

## Fairfield County Football League – April Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: 4/2/14**

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Meeting commenced at 8:00pm

Accepted the February and March minutes. Tony to send to Linda for posting on the FCFL website.

Reminder that at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting all FCFL dues are due and copy of current insurance policy.

Motion to reinstate Dave Jahns, the NC coach, passed 9-4. There were no conditions to his reinstatement. He is not sure to what capacity he will return if at all. He basically wanted to “clear his name” and know if he wanted to coach, he could.

Greenwich Gators of the GYFL pulled their membership from FCFL. There was too much negative back-lash from the other GYFL sub-teams, so their board voted to stay in GYFL.

Long discussion on FCFL towns making it mandatory for parents to register with USA Football as part of their local seasonal football membership. (Similar to CONNY Lax programs, where you need to register and receive a code from US Lacrosse before you can register with your local club). This would cover FCFL members in terms of parent and player concussion education and awareness and offer a level of liability protection.

USA Football also offers discounted insurance that could save an organization up to 40%. Fairfield uses them for their comprehensive insurance plan.

Discussion on whether to have parents submit a photo of their player for the registration book. All coaches should have a book with players contact info, medical info/alerts and FCFL waiver form.

Discussion on whether parents need to submit (one time) a copy of their child’s birth certificate continues. General consensus was, unless each cert was sent to Linda/FCFL for cross referencing, what would be the point. The general consensus was to make each town responsible to collect a copy of the cert, to verify and then sign off on it as they would everything else.

Many folks felt its tough enough collecting the doctors medical consent forms before practices begin, let alone asking to send in or scan in a birth cert.

Westport suggested all teams make their game films available on Hudl in an open league pass, which would eliminate having to send someone to videotape opponent's games and eliminates the need to send opposing coaches a request to share film. TBD...

Still need to identify the date(s) and location for the HS spring practice training/meeting session, which will include an FCFL ref.

Weston brought up possibly adding some "human element" to the game scheduling process vs. i.e. previous year record, strength of schedule, etc instead of relying on the computer program alone. Also, will towns be playing all the teams in their division as part of the schedule, where some did not in 2013 and shouldn't towns play every town at least once, vs playing both teams from some towns, while playing none from another town? ? Tabled schedule discussion so scheduling committee can discuss further in future scheduling meetings.

Reminder, the vote on rules and policy changes will take place at the May meeting and we would not be voting on anything that didn't pass during the rules and policy committee voting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Submitted by:

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Secretary