



South County Youth Association
April 12, 2021
Board Meeting Agenda



Date Monday, April 12, 2021

Start time- 7:02pm

Minutes from March 2021 meetings:

Motioned-Brian Trott	Second- Scott Crandell	Discussion-None
In favor-Unanimous consent	Opposed-None	Abstained-None

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS –

- Jessica Haire (County Council Representative for District 7) and Jessica Leys (Deputy Director of Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks) are joining us this evening. They have been very collaborative in our project on Field 1 and in addressing concerns about the installation of goal posts on the Multi-Purpose Field at Deale-Tracey's Park.
- Jessica Haire Remarks- Representative for District 7 which includes all South County as well as Crofton, Riva, Davidsonville, Edgewater, and Mayo. Ms. Leys will be presenting (in about a month) her presentation for fiscal year 2022 budget. If there are Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks budget items you would like to see or items you think are unnecessary, let Ms. Haire know.
- Jessica Leys Remarks- Deputy Director of Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks (soon to be Director on May 1st). Appreciates the volunteerism and all the work SCYA does in South County. Ms. Haire, Kevin Jackson, and Ms. Leys have collaborated in the proposal for additional field lightning on Field 1 at Deale-Tracey's Park to get the most use out of the property. Construction will begin at the end of the Spring season. The request for the installation of goal posts on the Multi-Purpose Field at Deale-Tracey's Parks has been received. The goal posts are in stock and the maintenance team will be deployed to install them before the Fall 2021 season begins. A lot of exciting work is happening at Deale-Tracey's Park.
- Q&A Period- Which field are we lightning? Field 1 at Deale-Tracey's Park. There will be additional lamps so we can light the side area for practice purposes. The newer lights are directional and specific, so when attempting to light a portion of the park that is not the field, the additional lamps are needed. What is the timeline for construction? Construction will start as soon as Spring sports are done. Construction will be completed before the Fall 2021 season begins.
There was a question/discussion about purchasing property for an indoor facility. This is a long-term goal. The County Council cannot add anything to the budget, all we can do is cut from it. To get anything in the budget the County Executive must agree to spend money on it and then the County Council must keep it in the budget. It is a long process.
There was a question about turf. Most turf fields come from the Board of Education. All the turf fields in the county are at High Schools locations. High Schools sports have priority over the fields but after 7pm the high schools turn it over to Recreation and Parks for programming. Youth sports can utilize the turf field at that time. There are some outliers such as Bell Branch that were built with specific groups and use in mind. There is a huge amount of maintenance cost associated with turf fields. The Anne Arundel County model has been turf fields at High Schools and Bermuda grass at community parks. What is the long-term view of adding a 3rd Bermuda Fields/lightning to Deale-Tracey's Park? There is statistical analysis associated with user groups to determine adequate field space. Recreation and Parks

looks at the statistics of how many players an organization has vs. adequate field space for the number of athletes (equalize the users to the number of resources). There is not a long-term plan on field development, it is usually needs based, when a community comes forward with concerns.

SCYA has struggled a lot with the fields at Deale Elementary School. It is a Board of Education property, on a land use agreement to Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks, on a maintenance grant to SCYA. A large portion of that property does not yield itself to what SCYA needs. There is also not adequate parking. SCYA needs help with improvements with respect to that property. Shady Side's basketball courts were a beautiful project. What is the future of Deale Elementary School? If it is a Board of Education property and not an Anne Arundel County Recreation and Park property, fields/courts will not be placed on a portion of the property that may be slated in (future) plans to expand the school and/or roads. The Board of Education needs to be made aware and that conversation can be started. Jessica Haire would be happy to facilitate that conversation. Deale Elementary School and Southern Middle School are vital to our practices/games. Half of Deale Elementary School's field is underwater and there is no lightning which is a safety concern. SCYA needs as much support from District 7 and Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks as possible with respect to school properties. There was discussion about County Soccer being made to play on old baseball fields where there are mounds/fences that make it difficult to play on. SCYA soccer does not have the space to line an 11v11 field to practice on. Therefore, the only time the players are on an 11v11 field is game time. There was discussion about lighting at Lothian Elementary School. This is the only field soccer can line 11v11, but that cannot be done in the Fall season because there are no lights. There have been multiple discussions about Lothian Elementary School. The best answer for the money it was going to take was not to put lights at Lothian Elementary School. Budgetary wise the cost was so high that it would not have been possible to fund it so it would have meant waiting much longer.

Are the fields that are deemed unsafe still considered as 'playable fields' in the strategic planning (athletes vs. field space)? Deale Elementary School is part of SCYA's user group fields and part of the maintenance grant in calculating the amount of money given to the organization. If they were taken off the inventory, SCYA would also lose maintenance grant money. Jessica Lays would like to discuss solutions to make the fields safe/playable before taking them off the inventory.

