

Fairfield County Football League - Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/13/14

Meeting commenced at 7:35pm

Several towns were not ready to vote on the reinstatement of Dave Jahns, the coach from NC suspended for the trophy burning. Group decided to table the vote and would vote at the April meeting. Some members were generally in favor of reinstatement but that depended on whether he would be a HC or AC.

Norwalk Youth Football contacted FCFL asking for info. Not formal request to join was made.

Weston mentioned AYF's Colonial Football League was crumbling and not surprised they may be looking for a new league. These guys are not the guys who were part of the now defunct Norwalk PAL Football. Hesitancy in the past was lack of competitive cheer in FCFL. Group talked briefly that if Norwalk or other towns with a big interest in competitive cheer wanted to join, there is a platform in place now to accommodate this.

Treasurer reported there was \$3,643 in the bank account.

Carmen Roda said the 501c3 for FCFL would be complete by June 1st.

Brief discussion about all towns having a trainer at every practice not just an EMT at the games.

Discussed the pending House Bill about limited contact during practices for FB and other restrictions. General agreement that FCFL members were practicing those restrictions now anyway.

Member towns registration processes should have an electronic check the box mechanism to ensure all waivers, etc are complete.

All coaches should have a binder with every player's medical form/waiver, contact info and possibly a birth certificate.

Rules and Policy committee to have a first meeting on 3/19 at 7pm. Any proposed changes would be presented at this meeting.

We need to secure dates for the HS springs training session.

Long discussion on whether to allow the Riverside Gators of the GYFL into FCFL. Talked about any negative reasons why the Riverside Gators of GYFL shouldn't be admitted.

Mike and Tom went to visit their board meeting and they were impressed how organized and buttoned up they were.

Gators President Anthony F and his wife Laurie presented to the board on why they wanted to join FCFL and why they want to leave GYF>

They liked the policies and structures of FCFL and feel they can field a grade based team at every division. Mentioned they are currently 3 divisions (3-4, 5-6 and 7-8)

Their board voted unanimously to join FCFL if accepted.

They said they would not intentionally poach or market directly to the other GYFL sub teams but would open their new youth football org to the entire town.

Board members had some questions and concerns mainly around insuring that Greenwich would not try and stack teams or create all star teams. They must abide to the current FCFL policies about splitting teams.

NC was concerned GYF would turn into WW3 over this. Anthony mentioned the Crushers are interested and may be reaching out.

Wilton called them out on negative feedback they had heard about the Gators and Anthony and sanctions were put in place on him and the org so perhaps that's why he wants to leave GYF. Anthony denied this and said it was a smear campaign against them for wanting to leave GYF.

They left the meeting and the board discussed some of the negative potentials especially around stacking teams (e.g. not allowing weaker kids in, etc)

The board voted on letting them in with the condition they would be watched very closely and on one year probation. In the event it doesn't work out they would be booted.

Board voted 5-0 to admit them with Wilton and NC abstaining from the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.