



**South Fayette Township Youth Football Association**  
**Wednesday, July 6, 2022**  
**Association Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Bob Julius (President), Ryan Kacsur (Vice President), Jaella Richard (Treasurer), Jaime Hick (Secretary), Neil Loebig (League Representative), Scott Richard (Football Director), Lindsay Loebig (Registration and Rosters), Vanessa Keller (Webmaster), Trisha Self (Fundraising Coordinator), Leann Monz (Concessions), Kirk Wojno (Flag Representative)

Absent:

**President:**

1. Head Coaches-

**Varsity Tackle Teams**-Bob reported that three people volunteered to become head coaches for a varsity team-Jon Baiano, Charlie Kelley, and Ryan Fornella. All three were present either in person or via phone. Fifty-three kids are registered, so three teams are needed. A parent asked if a 6th grade dad should be involved because there are a lot of events/things that are 6th grade specific. Dusty Greene (originally volunteered as an assistant) showed interest in becoming one of the varsity coaches. Each of the four candidates spoke about why they would like to be a head coach. Board vote conducted-Jon Baiano, Charlie Kelly, and Ryan Fornella are the 2022 Varsity Head Coaches.

**JV Tackle Teams**- Bob explained there were originally three volunteers for JV Head Coach; one withdrew. The JV level has 45 players signed up, so they need 2 teams. Niel Loebig and Ryan Kascur are the 2022 JV Head Coaches.

**Termites Tackle Team**-Bob explained there was one volunteer for the Termites Head Coach position. The Termites level has 23 players signed up, so they will have one team. Josh Keller (present via FaceTime) will be the 2022 Termites Head Coach.

Bob reminded all head coaches that they must follow all the league and our association's rules. Head coaches must also make sure their assistant coaches are doing the same. Head coaches must also make sure that assistant coaches have all clearances up to date. Bob added that head coaches need to establish communication with families of players—preferable through the website once the

season begins. Lastly, head coaches must be certified or renew their Heads Up certification. Bob also reminded head coaches that there is a rule that states no parent is allowed to contact you regarding game/playing time within 24 hours after a game.

2. Season Calendar-Bob said the calendar is updated on the website.
  - Aug 8th begins heat acclimation. Players will be split into teams after heat acclimation. Bob will meet with varsity and jv coaches to set a date for that.
  - Aug 14th is the Coach's Smoker—mandatory for all tackle head coaches. At this event, our head coaches will meet all the other schools' head coaches and officials. Niel added that each level (termite, jv, varsity) will have a designated time. Niel also said that there will be rules updates from last year, which they will review at the smoker.
  - Weigh-ins: Aug. 21st at Bethel Park HS. Each team will have a specific time. A member of our coaching staff will be there. Make-up weigh-ins will be Aug 25th.

Vanessa added that parents are encouraged to go to the website and sync the calendar so it will directly show on their phone's calendar.

3. Practice Days-Bob explained one change-
  - Mondays (beginning on Labor Day) will no longer be an option for tackle football practice due to flag practices being on Mondays.
  - SFTYFA has Fairview Park football fields Monday-Saturday. We also have Preservation Park Field A on Wednesdays for flag practices. This may change as we work with Soccer for what fields work the best for both associations.
4. By-laws Review Committee-Bob would like to form a committee to review and provide recommendations to our bylaws at the November or December meeting. If anyone is interested, contact Bob.

#### **Vice President:**

1. Uniform update-All uniforms have been ordered! Flag uniforms are ordered with Kirk's help. All on pace for getting uniforms on time. Ryan reported that 50 extra game pants were ordered to use over the next 5-6 years.
2. Ryan contacted the EMS for their services at home games. This is on hold until we get our home game schedule,
3. Ryan asked for use of the SF Stadium for one home game during the season. Ryan said one game/date and we can make it a big deal for players.

4. Team meetings-Ryan asked about holding team meetings to explain expectations to new and old members, along with reviewing weekly requirements.
5. Ryan asked if we placed an order for lights—Jaella said not yet. She will email the company will cc: Ryan on it.

**Treasurer:**

1. The General Budget was emailed to all board members before the meeting.
2. Fundraising covered the association's cost for uniforms and new helmets. Jaella reported we are only \$500 off from where we were last year.

**Secretary:**

1. June meeting minutes were voted on, approved and adopted.
2. Clearances-Jaime reminded coaches to email clearances to sfyouthfootball@gmail.com.

**League Representative:**

1. League Report-Niel said that the rules meeting was held where all rules and bylaws were reviewed. Suggested changes will be voted on at the next meeting on Monday. Niel will let us know what passes. Schedules will be finalized in mid August when we know how many teams each township has.

**Football Director:**

1. Uniform Update-Scott said 11 new helmets and 18 new shoulder pads have arrived so far. Scott said we need to order more balls, etc. If coaches have suggestions about equipment and such that needs to be ordered to email him. Reconditioned helmets should arrive in July. Once they arrive, we will get dates set for equipment pick up.

**Fundraising Coordinator:**

1. Letters were sent out for corporate sponsorship. We plan to fundraise more at home games with baskets than with family sponsorship.
2. Upcoming fundraisers:
  - a. July 24-31 - Spirit Wear Sale
  - b. Aug. 7-13 - Yard signs
  - c. Fall 2022 - Evereve Shopping Event
3. Lotto Tickets-Bob reported that we have 107 tackle families, who all paid \$100 for their set of lottery tickets. The number of families exceeds the number of lottery

tickets. Bob asked if board members would forego their tickets to help solve this problem. Several board members agreed.

**Concessions Coordinator:**

1. Leanne reported she plans to use Sign Up Genius when ready to start filling volunteer spots.
2. A member added that Chromographics can help us stock with lanyards etc. with 2 weeks notice.

**Registration and Rosters Coordinator:**

1. Registration
  - a. Tackle: 121 total (53 Varsity, 45 JV, and 23 Termites)
  - b. Flag: 104 total (42 grades 3/4, 48 grades 1/2, 14 K)
  - c. Late registrants
    - i. Out of district-looking for special program for tackle
    - ii. Returning 4th grade flag player
    - iii. 4th grade flag new player
    - iv. 4th grade flag-returning player
    - v. Returning family-sign up for flag-3rd sibling- k flag
    - vi. 5th grade tackle new player

Board voted to accept all late registrants to play both flag and tackle. Vote carries to allow all the listed late registrant requests to play.

**Webmaster:**

1. Social Media has been updated.
2. Website-All dates and events are listed.
3. Socks-If we are interested in providing socs for every tackle player, an exact dollar amount we would like to spend is needed so vendors can see what we are able to do.
4. Coach's shirts-A promo code will be given to coaches so they can order their shirt/size.
5. End of year gifts need ordered before August 1st. Board agreed -all players will get a water jug this year. Next year we will give new players water jugs and a new item for returning players.
6. Helmet award decals-If interested, great prices are available.

**Flag Representative:**

1. Coaches needed- This is a problem with flag right now. We need head coaches for 10 teams. We are looking for 3 or 4 more head coaches. Head coaches do not need experience USC provides good support along with the other flag head coaches.
2. We still need to figure out if Kindergarten is separate or with grades 1 and 2.
3. Program has come a long way—with better field locations/times, resolved equipment issues.
4. August meeting may be used to solidify flag coaches. Bob agreed and added that coaches need to be aware of expectations, including coaching behavior/conduct.

**Old Business:**

1. Tackle picture day is Monday, August 29th. Flag picture day is Monday, September 12.

**New Business:**

1. Money for new tackle equipment? Jaella said it is in the budget. Bob suggested coaches get together and make a list of what is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.