

**FCFL Board Meeting
Wednesday July 1, 2015
Westport PAL meeting room**

Attendance: John Lehaney (Ridgefield), Mitch Ross (Darien), Duke Saltus (Westport), Bob Moore (Fairfield), Tom Grace (Fairfield), Lou Garcia (NC), Tony Depasquale (Weston)

Meeting called to order 7:40pm

Old Business:

June 2015 minutes approved unanimously after bank account balance corrected

Financial: Account stable with \$4300.85. Dues of \$1,000 are being collected from each town.
Audit is underway for 501C3 by accountant

Referees – a member from the FCFL board from three towns attended the referee meeting in June. The FCFL goals were to continue a positive and ongoing communication with the referees as well as attempting to elevate the quality of officiating. The referees asked for a more stable schedule, which would be released earlier in August. They wanted to stress proper decorum of head coaches and that assistant coaches should not express any concerns to officials directly, since that is within the head coach's duties. They do not have the personnel available to have an official supervisor. The officials would welcome a card summarizes rules for each grade.

New Business:

Updated Rule summary card for referees will be re-instituted by Mitch Ross

Schedule – Towns should start looking at their field availability and confirm availability by August meeting. It was requested that the schedule be completed as early as possible. The limiting factor for an early schedule is the possibility of a change in the number of teams for any town, but an effort will be made to complete the schedule as early in August as possible.

Rules/Policy – Amendments that were approved in the May meeting will be adopted into the Rules and Policy documents over the next 2 weeks.

Review of Defensive response to Offensive movement will incorporate the following:

Offensive motion is defined as only 1 player in motion at one time. The defensive response to this may be lateral motion of any player with the exception of NG, DG and DT. However defensive players must move in a lateral fashion, ie, not towards or away from the LOS.

If 2 or more offensive players are moving simultaneously that is defined as an offensive shift. In this case, the defense does not have to be set until the offense is set, ie, until no more than 1 player is in motion while the rest of the offense is set in position.

Next FCFL meeting: Aug. 5th at Westport PAL meeting room at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mitch Ross, FCFL secretary