

AJFC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2012 called to order at 8:17

Next meeting: May 16, 2012

Executive Board Reports:

Treasurers Report: Jen Boucher

- Now have a debit card
- Lottery ticket sales will be transferred to the savings account
- Question regarding what fund the blueprints for the concession stand should be paid from
- General fund to pay for blueprints
- A motion was made and carried to approve the Treasure's Report (April 2012)

Commissioners Report: Scott Carlson

- Concussion training mandatory for head coaches
- Voting results for the games, 8 games no holiday,
- Information regarding a concussion clinic for head coaches,
- Mike Masterson clinic available for coaches; 400.00 available to pay for the clinic; recommended for new coaches

Coordinators Report: Kristen Stanley

- Val spoke on Kristen's behalf; all wishing Kristen a speedy recovery
- May 14 and 16 5:30-7:30 uniform fittings
- League to purchase bows and socks for cheerleaders; Board is supportive, a dollar amount needed
- A suggestion was made to include these items when planning for the budget

Secretary Report: Andrea Kersten

- A motion was made and carried to accept last month's minutes dated March 21, 2012

**** Guest speakers from Empire West Youth Football and Cheerleading ****

Discussion of the Mercy rule. Bill Sivitz Jack Giancarla, Anthony Perlino

- Possible renaming of the Mercy Rule to the "Respect Rule"
- Seeking feedback and what can be done better
- Register by May 19th Must for free character training and building class
- Cheerleading coaches camp upcoming
- Concussion awareness for coaches mandatory for head coaches, commissioners and coordinators provided by Dent neurological and UB sports medicine – August
- Parent handouts and posters on concussions will be available
- Continued reimbursement for inside out coaching, character program
- Mercy rule, 6 year planning process.
 - Focused on sportsmanship aspect and running lopsided games
 - All kids are given the opportunity to play
 - Desire to keep game competitive
 - Point differential, sportsmanship rule
 - Score beyond 18 points, if not managed properly commissioners get involved to support rule guidelines
 - Losing team can remove players from opposing team
 - Once gap closes players can be reinstated
 - Leading team cannot advance score on defense, no onside kick recovery

- Beyond 25 points, Commissioners confirm B and C players on the field.
- More formalized process for reporting to Empire West, and possible board review.
- Pre-weighs must be done before pee-wee games, commissioners will need to pay closer attention
- Also meeting with referees to explain rule change
- Will discuss further at July picnic for coaches and possibly discuss at training camps

Question:

What is the action if coach is not in compliance?

- Conversation with coach, commissioner could suspend coach, board of commissions could suspend coach

**Rule is available online

Committee Reports:

Registration: Jim Deibel

- First two registrations successful
- The sign is up in Fireman's park

Football Equipment Shed: James Foster/John Hagelburger

- On Saturday an inventory was completed
- Some helmets need reconditioning; approximately \$807.00 for 30 helmets
- Reconditioning takes approximately 4 weeks,
- Order clips. Oldest
- Coaches will be trained on helmet fitting
- New keys are being made for the shed

Field and Sound: Scott Carlson

- More people needed to support field and sound

Spirit Night: Marcie Mason

- August 16, for the afternoon
- Chinese auction and BBQ open to the public a possibility
- Request for more information from Krolick about cost

New Business:

Website update:

- A report was presented regarding league management websites and a cost breakdown
- A free trial website was set up with League Athletics
- Discussion on the services League Athletics provides
- A motion was made and carried to purchase the League Athletics website for year (not to exceed \$700.00)
- Discussion regarding the advantages/disadvantages of a merchant account and possible providers
- A motion was made and carried to use the Processing with a Purpose merchant account provider (approximate cost 11.00 per month, plus processing fees)

Next Registration May 14th

By Laws review and vote

- Tabled for May meeting

Unfinished/Old Business:

Field update

- Mary Riddoch, surveillance signs, residents on the field. Grass is growing!!
- It is seeded-three levels
- We will not be able to play on this field most likely this year (2012)
- It will look like no work for several months, under contract with the construction company, Town cannot maintain the field until the first mowing.

Concession Stand

- Meetings on Wednesday nights about concession stand.
- Questions need to be brought to the town in the work session
- Meetings open to all. 18 months for completion of a new concession stand
- Question on who pays for utilities? Town covers usage
- Sketches verbally approved by the town
- All invited to attend 8:00 at the senior center weekly on Wednesday Nights
- Baseball asked to borrow Nacho warmer

Board Seat

- A motion was made and carried to remove Judy Derenda from her board seat

Bylaws

- A motion was made and carried to table the bylaw discussion until next month
- Please read and review for next month.
- Parent and committee handbook please review

Adjourned 10:30