

FCFL Board Meeting
Tuesday September 8, 2015
Westport PAL meeting room

Attendance: John Lehaney (Ridgefield), Sean Dowd (Ridgefield), Frank D'Entrone (Ridgefield), Mitch Ross (Darien), Todd Herget (Darien), Joel Schutzman (Darien), David Cannon (NC), Denis LaPolice (NC), Wendy Cunney (NC), Joel Beck (Westport), Duke Saltus (Westport), Buddy Zachary (Fairfield), Tom Grace (Fairfield), Tim Ihlefeld (Fairfield), Tony Depasquale (Weston), Jeff Herlyn (Wilton)

Meeting called to order 7:10pm

Old Business: July 2015 minutes approved unanimously

Financial: Account status not reported. Last balance in July: \$4300.85.

New Business: Meeting called before typical monthly meeting to discuss jamboree incident and resulting coach and player suspensions.

During the jamboree in a 6th grade scrimmage involving Fairfield and New Canaan. The following behavior was reported:

1. Fairfield Head Coach, Coghlan was reported to be yelling across the field at the NC coach
2. Fairfield Defensive Coach, O'Connell was reported to be yelling at New Canaan players
3. New Canaan head coach, Mike Cognetta while on the field after the game was reported to be restrained
4. Fairfield parent, J. Lesizza, was reported yelling at New Canaan players
5. Fairfield player, J. Pastore was reported to have kicked a New Canaan player while he was down in the abdomen

The approved suspensions by an email vote of each of the above named involved parties was a 1 game suspension, with 0 tolerance going forward (meaning a year-long suspension with any similar or behavior which brings discipline) with the exception of the J. Lesizza, who will not be allowed on the sideline for the remainder of the year in any capacity.

All served their suspensions with the exception of the Fairfield head coach who was reportedly not told by any of the Fairfield board members of the suspension. It was voted 15-1 to suspend the Fairfield head coach for his next upcoming game.

The towns involved were instructed to have the 2 opposing head coaches meet to ensure a repeated incident never happens. And to try to clear the air in a positive manner so the regular season meeting between the two teams can take place.

Schedule – The schedule which has been very difficult to complete this year was reported to be published on the website within 2 days. In order to fix the schedule and ensure no intratown games and decrease the number of byes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mitch Ross, FCFL secretary