

Minutes from 2/11/09 Meeting

Treasury Update

\$17,550.38 - cost of banquet including trophies

\$5,777.00 - took in from attendees at the banquet

\$11,773.38 - Net cost of banquet

\$375.00 - Website fee for the year

\$25.00 - Secretary of State

\$17,000.00 - New jerseys

\$8,014.37 - balance

CVL News

- The league will start imposing fines to town that do not comply with timelines, coaches, cheerleading coaches, players, paperwork, etc. Need to give CVL our By-laws.
- Regionals are scheduled for either 11/14-15/09 or 11/21-22/09. The scrimmage (pre-season game) which has normally been on Labor Day weekend will be moved to the last weekend in August 8/29-30/09.
- A conference in CT has decided to drop the age and weight schematic in favor of the unlimited weight format, they are already a member of AYF and the name is either Mid-Conn or the Mid-Connecticut Conference.
- There will now be a state tournament before the regional tournament. 4th through 8th will go outside CVL to play either a state/regional championship, we are committed to playing in these post-season games. Shelton is joining CVL, maybe only a few grades at this point.

Football News

- 250 helmets sent out to be reconditioned, there are 100 or so in the trailer from last season that have already been reconditioned and were not used last year. In the last 2 or 3 years, we have bought 50 DNA helmets, total of 100 or 150 new helmets
- We may be re-drafting all grades that will have 2 teams - the final determination made by CVL.
- Background check - All coaches that are registered with NAA have to undergo a background check. NYF will ensure that all coaches are registered with NAA, they will then absorb the costs of the background check.
- Bert and Mike have been making phone calls to parents of different teams to listen to their thoughts and feelings on how last season went. Mike made the calls to the 6th grade teams since Bert was a coach last year. The responses have been very positive for the most part

The question came up - Why are we part of NAA? According to NAA, they will handle any problem we have with parents, children, etc. if we need them to step in at any time for whatever reason/problem, they will take over the issue and not

involve us. They have also helped us out quite a bit during the season as far as volunteering.

Cheer Update

- CVL is trying to find a venue for regionals which might be in CT this year; they will need 125 volunteers for this event.
- Wendi spoke with Stadium Systems, she is trying to get samples ordered for their fittings. Stadium Systems is having a conference/trade show for cheer equipment, Wendi will get all the catalogs at the show.
- Cheer needs new uniforms - all other accessories will be paid for by parents.
- Change banner on website to include Cheer.

Registration Update

- The registration form is set to go, has been posted on the website and we will move the information to the top of the website in a few days.
- Email blast regarding registration will be sent out the week after kids get back from February break.
- We are waiting on the merchant number so people can register by credit card on line.
- We would like to have a paperwork collection day once the kids are out of school, set something up so people can turn in their paperwork prior to the first day of practice. A great way to ensure we receive all year-end report cards
- A few board members will make copies of the registration form, (maybe 3,000 copies) to cut back on printing costs for the flyers sent to schools.

Portable credit card machine not a go with Costco, Bert has a better option. 45 day trial period - 1.69% charge as well as .30 per transaction. The cost is \$29.95/month which is \$19.95 for wireless and \$10.

Online credit card payment - \$50 one time fee - 2.120% plus .20 per transaction - will set up a general email address that notifies the League of any online payments.

Fundraising Update

- Lady Luck already has 12 people signed up, maximum of 55. People will receive their food and chip vouchers when they get off the bus.
- 2nd weekend of August for donation days 8/15/16.
- Walk-a-thon will be the 18th of August, Tuesday.
- Look into Outback for this year and check available dates.

Modell's will give coupons out to a sports organization and we will have 28 days in which to use these coupons. Example, if you buy cleats, you might save 35% and then Modell's will donate a percentage of all sales NYF.

We are looking into Sports Authority as well for a similar program.

Scholarship Committee

For the kids that have received a scholarship, their parents must volunteer, they are accountable and if they do not do their time, their kids do not play.

General News

Gene has ordered Cheer 5 year awards for the girls that did not receive them at the banquet. A player from the Bucs might be eligible for a 5 year plaque; we are looking into this to ensure he played 5 consecutive years.

Corporate sponsors - do we have quarterly statements available for corporate sponsors, some do require them. What is the cost of this if we need to provide.

When asking for donations, we need to keep the request generic.

Norwalk Little League will hang our NYF banner at Vet's Park and we will reciprocate at BMHS. NLL will pass out our registration forms at their year-end picnic and we will do the same for them. We are looking to do the same with all the leagues in town.

We will have a Program Book Committee which will consist of Tara, Joe, Rebecca and Ron. There is talk of handing out program books with an insert every weekend which will provide results of the previous week as well as game times and locations for the next 2 weeks. People who donate \$2 will receive this book at the gate.