

Spring-Ford Youth Football League

Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/21/2010

Board Members Present: Steve Schein, Mike Engro, Tom Dibello, Bill Scilingo, Rich Honaman, Beth Fullerton, Vince Frigo

Attendees:

Jim Mullen, Jim Begg, John Mellon, Jim Leonard, Jen Bonanni, Mike Bielinski, Jason Griggs, Doug Mason, Vince Vinny, Barry Guldin, Harry Edwards

Time: 7:31 PM Meeting was called to order

- Meeting opened with President thanking everyone for taking the time to come to the meeting.
- Steve asked when someone indicates a “Motion to approve” or to “Second” that motion that they follow with their full name so it can be properly recorded.
- Meeting Minutes:
 - February Meeting minutes were reviewed.
 - John Mellon executed a motion to approve
 - Jim Begg seconded that motion.
- Treasures Report:
 - Bill reviewed the “Treasurer’s Financial Report” Highlighting some of the activity the past month most of which pertained to Registration. Both from a cost and deposit perspective.
 - Bill commented that there was a Preliminary budget for the 2010 season that still was being reviewed.
 - John Mello executed a motion to approve
 - Mike Bielinski seconded that motion
- President Opening Remarks: Steve Schein
 - Steve Opened with current registration values
 - Flag (5 & 6) - 13
 - Age 7 – 13
 - Age 8 – 23
 - Age 9 – 24
 - Age 10 – 14
 - Age 11 – 10
 - Age 12 – 12
 - Cheerleading 36
 - Steve emphasized that a registration spot was only reserved when payment was received – so people that had registered on-line and still did not send check in yet were not fully registered – and a spot for that player was not held yet.
 - Email notification to all parents one more time prior to us making the registration open to all on our web site 4/1/2010
 - The email would highlight –securing a spot and reserving player number
 - Only accepting 88 players at each level (except for Flag and Cheer)
 - Payment needs to be received for registration to be complete
 - For further notification we will be putting the sign up again at WAWA about registration

- It was decided the last date of the 2010 season and the date of this years Blue and Gold Game will be 11/6/2010
- Rain Outs will not be made up on this date. Make-ups must be mid-week or on weekends through the season based on field availability
- Vice Presidents Report : Mike Engro
 - Mike commented that Reading Catholic & Kutztown left the league – Mifflin asked to go and they did not. Great Valley asked to join our league but was not accepted due to distance of travel.
 - Rosters due by 9/7/2010 prior to first game
 - Mike Reviewed the Reading Berks Recommended Rules Changes for 2010. The changes and outcome are as follows:

Reading/Berks Recommended Rules Changes

1. Recommend Varsity and JV rosters are submitted/due b4 the start of the 1st season game and be distributed to ALL member organizations. Each roster should contain **Jersey Number, First, Middle, Last, age as of 6/30 and DOB**. Unchanged are the required Birth Certificates to be available if any questions arise. Failure to produce a birth certificate will result in the player being ineligible. (approved)
 2. Recommend a “game day” identification process be in place for player eligibility. 15 minutes prior to the start of the game, each team lines up in number order for verification from the opposing coach against official league rosters. (approved)
 3. Recommend players **MUST** be present for player verification to be eligible to participate in the contest. If a player arrives late, they are required to check in with and be verified by the opposing coach during a stoppage of play before being eligible to enter the contest. A stoppage of play can be called TO by the coach or stoppage for the quarter/half. (approved)
 4. Recommend an official record will be kept listing official Wins/Losses/Ties, scores and Standings on the RBFL web site. If a team is found to have violated a RBFL rule and it affected the outcome of a contest, the team could have the results of the game reversed. This reversal would be reflected in the official record. (approved)
 5. Recommend a 5 yard penalty for any violation of the RBFL game rules i.e. blitzing, more than 6 men on the LOS (approved)
 6. Recommend a minimum number of players per group to have both a JV and Varsity team. i.e. 30
 7. For divisions with running clock, recommend the last 2 minutes of the game be real football time with normal stoppage for penalty, incomplete pass, etc.
 8. Recommend that the 60 player, 2 varsity team rules remain unchanged with exceptions granted/considered if greater than 60% of the eligible players are in the younger age group for that division.
 9. Recommend a minimum play rule. i.e. 10. (approved)
 10. Recommend adding an option for 2 point conversion if a team is successful scoring from the 5 or 7 yard line via run or pass. (5 Yards approved)
 11. Recommend implementing a 45 second play clock (approved)
- Steve mentioned these rules will end up in Reading/Berks rule book.
 - Officials will need to report earlier to games.
- Football Director Report : Tom Dibello
 - NCSI – will be the online application used for Background checks for Spring-Ford youth Football and Cheerleading (maybe all SFYAL sports in time)
 - 2 year check at federal, state and county

- We will pay for all coaches for the 2010 season.
 - We will evaluate in 2011 if we will pay for NEW coaches
 - Green light (pass) and Red Light (fail) are on-going
 - Takes less than 5 minutes to set up
 - Takes 7 – 10 days to clear an individual
 - Each team should have 1 Head Coach and 4 Assistants
 - Team break-ups was decided would be by AGE.
 - At each level the younger age group will be the Saturday Gold teams and the older age will be the Sunday Blue teams
 - There will be the opportunity for a player to either be moved up or down if:
 - ALL head coaches at that level agree and recommend to the Football Director
 - Football director must approve the recommendation.
- Cheer Director Report : Beth Fullerton
 - Beth announced that she is planning on holding a summer cheer camp and is gauging participation currently 26 of the 36 registered would be interested in a camp
 - More details to come about camp
- Marketing Director Report : Jen Welsh – Not present – nothing new to report
- Facilities Director report: Vince Frigo
 - Over seeding of fields was approved and to be put down by the school district. The league paid for the seed.
 - Vice discussed the infrastructure improvements proposed for the game field
 - Reviewed plans with S-F Athletic director and Head Coach of football team
 - Partner with the school district to build a more useable playing area
 - Improvements would be paid for over time by the league in this multi year project to include:
 - Goal Posts
 - Snack stand
 - Permanent bathroom facilities
 - Field improvements for drainage
 - This project will take time and having the support of the school district is a big step.
 - The league will be looking for skilled volunteers in the future
- Other Items
 - SFYAL governing body to oversee all sports
 - Football
 - Baseball
 - Basketball
 - Softball
 - Wrestling
 - Executive team to meet 4 times a year
 - Committees that need to be reoccurring
 - Fund Raising
 - Snack Stand
 - We need to get volunteers helping with these as much as possible through the season.
 - New player training camp

- It was asked if we plan on having the new player mini camp like we did last year for 2 days. All agree it was a success and should be considered.
 - No hard dates yet established
- S-F Blue and Gold football camp
 - This years camp will be replaced by one that will be put on by the new head coach of the S-F High School Football team
 - August 9 – 12th
 - 9AM – 1 PM
 - Section 1 grades 2 -6
 - Section 2 igrades 7, 8 & 9
- August 16th is our start date proceeded by the conditioning week
- 7th grade team and how it effects the Midget program is still is an issue. No decissions were finalized regarding this point.
- 8:34 motion to ajourn was approved by Jim Mullen and seconded by Jason Griggs.