

Fairfield County Football League Monthly Board Meeting – January 4, 2012

DRAFT Minutes

Members in Attendance –

Jim Coley, Mitch Ross, Artie Waters, Brian Quinn, Tom Grace, Kevin Conklin, Ted Dumbauld, Mike Coggnetta, Tom O’Dea, Chris Santopietro, Matt Hefferan, Mike Ruddy, Marce Petroccio, Lance Grauber, Tom Dexter, Bill Ronk

Members Not in Attendance –

Frank Lafranco, Gerard Canavan, Carmen Roda, Ron Marsilio, Carl Lenz

Meeting commenced at 7:20.

President’s Report – Jim Coley

Jim remarked that FCFL is there to serve the greater good of its constituents and therefore may sometimes serve counter to the desires of individual organizations.

Town assignments for the 2012 session are as follows:

Policy – Fairfield - Brian Quinn

Referees – New Canaan – Ted Dumbauld

Rules – Norwalk – Chris Santopietro

Secretary – Ridgefield – Mike Ruddy

Scheduling – Wilton – Tom Dexter

Safety – Westport – Carmen Roda

New Business –

Ted Dumbauld presented the trophy burning incident in New Canaan. The outcome of the incident is that New Canaan will institute policy for all coaches to undergo training related to 1) rules, 2) concussion, and 3) sportsmanship. They will also be more cognizant of its board constitution so that it is not too heavily weighted to one team and that there are non-coaches on the board. Jim Coley indicated that the Executive Board of FCFL has imposed the “death penalty” to the three coaches involved. There was also discussion by the Executive Board that New Canaan will be under “probation” until such time that FCFL feels confident that New Canaan is moving in the right direction, but the terms of probation have yet to be defined. Ted has asked for 30 days to get a new Board together and implement policy including the implementation of a grievance policy. Ted further indicated New Canaan’s desire to remain in the league and asked for assurances that New Canaan had a place in FCFL.

Jim Coley had asked for towns to think about what the offseason initiatives and agenda should be for FCFL. One consideration would be a league-wide filming initiative using a vehicle such as HUDL to review film. Mitch Ross indicated he would look at pricing.

Mike Ruddy indicated his desire to review the weight restrictions at the respective grade levels.

Jim Coley asked for all towns to consider their committee assignments for 2012 and respond back

The Board confirmed the calendar for 2012. Practice will begin on August 13; the jamborees will be the weekend of August 25/26; the first games will be Labor Day weekend September 1/2; the playoffs will begin October 27/28.

The meeting concluded at 8:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ruddy

Secretary