



Catholic Youth Activities Organization
Board Meeting
August 30, 2023

Agenda

6:30pm	Opening Prayer & Introductions	
6:40pm	- Team Season & Financial Report Review - Issue Resolution: Overlapping Seasons - Website Change - Future Meetings	
7:30pm	Closing Prayer & Adjourn	

2022-2023 Board Members

Rick Ahrens, Athletic Director
Bryan Choutka, Booster Club President
Mike Weiss, St. Wenceslaus Representative
John Kreikemeier, Bishop Neumann Principal
Eva Fujan, St. John Representative
Jon Brabec, Cavalry Softball
Bryan Stuhr, Cavalry Softball
Dan Hoss, Cavalry Wrestling
Open, Cavalry Wrestling
Jessica Schutt, Cavalry Basketball
Eric Baumert, Cavalry Basketball
April Hoss, Cavalry Volleyball
Karla Lechtenberg, Cavalry Volleyball
Marv Wiese, Cavalry Robotics
Rick Stava, Cavalry Robotics
Fr. Lee Jirovsky
Fr. Matt Vandewalle

Next Meeting – August 28, 2024

Notes – 2023 Board Meeting

1. Fr. Mills started the evening with a prayer.
2. Wrestling – Dan Hoss reported that fees will stay the same this year for wrestling, they have 50-60 participants each year. Practice 2 nights a week and will have a tournament again this season the Friday night before Neumann’s tournament. The season lasts from the week after Thanksgiving to

March. They are under pressure to allow girls wrestling but will follow the Diocesan guidelines, Fr. Jirovsky has been aware of this issue. CYAO Board Members – Dan Hoss & one other - TBD

3. Volleyball – April Hoss reported that they have 101 girls out in 2nd through 8th grade with 21 coaches. Fees are the same as last year, they will be running a tournament this year and may try a 4X4 league this year for teams in the area. The teams would be from towns around the area and Cavalry players could participate as well as other players from the area. They made a significant donation to St. Wenceslaus renovation, to Neumann and to St. John's. The volleyball season lasts from August through October. CYAO Board Members – April Hoss & Karla Lechtenberg
4. Basketball – Chad Palensky reported that they had 90 participants last year, the fee was \$200, which was the same as the previous year. Their season starts after volleyball (late October) and goes to March. They work with Wrestling to avoid overlapping during the season. Only two boys participated in basketball and wrestling. There was a mix up and they charged \$250, but reimbursed parents for the overage. They also made a significant donation to the St. Wenceslaus gym renovation. CYAO Board Members – Eric Baumert & Jessica Schutt
5. Softball – Bryan Stuhr reported that they had 50 students on 4 teams this summer, from 8-U up to 14-U. Fees will remain the same as last year. Their season goes from March to end of July, they hosted a tournament in the summer and had 38 teams participate. They purchased new uniforms this year. They may host the Burger Bash every other year, as they make enough at the tournament to cover their costs. CYAO Board Members – Laura Choutka & Jon Brabec
6. Robotics – The robotics teams have 45 kids, 15 in High School, 30 in Middle School, and for students in K-4 they can join the Lego League. The Coop partnership with Wahoo Public is going well, they have provided funds, coaches and helped with grants. They have had other students from towns around Wahoo want to participate, but have decided it isn't possible at this time, due to insurance, coaching, costs, etc. They practice at the fair grounds and their season goes April to April, but kids participate as much or as little as they want. Tournaments go from August to February. CYAO Board Members – Marv Wiese & Rick Stava
7. Issue Discussion – Overlapping seasons was on the agenda and it has caused some concerns this year, between volleyball and softball. Softball was planning on having some optional practices and possibly signing up for two tournaments, in October, which overlaps with Cavalry Volleyball. Their rationale was that they wanted to offer something in the fall for players that wanted to participate and were trying to schedule around dates that would conflict with volleyball, dance and all other in-season sports. Volleyball stated that this has caused an issue with girls feeling like they "need" to participate in both, so they aren't left out and one of the softball tournaments conflicted with a volleyball tournament.
8. Issue Resolution – After the discussion it was decided that having optional practices, open gyms or academies that overlap seasons was acceptable to all members of the board. But tournaments that overlap seasons should be avoided in all instances, so that students can participate in each sport during that specific season, fully. Clubs can work together to determine "end of seasons" for scheduling purposes, as some of the tournament dates are fluid and are determined by the hosting organizations.
9. Fr. Jirovsky closed the meeting with a prayer.