



SVMFL GM Meeting Minutes 3/21/17

E-Board members: Dave Schneider (President), Meredith Parke (Vice President), Brian Dunne (Marketing) Jay Malachowski (PP Commissioner) Heidi Lombardo (Cheer Director), Fred Parke (Safety Officer/Equipment Mgr.), Howard Campbell (Tackle Commissioner), Megan Evjen (Secretary), Jared Paolino (Flag Commissioner)

Absent E-Board Member: Ron Oakes (League Auxiliary) Diana Evjen (Treasurer)

Attendees: Jim Martin, Tony Kinney, Andy Pettola, Brian Butkiewicz, Ralph Tortora, Eric Drury, Dennis Brilla, Joe DiPace, Jarvas Walwyn, Sue Mikosz, Jon Evjen, David Corrado

- Meeting Start time/call to order was at 8:01 p.m. by Dave Schneider/President
- Roll call by Megan Evjen
- Jim Martin second Dennis Brilla accepted the monthly meeting notes from Thursday 2/16/17

Treasurer (Diana Evjen)

- Finishing tax prep and budget for review
- Total in account \$25,564.00
- Reflects payment for lights of \$9,467, Town \$1200 for turf fee, Bouchard Fuels, Frontier, Susan G. Komen, BluePay, Brayden & Teagan Fund
- Last years balance at this time was \$26,692
- Will be getting money from lacrosse to use our lights

Cheer (Heidi Lombardo)

- Going to Patriots stadium for their clinic at the end of April

Flag Commissioner (Jared Paolino)

- Intro to flag free clinic went well
- Thank you to Roy Evjen, Jim Martin and Eric Drury for helping

Marketing (Brian Dunne)

- Chili Cook-off is 4/2
- Donations from TPC River Highlands, Stanley Tools, Verizon, Wilton Country Club, Free Registration for our league, Formaggio's Pizza, Southington Auto Wash, Praline's Ice Cream, The Home Depot, Lowe's Home Improvement, Spartans II Restaurant, Southington Blue Knights, Sliders Bar & Grill, Dunkin' Donuts, Stadium Systems, Foodology
- Changing website to save \$500/year and will be done through Dick's. Will have more mobile notification

- Registration is now open

Tackle Commissioner (Howard Campbell)

- Summarized some changes for all of the new people in the room.
- Part of Nutmeg Youth Football League
- The league has their own board made up of 3 members from each league
- Will have consistent rules amongst all 3 leagues
- Will be grade based this year, not age based
- There will be more rule changes voted on and we will let you know once they vote
- We will share the same refs for tackle
- Next Nutmeg board meeting is in 2 weeks

Safety/Equipment (Fred Parke)

- Have 5 uniforms/equipment that have not been turned in - Bill's will be sent out to those families
- Helmets are being sent out for reconditioning
- Revising our code of conduct
- Looking for more EMT's

Powder Puff Commissioner (Jay Malachowski)

- Saturday 4/25 - Free powder puff clinic for new players
- Derynoski 10am-12pm

New Business

- Camp at Wesleyan University over April vacation
- Will send out an email to the league

Old Business

- There is talk of merging with the north but wouldn't happen for a couple years
- Supposedly there are rumors that the North is saying they are going to take us over
- Those rumors are not true. It would be a merger, especially since they don't even have facilities to use for practices or games. Many practice in fields behind schools, unlike us

Redraft

- Possibly 20 returning 8th graders on Chargers and 5 on Broncos
- Possibly only 1 C team this year
- A charger parent wrote letter saying his child probably won't play unless the Chargers stay together
- Another parent thinks safety should outweigh a team staying together. Has concerns because he saw children get injured last year on the Chargers

- Flag parent thought that if we are talking about redrafting next year, it should happen this year. Why wait?
- Another flag parent commented that if A is the only level that doesn't set weight limits and teams are unbalanced, then can be a safety issue
- B parent thinks safety and parity are an issue. If teams are lopsided, it affects the moral of a team
- B parent - This imbalance in A's happened due to an agreement that was made 2 years ago. We need to undo that because we are going to lose kids and it's a safety issue
- PP coach - Concerned that if we redraft, many kids won't come back. They like to be with their friends
- Hard to keep parity in PP because there are such wide age gaps
- B parent - Thinks a redraft should happen in A but not B
- B parent - Are there other options than redrafting - Can we ask kids on the Chargers if they would want to switch to the other team to make it more balanced or change draft order
- Motion was made to redraft all levels
- Anyone with voting rights from last year gets to vote - E-board, Andy and Jim.
- VP pointed out that whatever happens, how the coaches deliver the message is how it will be perceived by the kids. Need to give a positive message.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:54 p.m. by Dave Schneider/President