



Sunday February 11, 2018

Mogies

**Those Attending:**

x	<b>Jennifer Rusiewicz</b> (President)		<b>Keith Brancato</b> (Head Coach)	x	<b>Nicole Bates</b> (Cheer Coordinator)		<b>John Paul Bertucci</b> (Board Member)	x	<b>Ericka Jones</b> (Board Member)
x	<b>Beth Beattie</b> (Vice-President)		<b>Fran Consentino</b> (Coach Rep)	x	<b>Jamie Rydeski</b> (Asst. Cheer Coordinator)		<b>Chad Clark</b> (Board Member)	x	<b>Laura Wilson</b> (Board Member)
x	<b>Carrie Brothers</b> (Secretary)	x	<b>Rob Cook</b> (Coach Rep)	x	<b>Kelly Toney</b> (Head Coach)		<b>Stephanie Furnier</b> (Board Member)	x	<b>Valerie Wojcik</b> (Board Member)
x	<b>Tia Damon</b> (Treasurer)					x	<b>Ashley Gratzmiller</b> (Board Member)		

**Guests Attending:**

Call Meeting to Order

**Meeting Called to Order**

6:03 pm

**Reports:**

**President – Jennifer Rusiewicz**

- The expansion tank in locker room has been ordered.
- In lieu of David Bellinotti’s resignation as head coach of the Burrell Bucs high school football team, nothing has changed in regards to having the Lower Burrell Flyers still working with the Burrell Gridiron and being on the same page with each other.
- Jennifer has talked to the Burrell athletic director, Drake, regarding our 1<sup>st</sup> Flyer game being held up at the high school “under the Friday night lights”. We are waiting to hear an answer. If this does happen, we would like to have t-shirts made, merging the Burrell Bucs & Lower Burrell Flyers logos, for this game. We will be using Melanie Waas for the graphics and ordering of the shirts.
- After discussions with Bill Herman, the owner of the Flyer’s property, instead of our typical lease being per season, it will now be from March to March. The price of our lease will remain the same for March to March, as it was for just the season.
- After discussions with Ray Kastelic, the Flyers Organization may possibly get back into doing Night at the Races, combined with the Burrell Gridiron, for a fundraiser this year. In the past, we made approximately \$4000 in ticket sales and an additional \$1500 the day of the event. We are just in discussions at this time, however, if the Burrell Band decides to participate in this fundraiser along with the Burrell Gridiron, then we most likely will not be participating, as there will not be enough room for all three organizations for this event.
- Jennifer briefly discussed the possibility of flag football being added to our organization. No further details have been given.
- Field Day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 10 from 9 am – 2 pm. Volunteer hours can be used for this day.
- Equipment handout day for both football and cheer will be July 11 & July 12. No child will receive their equipment until all paperwork is completed by parents and fees are paid, including completed registration paperwork, registration fees, signed fundraising waivers and either completed volunteer sign up paperwork or volunteer opt out fees. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Parent meeting is scheduled during the 1<sup>st</sup> day of conditioning, July 23 @ 5:30 pm. This meeting will be a meeting for the entire organization, where the board will talk with parents of both football and cheer.

**Vice President – Beth Beattie**

- Jack Kirchartz was unable to make it to the meeting this evening, to discuss the hole in the roof of the concession stand.
- Beth filled out the applications for field and equipment grants through USA Football. We are waiting for responses.



## Secretary – Carrie Brothers

- Carrie has researched board's questions/concerns regarding Concussion Clinic and West Arm's Balance Testing and UPMC Concussion Clinic's Impact Testing. (Please refer to for 1\_30\_18 UPDATE on CONCUSSION TESTING email for additional details).
- William Jones, with West Arm Therapy, attended meeting to discuss the Concussion Balance Testing with West Arm Therapy. William is willing to hold a Q&A with parents at the field, regarding parents' questions/concerns about concussions.
- As far as parents having access to West Arm's baseline testing in case of possible concussion; if your child was taken to the hospital for a possible concussion, the hospital will not be asking for these records. The hospital's objective is to rule out brain bleeds, etc, then they refer child to a concussion clinic. The balance testing is a separate tool to help in recovery. When suffering a concussion, there are 3 things to deal with: balance, cognitive (impact) and symptoms. These 3 things are put together to get a clear picture of severity of concussion.
- West Arm performs balance testing for Burrell High School concussion clinic. They do not have medical release forms for these children; however, West Arm is willing to provide a medical release form for Flyers football players and cheerleaders, if requested. William can email form ahead of time for parents to fill out and sign, prior to day of testing. This should alleviate any concern of parent's having access to this baseline testing, upon request.
- West Arm Balance Testing is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- UPMC Concussion Clinic Impact Testing is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Treasurer – Tia Damon

\$1098.32 – General Fund Balance  
\$3198.66 – Equipment Fund Balance

## Head Coach – Keith Brancato

- Via text, Keith reported that East Allegheny is on the agenda to be voted into the league with by laws.

