

## HGSL Board Meeting

11/10/24

5:00 pm Halifax Borough Building

**Attendance:** Bill Corsnitz, Drew Kerstetter, Ashley Lubold, Lindy Wetzel, Jen Teter, Jared Stratton, Addison Teter, Emilia Engle, Amber Corsnitz, Kyle Tobin, Stephanie Barnes, Marcus Feliciano, and Katie Jury

**Business from the floor:** **1)** Addison asked about open gyms at Camp Hebron. More information will be given as the board communicates with Camp Hebron. **2)** Jared stated that families are not happy especially about the idea of new fields and how things are being run. The “requirement” of selling tickets upsets everyone, now knowing the fundraiser/buyout ahead of time was frustrating. **3)** Stephanie stated that the surprise of the fundraiser was an issue; trying to do something gran is hard to put on parents, financial concerns are really an issue, and she would like to see an amicable change for the board members.

**4)** Board meetings need to be posted on the website and Facebook with the agendas. Make parents aware of meetings and what is going on. Recognize the issues that people are dealing with – people are struggling.

**5)** Addison asked how much money do we need in order to receive a grant. Lindy and Bill responded that there is no set amount of money needed to get a grant however, the more money that we save, the better our chances are to get more grant money. For the 2023-2024-grant year, HGSL submitted a grant for the Local Share Grant and we were continuously asked how much money we had set aside for our proposed project. At the time we had no money saved for the project and we received no grant money. Stephanie said we need to tap into the community to see who is capable of helping to get sponsorships. Bill shared that HARA wants to use the armed corps of engineers to level the fields but it is a 2.5-year wait. It is cheaper to use the armed corps than to pay another business. HARA owns the land and should be carrying some/most of the financial burden for the project. Hosting tournaments would help increase our fundraising account. Bill and Lindy shared that some of the reasons for needing a new field location – parking issues, nuisance complains from the neighbors, concerns about parking. Jared does not think it is worth it to help fund new fields if the girls such as the 10-12U teams cannot use them. Addison said that Halifax Township should be able to put up signs to slow speed and have it patrolled. Bill stated that he has been to the township meetings to help with reducing the speed, increasing patrolling, and he was asked to NOT put out the cones or signs to help reduce speed...etc. Maybe more people need to attend the meeting over the winter to give support to the cause. Addison asked how many people Bill had with him at the last meeting. (It was Bill and Matt Rowland.) He stated that you need a congregation of people to go to the meeting to make things happen. He has a lot of knowledge on these things. Jen said there is more influence with greater numbers. It was suggested that maybe we have a parents’ meeting to inform everyone of the situations/issues that have been going on since many are not aware of them and discuss where we see the fields going and our plans. This meeting should be separate from today. **6)** Projects or changes to our current fields need to be run through the church as they own the property. Additionally, we should meet with the church to see if there are any chances of the church closing down and selling the land. Would we be able to purchase the fields/land? What could happen in the next 5 years with the church? Katie is going to see if she can get in touch with someone about setting up a meeting. Drew said Diane Kiester is the church liaison. **7)** Jared stated that parents do not know everything that was discussed tonight. Lindy asked how she, as secretary can help bridge the communication in the future. Katie said emails are great, texting coaches to pass along information also works. Stephanie suggested that we talk with the church first to see if we have options (for making changes to the current fields or opportunity to purchase the fields in the future) then set up a meeting with parents to discuss this information.

**Treasurer’s report:** Checking account had \$1,111.04, + \$379.02 (for repaying Jen for Chicken fundraiser), Multiply Ink apparel fundraiser from the spring (+\$164) = total of \$1654.06 in the checking account. PP&L bill of \$192.91 was paid and electric is paid through Nov. The Fundraiser account has \$4,537.42 after transfer to checking account for Jen’s reimbursement.

**Secretary's Meeting Minutes:** Bill motioned. Drew second.

Upcoming:

**Bylaws and Code of conduct** – Jen handed out a Bylaws draft with new formatting. Questions asked - What is a member in good standing? Do we need directors for divisions? Bill proposed that coaches act as team directors to be a liaison and attend meetings during the season. Jen suggested having a field/equipment manager, concession manager and fundraiser manager. She will edit the Bylaws draft to include managers and disciplinary actions and send to HGSL for distribution. Board members are to review the Bylaws draft and get back to Jen by Thursday, Nov 14.

**Board positions and voting:** Open positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, directors, field/concession/fundraising managers. Vice President will only be for a 1-year term then VP and secretary will be open in December 2025 for a 2-year term. President and treasurer are 2-year terms starting 1/2025 directors and managers are 1 year terms. Lindy will act as the secretary until 12/2025.

**Spring registration** – Jot forms are updated minus pricing. They need to be adjusted then added to the website for registration to be ready. Change “age as of” to Sept 1 instead of January 1. Registration will be online however registration fee must be paid in person.

**Spring Fundraisers**

Marianna's (Registration help) – Have forms ready in January to hand out at open gyms. Reach out to get new forms. ~1 week turn around for HGSL to get forms.

Chicken BBQ (Field supplies/upkeep) – April 5<sup>th</sup> is the set date for the fundraiser.

BINGO – Melanie is the new VFW canteen manager. Move this to Fall.

Gun Raffle – (big fundraiser → fundraising account funds) we want to order tickets in January to have by February and hand out at open gyms. \$20/ticket → asking families to sell 10 tickets for the first kid and 5 tickets for each kid after that.

**DICKS Sporting Good Sponsorship** - Jen completed the forms to get DSG to sponsor out league. We would receive \$250 gift card online to order equipment. Additionally, HGSL would receive cards and emails for 20% off for particular dates. Jen would like to e-sign this, sending it to the HGSL email. Lindy agreed to look over the contract before it gets signed.

**Sponsorships** – Check the Google drive. Banners were \$100 (Fast signs in Mechanicsburg, Jen knows the Harrisburg location). Midseason and play off tournaments \$150 (\$250 with banner). Team sponsorship was \$300 and business name on the back of shirts. Letterhead paper and sent out by the end of the year.

**Open gyms** – Usually these begin around MLK day and go through early/mid-March. Questions we need answered – when does volleyball start? Katie said it begins around February. Bill will email Jake (Halifax AD) to discuss future plans. Deke Ryder is the Camp Hebron person to communicate with. Offer for HGSL to help with a clean up to receive a discount for using the gym. Last year it was \$35-70/session.

**Future deadlines and meetings:**

12/1 Board officer nominations due

12/8 Board meeting – voting on bylaws and board officers (Lindy will check with Vivian Geyer for the ambulance building) 5pm time

Drew motions to adjourn the meeting. Ashley second.