

AJFC Board Minutes July 15, 2015

Attendance: Excused: Bill Kraus, Kathy Chowanec and Bobby Meyer

President Report: Bill Kissell- Thank you Wayne for doing a great job for the League Picnic.

Vice President: Bill Kraus- Excused

Treasures Report: Rob Westmiller -\$29,982.68, 4 checks outstanding and -\$126.18 for copies for clothing orders

Secretary's Report/Attendance: Marcie Mason- Motion made and passed to waive reading of minutes and to accept the minutes from the June meeting.

Voting Eligibility: Dan Czelusta- nothing else to report
The following members were eligible to vote last month: Jennifer B.

Commissioners Report: Wayne Lavis: League picnic. If JV cannot field a team, we have to pay \$125 per game and be on probation. If we can't field a team next year AJFC will be removed from Empire West. NYSCA tomorrow 5:30-9:00 at East Aurora Moose. NAYS- coaches can register online to win trip to New Orleans November 18-21st.

Coordinator's Report: Kathy Chowanec: EW League meeting deferred due to League picnic. Cheer Coordinators and Coaches met to select a drawing for competition tee-shirts. The theme being "Get Fit" the towns all voted on a design. No safety meeting held this year. Spirit books (rules) usually distributed however not available. Notified yesterday available and will need to be picked up by town.
Certification head coaches and coordinator attended clinic and renewed certification. Others are following online renewal. 2 new coaches (assistants) are attending July 16 class. Shannon Retzlaff renewal paid for per decision at May Board meeting; to be submitted for reimbursement.
Background Checks- JV Assistant Coaches took steps for this however were notified afterward that they were completed last year. Pee Wee Coaches need completed background checks if not done. Emails from Marcie went out to Head Coaches to follow up. Apparel - order has been placed to Laux, Being processed. Cheer has approximately 5 pending fittings.
Music and routines are being created for competition. Shannon has PW and JV done and has begun to work with Freshman coaches to create.
Bows pending order. Using same vendor as previous. Cost of bows goes by amount ordered; looks like we need roughly 65 bows at \$5.50 per bow; no tax. Will need check (pending verification of total number of cheerleaders). Will follow up with Rob. Priced pink bows per PW Head and Ast Coach. Can range in price from \$4.50 to higher depending on what we would want.
Fundraising for GSA TBD. Follow up meeting between coaches needed. Historically sell candles to raise the funds to cover GSA however contact no longer sells them. Only participants are competition cheer families; opt out option historically equates to \$25 per cheerleader.
Coaches starting to notify/remind squads of first practice/parent meeting. This year cheer will have parents attend the general AJF parent meeting and request them to hold over for cheer specific discussion specific to schedule, rules, competition participation. There is no ice cream social planned this year. It was poorly attended last year and not in the budget. Coaches will hold start of year team building events as the season begins.
Cheer requests to see player handbooks before ready to distribute to verify all cheer athletes included and aligned with appropriate squads.

Committee Reports:

Concessions- Bill, Wendi, Jim, Tom, Jon, Melissa- Farmer's Market date set for Sat., Aug 8th 8 am-1 pm. Cleaning of concession stand will be 7/19 or 7/25 will need about 6 volunteers

Fundraisers- Rob, Jeremy-Clothing sheets available. Will be handed out at Football Equipment hand out. Birthday Bash- received temporary alcohol permit. There were a couple emails complaining about the mandatory fundraiser being the Birthday Bash. Since our rules, state Candy or opt out fee of \$25, we need to abide by the rules and charge only \$25 for opt out fee.

Administrative- Marcie, Keith- Rosters- 14 PWC, 25 FC, 20 JVC, 23 PWF, 29 FF, and 14 JVF

Banquet- Dan, Bobby, Tammy- nothing to report

Football- Wayne, Ben, Greg- Equipment hand out was tonight, tomorrow and then will decide if we need to do additional next week. Need to order socks. Coach's bags- need 2 game balls per team. Discussion regarding helmet stickers and window decals. Motion made and passed to order helmet stickers. Cheer requested that they be able to sell the window decals as their fundraiser for GSA.

Cheer- Kathy, Kristin, Christine- see Coord. Report

Old Business:

Scoreboard- there was breakdown in communication but we are set to go now. We have blue prints ready. We are on Town Board Meeting Agenda.

Important Dates:

8/22 First Game at East Aurora
8/29 Home Night Games- 4, 6 & 7:30 pm
9/1 Home Night Games-6:30 & 8 pm (Freshman and JV only)
9/26 Birthday Bash
10/24 Play Offs
10/31 Championship Game
11/1 Empire West Cheer Comp

New Business:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Pee Wee Cheer asked for us to buy them pink bows. Motion made and passed to buy all cheer pink bows and all football pink socks, up to \$5 per item.

At this time, we will not have to pay for the paint for the field.

Nominations opened to fill position vacated by Mike G. for a term expiring at the end of this year. Melissa Goff and Jackie Jaworowicz accepted nominations. Congratulations Melissa! Melissa will be on the Concessions Committee.

Marcie spoke out about needing to work together as a team. Neither Field and Sound nor Concessions provided their needs for game day volunteers. It was again requested that committee provide their needs so we can get a list together for parents to sign up. Also committees were asked several times to review and update policy & procedures and turn in inventory lists. As official record keeper for AJFC, she needs these items.

She also brought up that we need more JV football players and coaches need to reach out to veteran players who haven't signed up.

Marcie also talked about needing to get registration fees paid from players who register online and asked about having ability added to website.

When an email comes to either Keith or the AJFC email account from a parent, we forward it to the board member to respond. Keith and Marcie ask when you reply to the person, please reply all so that Keith and/or Marcie know that the parent got a response.

Bill also spoke out about rumors of him telling kids not to play football. Bill opened the floor for any questions or for a motion to have him removed. Bill explained that he did not tell kids not to play football but that he heard 2-3 boys were talking about not playing so warned us last month that this might happen.