## Cheerleader Coordinator – Nicole Bates

- Adult Recruit Cheer Coaches will be Kelly Toney & Tiffany Moore.
- Junior Recruit Cheer Coaches will be Karen Rushnock, Maddie Rushnock, Ava Rusiewicz, Meadow Martinka, Brenna Meadows.
- Adult Cadet Cheer Coaches will be Jamie Rydeski & Stephanie Furnier.
- Junior Cadet Cheer Coaches will be Maddie Thompson, Georgia Brothers, Kiara Jones.
- Adult Flyers Cheer Coaches will be Nicole Bates.
- Junior Flyers Cheer Coaches will be Valerie Clark & Elle Bellinotti.
- **Keith needs to update us on the return of football equipment from last season.**
- All cheer uniforms from last season have been turned in, except for 1 midriff from a girl that has since moved out of town. No further action will be taken.
- **Nicole needs a decision from the board if she can have the rest of the uniforms, in her possession, cleaned prior to the start of the season.**
- The Cheer Budge Proposal meeting will be in March.

## Committee Reports:

**Chair  
in  
Bold**

### Apparel & Awards

- **Chair - Ericka Jones**
- Co-Chair - Beth Beattie

### Banquet

- **Chair - Carrie Brothers**
- Co-Chair - Jamie Rydeski
- Subcommittee has been added to include Jackie Terranova
- Several venues have been researched. PISA building is a possibility. Venue voted on at Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> monthly Board Meeting.

### Concession Stand

- **Chair - Val Wojcik**
- **Co-Chair is still needed**



*Youth Football Organization*

# MINUTES

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## **Field Maintenance**

- **Chair – Chad Clark**
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## Fundraising

- **Chair - Stephanie Furnier**
- Co-Chair - be Laura Wilson
- Co-Chair - Val Wojik
- Ericka Jones motioned, Tia Damon motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was passed by the board to do the off season fundraiser March Madness, that we did last year, again this year.
- Laura Wilson motioned, Ericka Jones motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was passed by the board to increase the Volunteer Opt out Fee from \$50 to \$120, which breaks down to \$40 per each volunteer duty at 3 required duties per each family.
- Stephanie, Laura and Val researched and proposed several fundraising options for this year. (Please see attached 2018 FLYERS SEASON PROPOSED FUNDRAISERS for additional details). The amount of fundraising totaled \$380 per family.

### Mandatory Fundraisers

1. 10 Gun Bash @ \$20/ticket
2. 10 Meat Raffle @ \$5/ticket
3. 9 Designer Purse Lotto Tickets @ \$10/ticket
4. 4 Night at the Races @ \$10/ticket

### Non Mandatory Fundraisers

1. Tag Day
  2. Kona Ice Truck
  3. Dairy Queen Fun Night
  4. Pizza Hut Night
  5. Mogies Fundraiser
  6. Fall Festival
  7. Sprankles Market Hoagies
- Several discussions took place regarding these fundraisers, including the suggestion of raising the meat raffle price to \$10 and keeping at 1000 tickets or keeping price at \$5 and selling more tickets, giving parents the option of choosing their combination of fundraising, as we did in previous years, and doing cash raffle tickets in place of purse bash.
  - The general consensus of the board was to eliminate the Designer Purse Lotto Fundraiser.
  - The general consensus of the board was in favor of the Meat Raffle Fundraiser.
  - Fundraising will be finalized and voted on at the Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> monthly Board Meeting.

## Gun Bash

- **Chair - Laura Wilson**
  - Co-Chair will be Stephanie Furnier.
  - Several discussions took place regarding the Gun Bash. (Please see attached flyer for additional details).
  - The possibility of lowering the cost of the Gun Bash ticket from \$20 to \$15 was proposed by Laura. The board discussed. Nicole Bates motioned, Ericka Jones motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board passed to keep the cost of the Gun Bash ticket at \$20.
  - The possibility of holding the Gun Bash on a Saturday was discussed, however, due to hunting season, Saturdays would not be practical.
  - The venue was also discussed. Kinloch Firehall and Laube Hall are our 2 options. Both are pretty much same travel distance. If we have at Kinloch Firehall again, it costs \$2000 to rent, as well as \$1000 to rent table and chairs. If we move to Laube Hall, it is same rental cost of \$2000, however, table and chairs are provided, which would save us \$1000 up front. Laube Hall also allows us to bring in our own food and alcohol (including wine). Both venues have November 4<sup>th</sup> available.
  - Raffle packages were discussed to be raffled off during the Gun Bash and are in detail on the attached flyer.
  - Approval of a sponsor letter for gun bash was motioned Ericka Jones, motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Gratzmiller and was passed by the board. (Please see attached sponsor letter).
  - Gun Bash will be finalized and voted on at a special meeting held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Mogies Restaurant.
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## **Nominations/Elections**

