

Spring-Ford Youth Football League

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/21/2010

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

Attendees:

Frank Pastella, Jason Griggs, John Mellon, Doug Mason, Steve Romeu, Mike Zielinski, Joel O'Donnell, Jim Mullen, Jim Begg, Barry Guldin & Kevin Kovaleski

Time: 7:34 PM Meeting was called to order

- President Opening Remarks:
 - Steve Schein
 - Thanked everyone for coming out.
 - Explaining that we were well on our way planning for the 2010 season.
 - Reviewed the results of the election and introduced the board members for the next year.
- Previous Meeting Minutes:
 - No minutes to review from January Meeting
- Treasurers report –
 - Steve asked the attendees to review the “Treasurer’s Financial Report” Sheet
 - Motion to approve – accepted by Doug Mason & seconded by Jim Begg
- Presidents Report:
 - Registration was about ready to go Thanks to the effort of Tom & Jen
 - It will be on-line this year
 - Explained it would be sent out to all previous players & cheerleaders first via email. Then on April 1 we will post on web for all to signup
 - Limit will be 88 players per tackle division (4 teams of 22)
 - Goals for 2010
 - Improve support to coaches – meeting with all coaches to share ideas
 - Practice Organization
 - Game management
 - Rules & policies Committee (this is one of 3 committees that reading Berks has created to improve the quality of the league, the other 2 are Officiating Committee & Scheduling Committee) – to be covered during Vice President Report
 - Get Help From parents
 - Always a challenge, but we need to do a better job at getting league wide volunteers so the same few people are doing all the work. Steve pointed out how smooth it went when we took everything to the storage at the end of the season. Many hands made it go quick and smooth. We need that same kind of support throughout the season.
- Vice President Report – Mike Engro also our RBYFB League Rep:

- Reading Berks trying to improve its structure – Forming the 3 committees
 - Rules (Mike & Steve are on this committee)
 - Officiating
 - Scheduling
- Steve & Mike discussed their role in the Rules committee with the Reading Berks Football league.
- 2 officials must be on site 10 minutes prior to game start time
- 2 3X5 cards with the officials names on it get passed down to each coach through the day so they have the names of each official.
- Discussed running clock up to 2 minutes (to prevent coaches from wasting time in huddle and giving teams a chance in the last minutes of a game to come back.
- Picture Id's was presented as a possibility. Although that was not readily accepted they agree there needs to be a process in place to validate players for games.
- Extra point – being looked at for possible change
- Athletic Directors Report – Tom Dibello
 - Reconditioning of helmets
 - 100 currently out and should be back in 1 month
 - Tom has a list of interested coaches still need people for Commissioners for 2010 season for Midgets & Mites
 - Tom plans on having a coaches meeting as early as April this year to get a jump on coach organizing for this year:
 - Would like 4 coaches per team – more to help develop a pool of coaches that have experience
 - All coaches/volunteers will be required to use USA football to complete background checks. This will mean less paper work and the system will constantly monitor the coaches.
 - If there are people that want to coach they should email Tom.
- Cheerleading Director – Beth Fullerton
 - 100 girls last year we are hoping to grow that by 20 for the next year
 - Lots of returning coaches will help build the program
 - Beth plans on having an outside company come out to help with cheering techniques.
 - Thanked everyone for the support of the cheerleaders that was shown through the season.
- Marketing Director – Jen Welsh:
 - No comments at this time
 - Tom & Jen Mentioned that there will be no order form for gear this year. We will buy in bulk and sell what we have.
 - Steve – commented on Fundraiser. He was sorry for how it was handled. Commented on the promise for delivery that was not met, but still likes the product as a fundraiser option.
- Facility Director – Vince Frigo
 - Practice & game facilities – Forms for all field set up logistics
 - Distribution of responsibilities
 - Practice cleanups

- Vice plans on more formalized structure for practices and games regarding the fields up keep logistics
- Steve mentioned – the use of Site managers again
- Steve mentioned that the fields will be sprayed 10/9 & 10/10 of this year so we need to plan ahead
- Other items
 - SFYAL
 - Steve mentioned that the SFYAL will have a board of directors
 - 2 members from each sport
 - Baseball, softball, Basketball, Wrestling & Football
 - Meet 4 times a year
 - Find value in centralizing things like Insurance, background checks so every one is on same page across all sports
 - Share email lists among all groups
 - Use same financial consultant for all groups
 - Spring –Ford School District
 - Presentation to the school district of where the league is now to thank them
 - Bring greater awareness of our league
 - Help continue to build relationship with school district
 - Sharing things like the score board
 - Committees
 - Snack Stand
 - Facility
 - Coaches need to attend 6 meetings a year
 - Meetings are every 3rd Sunday
 - Steve recognized Joel O'Donnell (2009 Flag Commissioner) about the work he did for the Flag football program for the league.
 - Doug Mason Asked if there were guidelines for player placement that will be defined for the next season. Tom Commented that once the plans were finalized that they will be made available.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:34:
 - Motion accepted by Frank Pastella & seconded by Jim Begg.