**Lake Travis Youth Association**

**A Texas Non-Profit Corporation, Inc.**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2014

The meeting was hosted by Partners in Building in The Canyons model home. The meeting was called to order by Peter Maddox at 7:56pm.

**The following Officers, Directors and Sports Commissioners were in attendance:**

Peter Maddox, President

Susanna Cutrone, Secretary

Len Pickus, Treasurer

Corey Hale, Member at Large

Melissa Nelson, Member at Large

Mike Besecker, Volleyball

Jim Donnelly, Flag Football

Todd Wagner, Football (for Bill Stroud)

Steve Johnson, Soccer

Adam Rowins, Basketball

**Guests**

Alan Tye, Lakeway resident

**The following Officers, Directors and Sports Commissioners were absent:**

Jerry Mohn, Vice President

Josh Sanders, Baseball

Chip Transou, Softball

Ken McCannon, Past President

Peter Maddox made an announcement that if we receive Inquiries from members and residents interested in volunteering, please try to get them involved. Soccer, especially, has several new board members with a large number of participants and could use more volunteers.

**Reading of the Minutes**

The reading of the November minutes were dispensed based upon the email circulation on December 11, 2014. There was a name misspelled on the draft, but no substantive corrections. The minutes were approved and entered into the record.

**Executive Director's Report – Scott Cronk**

Scott circulated his Executive Director’s report via email on December 16, 2014. The report included information about the current financials that will close out 2014 ahead of revenue and profit budget projections; status of the audit; Pre-K basketball; soccer updates; survey results and office priorities.

Scott and Alan Tye briefed the Board on their meetings with and reviews of proposals received to date from real estate brokers. The brokers who have submitted proposals for the Field of Dreams sale are Zach Jones, McAllister & Associates; Joe Connors, McAllister & Associates; Ross Frie, Keller Williams; Barry Marotz, Marotz Commercial Agency; Carlotta Land Advisors and Jennie Braasch / Bill Pohl.

The Board was also provided detailed reminders regarding the current offer for the Field of Dreams from the Church of the Cross for $3.8M ($4.58 per sq foot). This is a cash offer with an option to lease back at an open-ended term. Scott recommends that we counter to the church and include a leaseback provision and a contingency on the Travis County Bond. There was discussion by the board about the offer, a counter, the brokerage fee and next steps.

The appraisal report should be concluded by the end of January, 2015 and it was $2500.00 to procure.

After further discussion about the brokers identified above, Peter Maddox made a motion that LTYA retain Joe Connor, McAllister & Associates Real Estate Services, with an agreed brokerage fee of between 3% - 5% for negotiation and counter with the Church of the Cross on the pending offer on the LTYA FOD property. There was a second and the motion carried. Mr. Tye excused himself from the meeting.

Scott continued with his Executive Director’s report explaining that attorney Bob Dorsett was very helpful negotiating the renewal of the lease for the Drysdale property. A new Thor Guard system was ordered today and the electrical is already in to add lightening detection to this baseball field.

The Wells Fargo account for Pray for Alex was closed at the originator’s request and all funds were sent by the LTYA office to Mr. Hermann.

The LTISD holiday appreciation gifts were delivered today.

Lake Travis LaCrosse has reached out to LTYA and is interested in joining forces with LTYA. Scott has briefed him on the pros and cons and explained that the overhead is $35 per child. They have a board that met last night and in the future LTYA may be looking at adding a LaCrosse program.

LTYA Elite fielded teams from 9U - 14U. The turnout was good and we are looking forward to the spring season.

There are four people running basketball for 800 kids.

**Treasurer's Report - Len Pickus**

We need approval of the annual budget and three sports' budgets to include baseball, soccer and volleyball.

Len briefed the board that he has reviewed actual expenses and they are in line. The budget looks reasonable overall. The funding for the land deal is appropriately excluded from the operating budget. The bottom line net income for the year is $112,672 in operating income after overhead.

Len made a motion to approve the 2015 annual, overall budget of LTYA with annual revenues of $1,093,335 and operating income of $112,672; explaining to the Board that by approving this we are also approving three sport budgets softball, basketball, and football/cheer. There was a second and the motion carried.

**Sports Reports**

**Soccer** – Steve Johnson

There is a new slate of officers, board and the bylaws need to be revised and updated.

Registration opens Monday. The board is still looking for referees and an assigner. Coordinators are in line for U7 and U8 but not the other age groups.

CAYSA and South Texas have a few additional rules to follow so the board is ensuring that all appropriate policies and procedures are in place.

**Basketball** – Adam Rowins

The season is off to a good start. There are 99 teams, over 800 kids and so far only a couple of black-outs unannounced by LTISD. The referees are doing a great job. The coaches have met their requirements for background checks and volunteering. Adam has several First Aid kits remaining to distribute to coaches.

**Softball** – No representative present

Scott Cronk reported that all is well with Softball. They are interested in an opening day ceremony this spring.

**Volleyball** – Mike Besecker

Mike had his initial season and it went fairly well. He would like to use paid referees in the future. There was mixed feedback from parents on the volleyball clinics. In the fall, Mike would like to open the clinics up for proposal to more clubs to participate.

**Football** – Todd Wagner

The football season was very successful. The families were pleased with Cen-Tex and the local nature of the league. The board is balanced and strong. The flag program was a big success.

Westlake is looking to join Cen-Tex, there is currently a divide in that community with regard to Pop Warner.

Spring 7v7 program intends to grow. All of these games are on the high school's turf field. Scott asked to have date range for fields so that he can communicate with Brandy at LTISD.

Bob Dorsett's Pop Warner program is folding and he is bringing his 12U team back into LTYA. Football is pleased with this development.

Two football board vacancies are opening up (Shad Zapalac and Scott Villareal). The football board is interested in a separate registration system due to concerns with Blue Sombrero. There was discussion by the Board on this issue and suggestions made that Football learn about and further explore the functions available on Blue Sombrero but no action was taken on this item.

Football is tentatively scheduling a spring golf tournament fundraiser.

Flag is spinning off to its separate board.

**Flag Football** – Jim Donnelly

There are 150 kids registered for winter flag and 50 kids from Dripping Springs expected to participate, as well. Field space in Dripping will be free. In the spring, the biggest team will be ten players and all will play. The assessment, draft and process are clear and objective.

Jim has two - three people helping him and it is a great group working together.

**New Business**

There was discussion regarding fundraising, the board and Executive Director’s interest in moving forward with this initiative and agreement that action will be taken in 2015.

**Next Meeting** – There was no discussion on this item.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Peter Maddox at 7:50pm.

An Executive Session was held after the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss pending litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Maddox

President, LTYA

Susanna Holt Cutrone

Secretary, LTYA