



South Fayette Township Youth Football Association

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Association Meeting Minutes

Mike Ludwig (President), Shawn Lamonde (Vice President), Candace Ankrum (Treasurer), Barbara Earley (Secretary), Eric Makar (League Representative), Gregg Earley (Football Director), Jennifer Bostian (Fundraising Coordinator), Bruce Bostian (Registration and Rosters), Tim Mantick (Webmaster), April McShane (Concessions)

President:

- **Township Fall Sports ZOOM meeting:** A discussion with the township took place with reps from cheer, baseball, soccer, and football. Township field use will be fine for practices with measures in place for social distancing. Game day will be concerning, given the number of participants (football players and coaches for both teams, cheerleaders and coaches for both teams, officials, game volunteers, and spectators). Football home games will be at Fairview. Games will take place on field 4, cheerleaders will perform at endzones. There will be markings on the field for spectators to stay behind. The bleachers will either be roped off or moved if possible. Plans are subject to change as pandemic guidelines and mandates change.
- **Social Distancing Requirements:** More specific social distancing requirements will be discussed and communicated closer to the start of the season and as approved by the township. To maintain social distancing, the use of the soccer field adjacent to Fairview football fields may be used. The pit may be used as well. Flag will not practice at the same time as tackle.
- **Field Usage for Games:** The High School stadium will not be used due to the stringent cleaning process of bleachers, bathrooms, and concessions. The already tight stadium schedule is even more restrictive due to the amount of time that must pass between groups' usage of the facility. The money saved by not using the stadium will cover another set of lights for the practice / game fields at Fairview.
- **COVID Waiver:** Upon equipment pick-up, all families must sign a COVID waiver for their athlete (equipment will not be provided without a signed waiver). There will be a SFTYFA waiver as well as a SHYFL / Parkway waiver. The SHYFL / Parkway waiver will be signed at the onset of practice.
- **All Parents Required to Sign COVID Rules:** On the 1st day of practice, coaches will meet with parents and have COVID rules document signed.
- **5-Year Jacket Requirements (request made for non-consecutive years):** If an athlete has played 5 years of consecutive tackle football with SFTYFA, they are honored with a South Fayette football jacket for their commitment (with their parent paying a small amount of the jacket's cost). The board voted and agreed that even if a player takes a year off, upon 5 years of commitment, a jacket is deserved. If an athlete has played tackle football in another youth football league, those years count towards a commitment to tackle football and will also be honored. In this case, parents will be asked to share this information with the board so that we are honoring all our committed athletes. Since football jackets are typically worn by middle school athletes, the board voted and agreed that athletes entering 6th and 7th grades who are signed up for their 4th year of youth tackle football are also eligible for a jacket (with their parent paying a greater cost for the jacket). Those with 5 years will have a special patch or pin that recognizes this accomplishment. 5-year athletes will continue to be honored at Youth night (if youth night does not occur due to COVID, another platform will be determined to honor our 5-year athletes).

Vice President:

- **Coach Shirt / Vest / Color / Style:** Each coach is given a \$30 allowance towards their choice of 3 given options. The coach will owe to the balance of items greater than \$30. Choices will be arranged by the fundraising board member that also sets up the spirit wear shop. Once choices are determined, the secretary will be in communication with all head coaches or team moms to have their team's coach order in place regarding, choices, sizes, and money owed.
- **Parkway League:** The Parkway League will play if the High School plays. The Parkway League will not play if the High School does not play. 3 schedules are being set with an August, September, or October start depending on COVID restrictions. The Parkway COVID waiver will have to be signed for athletes to play.

Treasurer:

- **Financials:** Current bank balance was shared. Taxes are paid. 43 athletes that signed up have not paid. An email will go out with payment reminders. Money is due to SFTYFA from last year's Superbowl. Helmet reconditioning, footballs, jerseys, jackets, and coach shirts will all have to be paid for.
- **5-year Jackets:** Details above.

Secretary:

- **Addition of Treasurer information to Board Manual:** Board members will send secretary any updates and useful information for board members of the future. Secretary maintains the most up to date Board manual.
- **Dates: Picture Day, Equipment pass-out, Conditioning:** Picture Day is August 25th. Equipment pass-out dates are below. 7th grade conditioning has been ongoing. There is no formal conditioning for younger teams.
- **Coach Shirt Order, Vendor & Price Point:** Details above.
- **Assistant Coaches:** Email will be sent to head coaches for potential assistants.

League Representative:

- **League update- review league agreement on dividing teams:** League wants age groups of 48+ to be divided into 3 teams and 32+ to be divided into 2 teams. Our 3/4 and 5/6 numbers are close, but not there yet. Due to COVID as well as typical drop out numbers, the board will continue to monitor numbers and what is best for the players. Communities that must split age groups into 3 teams will play each other. Communities that have 1 or 2 teams at a particular age group will play each other.
- **Open up for list of topics to discuss at upcoming SHYFL meeting:** Will there be any changes to how our refs do their job due to COVID? Eric will inquire at upcoming meeting.

Football Director:

- **Request is in for Fields to be lined by August 10:** Follow-up email will be sent to get the fields lined by August 3rd since 7th grade begins practice a week earlier. Fields 4 and 5 will be lined.
- **Flag Jerseys are in**
- **New Shoulder pads are in**
- **Helmets should be back by August 1st at the latest**
- **July / August Equipment Hand Out Dates:** (Waiver signed, \$300 equipment check, \$100 Volunteer check, Registration Balance Payment, Birth Certificate)
 - Thursday, July 9th @ 6-8 pm: 7th grade
 - Tuesday, July 14th @ 6-8 pm: 5/6 grade
 - Tuesday, July 21st @ 6-8 pm: 3/4 grade
 - Tuesday, July 28th @ 6-8 pm: K/2 grade & those that could not make their age group date
 - Monday, August 3rd @ 5:30-6: 7th grade helmet pick-up
 - Monday, August 10th @ 5:30 - 6:30: Last equipment pick-up, large helmet pick-up
- **Face Masks will be purchased for Game Day Volunteers**
- **Footballs must be ordered**

Fundraising Coordinator:

- **Cornhole Details and Date Change**
 - **New Dates:** Saturday Aug 22, Rain Date Aug 23
 - **Confirm start time:** 1pm start for cornhole. Possible scrimmage before cornhole is TBD.
 - **Confirm number of teams:** 64 team max. Online registration will be on Sports Connect.
 - **Extra details:** Save the date will be emailed out. Cornhole boards may be on lower field to ensure social distancing. Food Trucks will be there. Concessions of candy, chips, drinks will be available. Minimum number of games and rules will be included in details. Beer and t-shirt will be included for registered teams.
- **Fundraising ideas:** Rooster's Fundraiser was revisited. Butcher fundraiser, Halloween time fundraiser at Berkshires, Sure tip fundraiser discussed.

Registration and Rosters:

- **Updated Registration Numbers:**
 - Flag: 35
 - K/2: 10
 - 3/4: 27
 - 5/6: 45
 - 7th: 25
- **Outstanding Payments:** 43 players are unpaid.

Concessions:

- Grill will be donated by Bostians. Logistics about COVID food safety will be monitored and considered when planning for practice concessions, and more importantly game day concessions.

Past Tabled Items:

- ...