

**FCFL Board Meeting**  
**January 15, 2009**  
**January Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Brian Quinn (Fairfield)  
Kevin Brown (Fairfield)  
Carmen Roda (Westport)  
Greg LaValla (Westport)  
Ted Dumbauld (New Canaan)  
Jim Coley (Darien)  
Artie Waters (Darien)  
Mitch Ross (Darien)  
Jeff Mastrianna (Wilton)

**Mising:**

Rick Adinolfi (Fairfield)  
Ed Booth (Westport)  
Doug Hart (New Canaan)  
Jack Horstmeyer (New Canaan)  
Kevin Black (Wilton)  
Tom Dexter (Wilton)

Old Business

- Approved Meeting Minutes from December 2008.
- Treasurer's Report:
  - \$1100 in account
  - Everything paid/closed out 2008
  - Total paid to Linda Colgan to be tallied by Carmen
  - Looking into 2 new websites, rationale is to lower cost due to current site only able to be updated by Linda. Consideration to Darien's parents use the current website for several other sports.
  - More info to be provided at Feb meeting
- Scheduling:
  - Discussed intra-town games both in regular season and playoffs
  - Darien recommended using 2 divisions in each grade in order to minimize intra-town playoff games
  - Each town encouraged to seek input from respective local boards on intra-town games both in regular season and post season. Feedback to be presented to scheduling committee at the next meeting, chaired by Westport.
  - Also discussed Sat only teams and the difficulty in accommodating given Sat field and ref conflicts. It was proposed that Sat teams on "Best Efforts" basis.
  - Looking into getting additional refs for Sat, between 12-3 PM, which will factor into final decision on Sat teams. Agreed to table until Feb when Carmen will have heard back from referees
  - Agreed that tentative deadline of May 1 for decision on scheduling matters
- NC 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach:
  - Ted Dumbauld presented issue that will be reviewed by NC local board at upcoming meeting
  - Coach was brought before NC Board
  - Matter reviewed
  - NC Board will evaluate and discuss further
  - A decision to be made and reported back to FCFL Board

- Carmen requested that NC Board review additional parental involvement in the incident.
- Motion made for FCFL reps to discuss with local boards potential formalization of consequences for inappropriate coach's conduct
- Potential Norwalk FCFL Team:
  - Matt Heffernan currently runs Norwalk Flag program
  - Norwalk currently AYF, no weight restriction on carrying ball, etc.
  - Looking to take 6<sup>th</sup> grade team into FCFL in 2009
  - Questions from FCFL Board included; What organization would Norwalk be under, insurance, equipment, future teams, etc?
  - Brian Quinn shared conversation with other Norwalk coach that characterized Hefferenan as "rogue coach"
  - Agreed to invite Heffernan to Feb FCFL meeting to address questions, etc.

## New Business

- Key dates for 2009 season;
  - 8/17 start (needs to be ratified, no, at next meeting?)
  - 8/29 & 8/30 Possible Jamboree (needs to be ratified, no, at next meeting?)
  - 9/5 & 9/6 1<sup>st</sup> Regular season games (needs to be ratified, no, at next meeting?)
  - 8-9 week Regular season (depending on grade)
  - 3-4 week playoff (depending on grade)
  - 11/21 & 11/22 Championship weekend
- Westport introduced potential JPD camp
  - JPD is NFL program
  - Dates 7/13-7/16 4-8 PM
  - Will open to all FCFL towns
  - Cost to be minimum
  - NFL may cut program, if so, Westport will still run and involve High School
  - Question raised by Darien as to ability to run camp during "off-season"
  - Agreed to have Policy committee review camp vs. practice
- Other items;
  - Solicit from local boards rules and policies agenda items for next meeting
  - Darien proposed looking into adding "new refs" to current crews. Referenced Fairfield County Basketball League that created own refs, trained, etc to the unique rules of league. Goal is to increase number of refs and quality of refs
  - Further discussed potential evaluation process for current refs
  - Darien questioned need for defensive coaches on field, in lower levels
  - Multiple towns expressed concern over number of people on sidelines
  - Look to schedule another dinner for town discussions