- **Chair - Beth Beattie**

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## **Special Event Days (Parent's Day, Senior Day)**

- **Chair - Jen Rusiewicz**
- Co-Chair - Beth Beattie
- Co-Chair - Ashley Gratzmiller

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## **Picture Day**

- **Chair - Carrie Brothers**
- Co-Chair - Ericka Jones
- William Jones is a possible photographer for Flyers pictures this year. He attended meeting and discussed his photography business. He passed around samples. His company is able to do typical memory mates, individual pictures and packages. William suggested his pictures can even be supplemental to Jim Kuhn photography, if wanted. William will finalize details at a later date on how many days he will need to complete pictures, if we decide to utilize his company.
- Other local photographers were briefly discussed as possibilities for pictures this year, including having a photographer for action shots during games. Some of these companies included Haley Rosa Photography, Catching Butterflies Photography, photographer that Brittne Vickers utilizes.
- Carrie and Ericka will research our options and gather pricing regarding our typical Flyers pictures, as well as a photographer for action shots.
- Photographers can be voted on at the Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> monthly Board Meeting.

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## **Advertising/Programs.**

- **Chair - Ashley Gratzmiller**
  - Co-Chair - John Paul Bertucci
  - Co-Chair - Laura Wilson
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## Registration

- **Chair - Ericka Jones**
- Co-Chair - Ashely Gratzmiller
- Co-Chair - Nicole Bates
- Registration Flyers and Recruiting/Registration Day was discussed. (Please refer to attached MEMO for additional details).
- Shannon Wagner has given approval for 3 flyers to be distributed through the schools.
- 2 different Registration flyers samples were shown for approval. Laura Wilson motioned and Ericka Jones motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board approved the yellow registration flyer. We are keeping the Registration Flyer from 2017. Because we are going with the yellow copy, we will save on ink. Ink will be donated by "EIG Services". Ashley Gratzmiller's employer will also donate the yellow copies, compliments of Winter Counting and Advising.
- Due to no final details on the possibility of flag football being added to our organization, Flag Football will not be included on the registration flyers at this time.
- Ericka researched venues for a Flyer's Registration Fun Day:

### Wild Life Life Bowling

1. They were very happy to hear from us. The organization will make 100% profit. We are able to do raffles, candy count, 50/50, have vendors, gift baskets, bake sales, business advertisements, etc. We could potentially make \$5-\$10k in fundraising. Cost would be approximately \$10 per person.
2. Tentatively scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. There were discussions on having \$20 entry fee and deducting amount from registration fee. This was turned down after further discussion, due to difficulty of record keeping.

### ZONE 28

1. Utilized by RYFO for similar function.
2. Deposit required.
3. \$7-\$11 per person, depending on bowling, shoes, laser tag.
4. No additional fundraising allowed, like we can do at Wild Life Bowling.

### Legends Pittsburgh Mills

1. Structured Activities and drills for kids.

### Pittsburgh Ice Arena (No response)

- To keep Flyer's Registration Fun Day in our community, Val Wojcik motioned, Tia Damon motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was passed by board to hold Flyer's Registration Fun Day at Wild Life Bowling.
- Shirt apparel was discussed for Flyer's Registration Fun Day
- Bill Bates is President of Burrell Baseball Association and is willing to set up tent for flyers during baseballs playoff week, per Nicole Bates.
- Ericka Jones will advertise Registration Flyer at local businesses, such as Community Market, Kmart, Family Video, Burrell Library, Post Office.
- **Ericka Jones needs official name for Flyer's Registration Fun Day at Wild Life Bowling**
- Registration Flyer will be finalized and voted on at a special meeting held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Mogies Restaurant.

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## Volunteers

- **Chair - Tia Damon**

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## Communication

- **Chair - Laura Wilson**
  - Co-Chair - Kelly Toney
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## Unfinished Business:

- Concession Stand Roof - Jack Kirchartz will be attending our board meeting at 6pm to discuss repair of concession stand roof.
- Expansion tank repair in locker room
- Pipe repair in concession stand
- Location of Flyer's 1<sup>st</sup> game at BHS/concession stand swap
- Flag football
- REMIND app
- USA Football grants and camps
- Coaches & Board Clearances
- USA Football Coaches Certifications
- Bridge replacement over creek
- Status of return of football equipment from last season
- Cleaning of Cheer uniforms
- Cheer Budget Proposal
- Banquet Venue
- Fundraising
- Night at the Races
- Gun Bash
- Photographers
- Registration Flyer
- Flyer's Registration Fun Day

## New Business:

- Laura Wilson would like to use photographer's pictures for newsletter.
- Ashely Gratzmiller's new mobile number is 724-448-4081. Please update contact accordingly.

## Wrap Up:

**Meeting adjourned**

8:16 pm