

WMSABC Board Meeting Minutes 4/22/13

Attendees: Robert Gilmartin, Steve Wray, Jill Leonard, Sheri Geraghty, Jeff Schwartz, Tim Long, Tamara Brosterhous, Steve Dodson, Terri Snipes

March Minutes were approved.

Football

- Brian Murphy spoke and asked the board to consider moving to a “no cut” policy for the three WMS football teams. He suggested that everyone who tries out should make the team and then earn his playing time. He wants kids to learn and experience the lessons that go with football, especially playing football for their school. More parents could help/coach and possibly schedule weekday scrimmages. He would like to see more of a partnership with the high school coaches and teams.
- Some concerns were expressed: added time from coaches, liability/safety of players who aren’t physically as strong as others, limited field space, one-play rule, and the desire for a competitive team by parents and athletes.
- The conclusions for now are that (1) Pop Warner would allow more playing time and training for less experienced players, and (2) building a strong program would be more effective coming from the high school down rather than the middle school up.

In a final email communication, the board will state that NO coaches have been chosen yet to ensure everyone understands that ALL coach applications are being considered and selected in May.

The board voted unanimously that Fall Registration be open from May 1st through July 19th. The board will begin inputting forms soon after Physical Night.

Physical Night

- Tamara presented a map of the layout and volunteers for Physical Night.
- CMC Waxhaw doctors want to distribute handouts. Wray will check with the county for a non-compete provision.
- Board will ask 2 volunteers to bring scales for taking weights.
- Tables will be set up in 6th grade hallway for parents to fill out paperwork.
- Vision tests will be set up in main hall between 7th and 8th grade halls.
- A laptop will be set up at check-in to confirm recent online registrations.
- Doors for physicals will close at 7:30 pm.
- WMSABC will pay WMS for copies.

Fundraising

- Jeff contacted Champion Events Group. They proposed “Feed the Need” where athletes get sponsors, and packaged food items would be sent to third world countries. The company would need 8 weeks notice, plus \$2,500 up front and 37% of the profit. Sheri stated that WMSABC did not need a large fundraiser unless a large project (like the field) was undertaken. Wray agreed that a large fundraiser would need to be directed toward a specific project.
- “Wildcat Club” Packages could be offered to all parents and could include perks, such as free admission, spirit wear credit, and other Wildcat paraphernalia. Donations/membership could be accepted through the website.
- The Media Guide will also generate profit in the fall.

Terri will send Jill role descriptions for Equipment Manager and Secretary board position openings to be advertised.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 6:00 pm in the WMS Media Center.