

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

**Date:** 15 July 2010

**Call to Order**

Pat Sowers called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

**Roll Call of Officers**

Office	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Executive Commissioner	Pat Sowers	X		
Football Commissioner	Joe Blount	X		
Treasurer	Joe Gerhart	X		
Secretary	Bill Miller	X		
Registration	Jacki Hogue	X		
Equipment	Vacant			
Parks & Recreation	Jim Wayland	X		
Sponsorship	Jeremy Moore		X	
Public Affairs	John Keast	X		
Cheerleading	Jennifer Filsinger	X		
At-large / Flag Commissioner	Adrian Gore		X	
At-large / Fundraising	Teresa Giltner	X		
At-large	Orville Pennington		X	

**Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

9 June BoD meeting minutes sent via email to all BoD members on 6/10 by Bill Miller. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as submitted was made by Joe Gerhart and seconded by Jim Wayland. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes will be posted on the league documents page of the website.

**Appointment of New Board of Directors Members**

There were no new BoD members appointed

**Treasurer's Report**

Presented by Joe Gerhart:

- Flag Football P&L
- 2010 Tackle P&L
- Combined P&L
- League Balance Sheet
- Jacki Hogue volunteered to serve as collections officer on unpaid registrations

**Reports of Officers**

Bill Miller – Secretary

- Announced shed donation by Outdoor Home Center for Saunders storage shed / concession stand valued at \$3500 – next steps are meeting with Saunders Principal to chose colors and then approval through PW County Schools
- Announced Orville Pennington's decision not to coach but will be involved and available to assist the league and BoD. The Commissioners agreed that Mark Noblit will take Orville's team.

Jim Wayland – Parks and Recreation:

- Permit received for Independent Hill camp 26 – 30 July
- Mitch Mitchell is working on Fall Permit – our field use requests look good. They will not be issued a permit until they get the check. Joe Gerhart will cut check this week.
- PWC Schools have approved field maintenance at Saunders. Work will begin next week. Field will be off limits until 7 September.

Teresa Giltner - Fundraising:

- Kona Ice is not available for camp night and since Pat and others have other commitments we are cancelling the picnic on Friday.
- We will sell waters and Gatorades each night at camp.
- We will hand out spirit cups brochures during equipment handout during camp. Turn in date will be 4 September.
- Teresa will come up with a budget proposal for spirit wear and present to the board
- Teresa is arranging for Falcon nights at area restaurants, Chik Fil A, Tropical Smoothie Café, Applebees, etc.

Jen Filsinger – Cheerleading:

- 3 registered, possibly a 4<sup>th</sup> coming in soon
- Jen will design a cheer registration flyer to hand out during camp – John Keast will provide help with format / branding
- Jim will make registration signs for cheer for camp
- Jen will also be facebook master for APYFL

Jacki Hogue - Registration:

- Registration will increase to \$185 effective 1 August – Joe will post announcement on website
- Registration will increase \$285 on 14 August – Joe will post this as well
- Needs access to League Athletics site and training – Joe B will call Jacki this weekend to help

Joe Blount – Football Commissioner:

- Joe Blount received a letter from a parent only able to pay a portion of the registration fee and asked for consideration from the league. The BoD agrees with the discounted registration. Going forward Joe Blount or Pat Sowers will make the decisions to offer discounted registration. They will report to the board.
- Registration numbers – 160 registered and paid so far. Total registration break down as follows: AB – 39; 75 lb. – 43; 85 lb. – 33; 95 lb. – 15; 110 lb. – 25; 125 lb. – 10; 150 lb. - 2
- Team Projections are as follows:
  - AB: 3 or 4 teams
  - 75: 5 teams.
  - 85: 4 teams.
  - 110: 2 teams
- Jersey update: we can still order up until 9 August. The \$35 price per stitched (top-quality) jersey
- Equipment handout will be during camp
- We will inventory helmets with a 3 digit code – Inventory will be on Sunday, 25 July at 12:00 PM – Joe B will put out an email.
- We will have a coaches meeting after camp on Monday, 26 July at Independent Hill – Joe B will send out an email on this as well
- Safety clinic tentative date is 26 July. Jim Wayland will check with Coles VFD for an instructor

John Keast – Public Affairs:

- Press release to both papers regarding the camp 26 – 30 July: News Messenger and Washington Post Prince William Extra section
- New sponsor letter and 1 page sponsorship document for coaches – John will distribute as a word document so coaches can customize
- New thank you letter
- John requested of Jacki that all weight class coordinators receive a list of eligible players at the beginning of evaluation week

- John presented a \$2500 sponsorship check from Cornerstone Government Affairs. LLC. John will send a press release and photo to both papers above

Adrian Gore – Flag Football: Not present

Pat Sowers:

- FCYFL updates:
  - Bowl games Sept 4&5 at Braddock Road
  - Bowl games Sept 11 – half at South County and half at Independent
  - Database needs to be checked to ensure all address are in Prince William County. For any outside of PWC, we need to request waivers. Jacki will take an action to check the list and will send any outside of PWC to Pat Sowers and Joe Blount.
  - Registered address must match the ID presented at weigh-in
  - Deadline for waivers is 1 August
  - No more weigh-in cards
  - If the player is not on the roster, he does not weigh-in
  - First weigh-in: 17 August at Stonewall HS in Manassas (free) Players at this weigh-in can weigh as a weight class if not assigned to a team
  - Second free weigh in: Saturday, 21 August (likely at Falls Church HS)
  - Third weigh in: 28 August - \$20 fee
  - Parent responsibility flyers for all the rules (weigh-in, etc.) will be distributed at camp – Pat and Jen
  - Weigh in training to be announced. Pat will let everyone know.
  - We are still on probation.
  - Stress on safety – especially concussion safety
  - Our new Godmother is Mary from Chantilly
  - We must inspect all fields prior to use to ensure safety – weight class coordinators
  - New Anklebiter rulebook (separate) has been issued
- Pat will provide SOP list for: Coaches, Field Commissioners and Parents
- Next Coaches' meeting and Equipment inventory will take place at Independent Hill on 20 June at 12:00 PM

### **Reports of Committees**

No committees established. No reports.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Saunders field repairs covered in Jim Wayland's report above
- Saunders concession stand / storage shed covered in Bill Miller's report above

### **New Business**

- Registration update covered in Joe Blount's report above
- July camp update, equipment and jersey updates reported above.
- Coaching assignment changes: Mark Noblitt will take Orville Pennington's 85 lb. Central Team. Al Aliceanna will take a team at whatever weight class has an open slot since there is no 75 lb slot available
- New refund policy was proposed to amend the bylaws by Jackie Hogue: Effective 15 July and prior to equipment issue, a full refund less a \$25 administrative fee will be refunded. After equipment is received and prior to team selection a 50% refund will be issued subject to return of issued equipment. After team selection no refunds will be issued. John Keast made a motion to approve the policy, Jen Filsinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The BoD agreed to proceed with an order of 300 jerseys with All Pro Team Sports.
- Teresa will purchase 3 gift cards from Game Stop (\$100, \$50 and \$25) for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> top sellers of spirit cups.
- Bill Miller proposed recognition for the coaches and board members hard work through a 50% registration fee discount. Joe Gerhart suggested an end-of-season dinner as an alternate. Discussion ensued and it was determined to table the proposals until next year.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 PM

The next BoD meeting date and location will be announced due to beginning of season activities.