SCYA received about \$13,000 in maintenance grants this year. We got an additional \$6,000 thanks to Ms. Haire and Ms. Leys.

- Scholarship Committee Chair- Kelly Nutwell- There was a motion to have Kelly Nutwell serve as Scholarship Chair- 1st Brain Trott. 2nd Janna Manifold. No discussion. No objections. Unanimous consent. The volunteers to serve with Kelly Nutwell are Mike Mulhern and Chris Knapp. No objections.
- Laura Bach- legal counsel- One of the additions to the Bylaws was legal counsel. Ms. Bach is a criminal attorney for the Department of Justice. Ms. Bach will not hold a Board position but will provide input on contracts, Covid-19, insurance, etc. SCYA will waive the registration fees for her children for her services. She will serve as SCYA's legal counsel. No objections. Unanimous consent.
- We did get a late letter from IRS saying SCYA had not paid taxes. SCYA did get taxes in on time. They were filed electronically. Marina Painter has confirmed they were submitted and will provide any additional feedback relative to the letter.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ATHLETICS REPORT –

- Commissioners, please make sure all coaches have a background check before allowed on the field. The only people that can be on the field need to have their name in the database.
- If anyone has issues with the new email server, contact Arvak Marshall. You will need to change the server to 289.
- If anything needed to be added/deleted on registration you need to let Arvak Marshall know before registration opens.

- Please encourage coaches to use the SI Play app to input practices.

VICE PRESIDENT OF FACILITIES REPORT –

- Field maintenance/Grass cutting- If there are any issues with grass cutting/spraying, please send Brian Trott an email/text. Field 3 at Deale-Tracy's Park has been added to the list.
- SCYA is responsible for taking trash to dumpsters and putting new bags in at Southern Middle School.
- If you notice any problems with Port-A-Pots/doorknobs broken off/etc., please notify Brian Trott.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT –

- Budgets from last year can be used if there are no changes. Change the date to FY2022.
- Insurance renewal has been done for players currently registered and actively playing this Spring season.
- Refund checks will go out at end of week.
- SCYA has \$130,000 in the bank. We owe \$5,000 to Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks for Fall/Spring Permit Payments. Commissioners will need to help identify what sports used the turf on specific dates. Janna Manifold will send the dates to Brian Trott to follow up with Commissioners. Please encourage Commissioners to confirm when they use/do not use permits. Using the SI Play App will allow Arvak Marshall and Brian Trott to run a report and easily see turf time. When you have turf time, and you cancel let Brian Trott know so he can cancel with the County and let the field monitors know. If not, SCYA will be charged for it.

SECRETARY REPORT –

- Any additional nominations for VP Facilities and CFO? There were no additional nominations for VP Facilities and CFO. The only names on the ballot will be Brian Trott for VP of Facilities and Janna Manifold for CFO.
- All nominees will need to confirm or decline their nomination in writing to the Election Committee Chair (Sarah Moreland) before the May Board meeting. Brian Trott has confirmed his nomination.
- Looking ahead: After all nominees have confirmed or declined their nomination in writing the final election ballot shall be distributed to all members and posted to the SCYA website immediately after the May Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

ACTION ITEMS

- Budgets- There was a motion to approve the FY2022 budgets as submitted. 1st Brian Trott. 2nd-Scott Crandell. No objections. Unanimous consent.
- Operations Manuel-There was a motion to approve the updated Operations Manuel. 1st Mike Mulhern. 2nd Will Steiert. Discussion: We pay insurance cost annually and it starts when practices begin. No objections. Unanimous consent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Thank you to Commissioners who turned in their reports.
- There will be follow up with Bobby Oglivie about turf time for boy's lacrosse this summer.
- The boys' basketball outdoor season has been paused.
- There was discussion about removing baseball mounds and fence on the fields where soccer plays. There was a question about repurposing the fence when construction starts on Field 1.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws and Operations Manual Committee –
- Enhancing Outdoor Space Committee – A request has been drafted asking for \$75,000 in funding from the Wills Group for Field enhancements and improvements. No objections.
- Election Committee- Brian Trott has confirmed his nomination in writing.
- Scholarship Committee- Application Update

CHAIR REPORTS

- Concessions – Nothing to report
- Fundraising – There was discussion about a Fundraising opportunity. Richie Niemann works for an alcohol distributor and a company named Tito's is looking to partner with some Non-Profit organizations. For every bottle of Tito's purchased by establishments, SCYA would get \$5 in return. The SCYA Bulldog would be used on the flyers. There were concerns associated with mixing youth sports and alcohol. The decision was made not to proceed with the fundraiser.

OPEN FLOOR NEW BUSINESS

- None

Next Meeting Date: May 10, 2021 7:00pm TBA

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03pm

Motioned-Chris Knapp	Second- Scott Crandell	Discussion-None
In favor-Unanimous consent	Opposed-None	Abstained-None