

**American Pride Youth Football League
Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting**

Call to Order

Date: 15 April 2010

Co-commissioner Pat Sowers opened the board meeting at 8:15 PM.

Roll Call of Officers

Office	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Tackle Co-commissioner	Joe Blount	X		
Tackle Co-commissioner	Pat Sowers	X		
Public Relations	John Keast	X		
Treasurer	Joe Gerhart	X		
Players Agent	Tim Clapp	X		
Equipment	Jeff Strickland	X		
Fields/Parks	Bill Miller	X		
Sponsorship	Jeremy Moore		X	
At-large	Jim Wayland	X		

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

No prior minutes available.

Treasurer Report

A general ledger report and P&L statement will be provided by Treasurer at next meeting.

Sean Ryan turned over all league organizational, paypal and banking documents to Joe Gerhart.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Pat Sowers and Joe Blount briefed the members on the status of FCYFL sanctions against the league and the expulsion of Sean Ryan and Chris Connole as a result of having a high school player on the APYFL 150 team roster last season and the subsequent handling of the situation.
 - Chris and Sean have requested the league appeal the FCYFL executive board decision with the goal of enabling both to be reinstated.
 - Discussion ensued amongst those in attendance.

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- It was decided that the league, represented by Pat Sowers and Joe Blount would appeal the decision on the grounds that the punishment was too severe. The league would accept responsibility and probation for not handling the situation in a manner consistent with the high standards of American Pride. Further the league would request that Sean Ryan's expulsion be modified to probation (Allowing him to coach).
- To enable the league to more accurately and effectively track helmet and shoulder pad inventory, John Keast will research inventory bar code systems and report back to the board at the next meeting.
- Bill Miller briefed the board on the status of field improvements and maintenance at Saunders Middle School. The cost to repair the crown of the field at midfield and the goal lines and the bench / sideline areas on both sides of the field will cost \$2,010 per Park Authority estimate. Recommended ongoing maintenance (seeding, aeration, fertilization, weed control, etc.) to keep the field in optimum playing condition once repaired is estimated to be \$2,835 per year.
 - After discussion, there was general agreement that it was important to maintain access to Saunders while the league pursues a permanent presence and an additional field at Independent Hill. We do not want to lose Saunders like we lost Woodbridge MS due to degraded field conditions.
 - There was also general agreement that we should receive a multi-year commitment from Saunders regarding access to the fields in return for our proposed financial support.
 - John Keast made a motion to approve the \$2,010 expenditure to repair the field and to propose a partnership with Saunders administration for ongoing maintenance under which a portion of the annual cost would be provided by the league contingent upon our continued access to the game field. Jim Wayland seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
 - Next step is for Bill Miller to meet with Saunders Administration and the Park Authority so that work can be completed in time for the tackle season. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- The motions to bring additional sports clubs into the league was tabled until next meeting.
- Pat Sowers announced that a Coaching Selection / Coaching Infraction Committee had been formed consisting of Pat Sowers, Joe Blount and John Keast.
 - John Keast will draft procedures for the committee which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 PM

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 12 May at 6:45 PM and will be held at the Montclair Country Club. More details to follow via email.

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