

**FCFL Board Meeting  
Wednesday January 14, 2015  
Westport PAL meeting room**

**Attendance:** Mike Ruddy, Steve Ludwig, Jeff Herlyn, Bob Anderson, Chris Silva, Denis LaPolice, Dave Koch, Lou Garcia, Mitch Ross, Todd Herget, Duke Saltus, Carm Roda, Buddy Zachary, Tom Grace, Rich Pittera

Meeting called to order 7:01pm

**Board Members:** New Board members were introduced

**Financial:** The account remains stable with significantly less expenditures this year due to the elimination of the Coaches' Meet and Greet session.

**Football Calendar approved as follows:**

8/17/15: 1<sup>st</sup> Possible Practice date

8/29/15 and 8/30/15: Jamboree

9/5/15 and 9/6/15: Regular Season Starts

10/31/15 and 11/1/15: Playoffs begin

11/21/15 and 11/22/15: Championship Weekend

**Future Agendas discussed including the following plans:**

February Meeting – Committee assignments to be made

February and March – Rules and Policy Meetings

May – Vote on Rules and Policy amendments

**Board Positions assigned in normal rotating process:**

President, also 1 <sup>st</sup> Treasurer	Ridgefield	Mike Ruddy
Schedule, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP, also 2 <sup>nd</sup> Treasurer	Westport	Carmen Roda
Rules, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	New Canaan	
Policy	Weston	
Secretary	Darien	Mitch Ross
Safety	Wilton	
Referees, also Treasurer Oversight	Fairfield	

**Additional New business:**

Treasurer will now be rotated to a 3 member panel. This will include the 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer (President), 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer (Vice President) and Treasurer Oversight (outgoing President). In this way, the Treasurer position will always be attended by at least one person who was a member of the Treasurers' panel in the previous year.

Discussion in how to improve relationship with referees both on and off the field with particular emphasis to get referees more engaged during games. The following was suggested:

1. Invite Referee representatives to FCFL board meetings
2. Provide a quick summary of rules per each grade on a laminated index card

Representatives from Norwalk Youth Football were invited to make a presentation, since they inquired about joining the FCFL. Dietrich Green, President of Norwalk Youth Football and 23 other board members were in attendance. A discussion of expectations, rule differences, registration differences, team size, weight restrictions and various other topics were discussed. Norwalk had a very handle on the differences and the three in attendance will attempt to get approval from their board to petition the FCFL for entrance. The FCFL member towns should be prepared to vote on the matter in the February meeting.

**Next FCFL meeting:** February 4<sup>th</sup> at Westport PAL meeting room at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mitchell Ross, FCFL secretary