws; however tennis and golf are not. If we pursue these sports, we will need to amend the Bylaws to reflect them. Lytle was asked to develop a proposal for these programs and bring it back to the board.

#### Sports Commissioners' Reports:

### Girls LAX:

Pam Davis presented two proposals for Lacrosse Camps this summer.

The first is from Lauren Benner & Allie Frank. They are the directors for the lacrosse camp side of Greater Experience Soccer Academy. They are both college varsity lax players. They would have additional college players and high school players from the area helping them. Camp would be M-F, 6-8:30 pm, \$125.00 per player, ages 7-13. They provided an outline of what would be covered each day. They will provide a t-shirt for each camper. We would need to provide goals, balls, cones, and prizes.

The second is from Lyndsey Boswell. She and her assistant both played UYC lacrosse and went to Southern High. She is the Head Women's LAX Coach at St. Andrew's Presbyterian College. Assisting are her Associate Athletic Director, the Assistant LAX Coach from UNC, the Athletic Director and the Head LAX Coach from Pfeiffer U. They are proposing two camps (1 for 8-12 yrs and 1 for 13-17 yrs). Camp would be M-T, 3 hrs per night, \$100.00 per player – OR – M-T, 8a – 4p, \$300.00 per player (this would include lunch & additional prizes). They will provide free t-shirts, water bottles and prizes. They could order balls and bring them as well as a few goals if needed. We would need to provide goals & balls.

The board supports holding a camp and deferred to Pam and Jobi Ferguson to determine which one. Pam was asked to have the selected camp officials prepare a budget. We will need to submit their budget to the county for approval. Stephanie Legacy mentioned they will want to do this quickly as South River has already announced their camps and we should coordinate dates so they don't conflict with other camps being held in the area.

### Boys LAX:

Nothing reported.

### Softball:

Jay Furr reported that Margaret Butler has requested permission to hold an end of season Softball tournament. Mark Stahl spoke some about it and he was asked to prepare a proposal and present it to the board. We have 4 teams registered this year. Home games will be held on Shady Side field #3 on Friday nights and Saturdays. Games will begin April 19<sup>th</sup>. The older team will start games in May once HS has finished.

### Baseball:

Rodney Dilts stated they would like to hold several baseball clinics this summer, specializing in certain areas such as pitching, hitting, etc. It would run for about 2 weeks. He was asked to put together a proposal and present it to the board.

Rodney also said they would like to hold a huge tournament this summer encompassing all the baseball fields for which we hold permits. Again he was asked to put together a proposal and present it to the board.

He said Steve Francis from SAA has told him they only had 2 kids signup for T-ball and Coach Pitch this year so they won't be using field #3 at Tracy's. Rodney would like to use it for overflow practices when games are held on other fields. Jay stated he will need to get a release from SAA since they hold the permits.

### Summer Baseball:

Rodney stated they would like to have 1 team for each age group that will participate in 3 to 4 tournaments throughout the summer. He was asked to gather more information and present it to the board.

### Fall Baseball:

Rodney stated they would like to offer fall baseball again this year. Practices and games would be held in Deale.

### Machine Pitch/T-Ball:

Paul Bush asked about field availability for practices. He will meet with the baseball commissioner(s) offline to determine this. They have over 130 kids registered this season.

Spring Soccer:

Nothing reported.

Pictures:

Jay Furr will check with Cathleen Dubois, our new banquet coordinator, to see if she is also willing to coordinate the spring pictures.

Trophies/Banquets:

Jay Furr reported there was an issue with basketball trophies. The 1<sup>st</sup> place teams were expecting trophies and were disappointed with getting the same thing as the rest of the teams who didn't win 1<sup>st</sup> place. It was agreed prior to the board meeting to purchase trophies for these teams this time. Also, there was a very large number of pizzas and soda left over at both banquets. Jay stated this is an issue we really need to address quickly so we can have procedures in place prior to the end of the spring sports. He asked the members to submit in writing, ideas on how we should handle both the banquets and providing awards to players at the conclusion of each sport season.

General Membership Meeting:

Discussion was raised about the June General Membership Meeting and how it would be run. Brenda Dilts likened it to a "Town Hall Meeting". She stated it would be an informational meeting where we would make announcements such as the programs we offer, the merger progress, etc. We will also hold elections at this meeting. It should be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jay will check to see if either Southern High or Southern Middle is available that night. We need to set this up quickly because we should include this information in the April nominations message that will be sent out to the membership by mid-April.

Accounting Procedures:

Discussion was raised about our accounting procedures and how to handle things while the merger is being completed. We have been granted approval by the State for the name change, however, we still need to get approval from the IRS and determine if we will be issued a new tax id number or if we will keep the existing one. Barbara Smiraldo and Walt Tolliver are researching the steps we need to take next.

It was decided that until these issues have been resolved all donations, registration fees and other monies collected should be made payable to Shady Side Boys & Girls Club (SSB&GC).

Construction at Tracy's:

Jay Furr reported the construction at Tracy's park is under way. He noted that kids are playing in and around the construction site and their parents are not doing anything to discourage them from doing this. He is concerned about our liability issues should someone get hurt.

**The next board meeting has been set for May 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 – 9:30 at St. James Church. (Jay to setup with them)**

**The meeting was adjourned.**