

FCFL Board Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011

I. Call to order

Ted Dumbauld called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes unavailable from prior meeting. Will look to reconstruct minutes for review/approval at a future meeting.

III. Open issues

- a) Reviewed the objectives of the FCFL and hope to keep them in mind as we make our way through 2011.
- b) Treasurer's Report:
 - League web site fees are due (\$500). Other than that, no pending bills/invoices.
 - Town dues are due and payable by **May 4th, 2011**
 - Insurance certificates due by **June 21st, 2011**
- c) Rules Committee:
 - Rules committee conducted their first meeting on February 23rd, 2011.
 - Safety remains the top priority for our players
 - Discussion included the review of rules and policy modifications identified during our FCIAC coaches session
 - o Extensive discussion surrounding the various enhancements at 6th, 7th, and 8th grade levels
 - o Committee will re-evaluate possible enhancements to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade offensive and defensive formations.
 - Tom Dexter/Committee to provide FCFL board members with a summary outline which captures all of the noted enhancements. Town reps will then take them back to their respective towns for review/feedback.
 - Committee will reconvene to finalize the recommendations and then present to towns for a final vote.
 - Goal is to have final vote at April FCFL board meeting.
 - Suggestion was made to track injury occurrences (specifically when and how they occur). Concern expressed over player safety on kick-offs and punts.
- d.) Policy Committee:
 - Meeting to be scheduled
 - Committee to consider adjustments to 8th grade weight limits. FCIAC coaches suggested eliminating the 8th grade weight limit making it 'unlimited'
- e.) Secretary:
 - No updates to report

- f.) Safety:
 - No updates to report
- g.) Referee's:
 - Carmen presented the board with an evaluation tool that can be used to capture referee performance immediately after a game. He's asked for input on what should be included in terms of evaluation criteria. Board agreed that we should stay away from one-time incidence (i.e. a blown holding call).
 - Look to post evaluation tool on-line via FCFL web site. This would enable HC's to enter their scores and complete the referee evaluation in the same location.
 - Suggestion made to compile a list of the referees who will be working with the FCFL.

IV. New business

- a) FCFL web site needs to be updated. Carmen has coordinated the updating of Board member info.
 - If board members are interested in having their personal contact info included on the web site, contact Carmen.
 - Any updates/corrections you'd like to make to the information on the web site, please forward them to Carmen.
- b) Westport will be sponsoring a concussion clinic on Sunday, March 20th at 3pm. (Saugatuck School).
 - 100% of all FCFL coaches (head coaches as well as assistant's) will be required to complete annual concussion training.
 - There will be additional sessions scheduled throughout the Spring/Summer – details TBD.
- c) FCIAC Coaches Session – Carmen has presented the FCIAC coaches with a date of May 21st. To be finalized.
- d) SONO Winter League – Board members to solicit towns to see if there is any interest in a 7-on-7 Winter/Spring league conducted at SONO Fieldhouse.
 - Dates would be April – June (approx).
 - Cost TBD

V. Adjournment

Ted Dumbauld adjourned the meeting at **8:10pm.**

Attendees:	Ted Dumbauld (NC)	Mitch Ross (Darien)
	Jay Pirrone (NC)	John Wright (Darien)
	David Jahns (NC)	Tom Dexter (Wilton)
	Steve Hessel (Fairfield)	Bill Ronk (Wilton)
	Brian Quinn (Fairfield)	Chris Santopietro (Norwalk)
	John Lehaney (Ridgefield)	Carmen Roda (Westport)
	Lance Graber (Westport)	

Minutes submitted by: Steve Hessel, Secretary

Minutes approved by: