

LYTFC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2015

Attendees:

Shawn O'Day, Jackie Sagl, Lanette Sundquist, Fran Richards, Lisa George, and Monique Beganski, Mark Hall (league member), Kurt Landfors, Tom Porell,

A) Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting on 9/27/15.

B)Treasure Report

- Status on Park and Rec Account – They still have not given our league the funds owed.
- 501 update – We have been approved by State of MA and also the Attorney General office. Just waiting on update of IRS database
- Concert Fundraiser netted 17K. Was a success. Would like to continue to fundraise like this in future.
- League has 20K in cash
- End of Season Banquet update
 - Tentatively set for Dec 16th. Jackie is trying to secure the auditorium and café for that night. Will also need a video person for that evening.
 - Monique will order the 8th sweatshirts. Lanette to send her last years invoice so she can possible order same ones.
 - Jackie is going to order the 8th grade cheer jackets. Lanette to send her last years invoice so she can order the same ones.
 - Liz and Lanette are working on the picture frames for this evening.

C) Central Mass Meeting Updates

- There was a lot of discussion on the Mity Mite bowl. There was concern because it was being held on Halloween.
- Central Mass is host for Regional Cheer competition. Regional committee has stepped in to assist. There is a ton of information not getting out to cheer coordinators.
- Play count issue seems to be resolved. As far as Tom was aware this issue was resolved and Central Mass person attended a 6th grade game to over see and make sure it was being done properly.
 - Things to possible assist so it does not happen in the future is to have training for the coaches.
 - Kurt going to do initial pass as a questionnaire to the league members to see where we can improve and also check likelihood of their child returning for next season.
- There was discussion of breaking up Football teams differently however that is put on hold because nothing can be done until registrations for next season are complete.
- Issue with insurance and kids playing in FBU. Not sure if our insurance will be enough or if our players will be allowed to use our equipment.

D) Equipment

- Looking at possibly Nov 28th or 29th for equipment return.
- Fran believes he can get everything into storage.
- Still waiting on corrected invoice for the helmets. Kevin S is aware just has not taken action to send out a revised invoice.

E) Registrar/Web

- Kurt to send out email blast on our AYC and League scholars. This will go out to entire league. Players will be awarded at end of season gathering.
- Mission statement is a work in progress. Kurt sent out email to board asking for feedback. Did hear back from Fran.
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F) Flag/Tackle Football

Tackle Football:

- Need to make sure it is communicated that Football is required to set up the field prior to home game.
- Tom P. asking for 275 to cover Team Works bill from beginning of season. Had her because of bad weather and needed space.
- Next playoff games are scheduled for Sunday 6th grade is 4:30 and 7th grade is 6pm at Alumni.
 - There will be no charge for the game.
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Flag Football:

- We are going to eliminate blitzing for the 6-8 year old age bracket for the remaining two games of the season. The concern about the blitz with the younger kids is two-fold – safety for the ball carrier and blowing up plays before they even start because someone is already in the backfield when most of the kids don't even know which direction to run in.
- The safety issue is about size and the competitiveness issue is about speed neither of which offer an easy objective solution such as only six year old players can blitz. Likewise if we said kids under a certain weight could blitz, a team with fast but smaller kids would have too great of an advantage. The direction we tried to move in was to create balance and a positive experience with less emphasis on winning. We will change the rule and eliminate blitzing for the 6-8 division for the last two games. That will give us a sense of what it will look like going into next season. Worst case scenario there is more offense but no chance for injury through blitzing. If it doesn't make sense or if it creates some unintended consequence we can adjust for next year.
- One idea we have for next year is to go with three age brackets: 6-7, 8-9 & 10-11. We need the numbers to have at least four teams in each division to get there. Had we used that breakout this year we would have had **26, 46, & 22** respectively. Minimum for each bracket is **28** so we were close. Getting the 8

year old players out of the same bracket as the 6 year old players would allow the younger kids to have more success, score more and probably enjoy the experience more. It may also entice more players for exactly those reasons especially if we market it that way.

- Another idea that has been floated for next year is to shorten the sessions to 90 minutes. 30 minutes for practice and 60 for the game. It would give parents an extra half hour to get the younger kids there and release the older kids 30 minutes early. We could do 1:30 - 3:00 & 3:00 - 4:30. Also it would give us more flexibility if we do go with three divisions. Practices could be on the adjacent fields and refs could ref straight through. The older kids don't typically need an hour of practice and the younger kids tend to get bored.

6-7 1:00 - 2:30 game starts at 1:30

8-9 2:00 - 3:30 game starts at 2:30

10-11 3:00 - 4:30 game starts at 3:30

- The only time it is a disadvantage is the first week with the younger kids but without the 8 year old players in the division it would be less of an impact. We could add an extra half hour the first week or two.
- I am going to send a message to the whole league about the blitzing elimination.
- The 9-11 games are 3-4pm this weekend with no practice due to Halloween.
- Rich Fitzgerald is going to run for my position in January and I will help him as needed and set him up with clear notes about what needs to happen and when.

G) Cheer

- Two teams moving to Regionals U14 White and Red.
- Asked for league to pay 400 for bus to transport team on day of event
- Asked for 200 to cover room for Cheer Director in Amherst. Jackie has to stay because she has a 5:00 am start time.
- Asked league to cover 94.51 for Oct bows. They were made by student for all 4 teams.
- Short discussion on teams placing at Regionals to move on to Nationals and what that means for squads.
- Submitted 2 forms for 8th grade spot on All star team in Florida. Just not sure when they will find out if they made.

H) Fundraising

- Great Success on Concert fundraiser. Have gotten a lot of good feedback.
- Net was 17K
- Next fund raiser is Otis Spunk Myer cookie dough. Packets for this will go out to everyone in league and proceeds will be going to league for football or cheer trip to nationals
 - Delivery on this will be early Dec. and person will need to distribute.

I) Apparel

- Made 2200 this season. Those funds belong to Apparel for next season merchandise..

- Down to 2 bins of apparel.
 - Would like to have an online store for the sweatshirt and clothing items then sell hats, blankets etc. at games.
 - Jackie asked that they cheer items also be included in this. Would like to make it so cheer necessities can be ordered on line.
- Monique to sell some apparel at end of season function.
- Lanette to look into pay pal square so folks could pay with credit card.

J) Concessions

- Concession made so far is about 300 for the season.
- Next season some prices need to go up
- Jeff Sundquist to open concession at next playoff game and Annie should be able to attend last game for relief. We will just be selling what we have left and then remaining food and drinks will be used for end of season party.

K) Next Meeting Dates and Time

- Next Few Meetings at 7pm Sunday at Littleton Police Department Community Room November 15, 2015.