

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**HARRISBURG YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2023**  
**7:15 PM HARRISBURG PARK OFFICE**



- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.
- ROLL CALL:** The following members of the HYA Board were physically present: Blake Emery, Evan Denbow, Kyle Harbison, Brad Karnes, Matt Lewis, and Lacey Upchurch.
- HYA Board Members Absent: Lyndsi Apple  
Visitors Present: None
- Prior to the meeting Lyndsi Apple tendered her resignation from the HYA Board.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no written comments received and there was no one from the public present with a comment.
- SPECIAL BUSINESS:**  
Future of HYA
- Blake Emery presented the following 4 Options to move forward with the Park District running the Recreation Sports Programs:
- Option 1 - Dissolve HYA and support the Park District running the Recreation Programs.
  - Option 2 - Ask the Park District to keep things exactly how they are.
  - Option 3 - Support the Park District running the Recreation Programs and HYA focus on separate travel teams only.
  - Option 4 - Support the Park District running the Recreation Programs and HYA stay as an organization with a redefined mission to serve as a fundraising organization with the purpose to give back to local youth sports programs in Harrisburg.
- Blake Emery went over each of the options and gave everyone an opportunity to ask/discuss any questions/concerns/issues with the options. Upon completion of discussion, Blake Emery handed out a Ballot to each Board Member in attendance and asked them to vote for one option they wanted to move forward with. Upon conclusion of the voting, the results were as follows: Blake Emery – Option 4, Evan Denbow – Option 3, Kyle Harbison – Option 1, Brad Karnes – Option 1, Matt Lewis – Option 1, Lacey Upchurch – Option 1.
- Blake Emery made the motion to approve Option 1 and seconded by Kyle Harbison. Motion carried 5-1 per voice vote: Blake – Yes, Evan – No, Brad – Yes, Kyle – Yes, Matt – Yes, Lacey - Yes. Blake Emery will report back to the Park Board the intent of HYA to pursue Option 1 moving forward. Blake Emery will prepare a Resolution to be signed signifying the decision made to move forward with Option 1.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Evan Denbow made the motion to accept the October 2023 meeting minutes and seconded by Matt Lewis. All in favor 6-0 per voice vote.
- CLOSED SESSION:** There was no motion to enter into Closed Session.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**  
Financial Review
- Blake Emery went over all the receipts and expenses for October 2023. Account Balance at the end of October was \$28,379.45. The Flag Football Program did make a profit for the season.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
Projects
- Blake Emery presented that previously approved projects include \$15,000 towards light pole replacement at Gaskins City and an undetermined amount towards planting trees at Gaskins City.

It was discussed and decided to further discuss projects and designated money in more detail at a future meeting.

2023 Baseball/Softball Blake Emery opened up for any comments or discussion regarding the 2023 season. There was nothing discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Flag Football

Blake Emery presented the following Flag Football rule changes. The following Rule Changes were suggested: 1) Fumbles – Do not have to wait 3 seconds to cross the line if there is a fumble. 2) Blitz – Must be called out by the defense as the offense breaks the huddle and heads towards the line of scrimmage. 3) Safety – Will be played as 2 Points for the defense and the defense then gets the ball at the other end of the field. Kyle Harbison made the motion to approve the abovementioned 3 Flag Football Rule Changes and seconded by Brad Karnes. All in favor 6-0 per voice vote. Evan Denbow did ask about the rule if a players flag falls off. Blake Emery will look into it further and try to provide a clearer description of the rule.

Portable Mound


Blake Emery presented that with the decision to move forward with Option 1, there is no longer a need for HYA to have the portable pitching mound. The Park District will not want to be responsible for using the mound in the Recreation League or for renting it to other organizations. It was discussed and Matt Lewis made the motion to approve selling the portable pitching mound for a price in the range of \$300 to \$500 and seconded by Evan Denbow. All in favor 6-0 per voice vote.

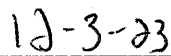
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Blake Emery announced that the next regular board meeting is scheduled to be December 3, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at the Park Office Community Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

  
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Kyle Harbison, Secretary

  
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Date Signed