**NORTHERN YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER**

**Board Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022**

**Location: Meeting conducted at Dillsburg VFW**

***ATTENDANCE:***

**Members in attendance:**

Ed Whitt, Amanda Divittore, Jena Inscoe, Tony Stump, Nichol Hare, Matt Sadler, Luke Macke, Jason Stacknick, Mandy Myers, Trisha Myers

**Attendance by non-members/public:**

Coach Miller with NHS, Jenni Stacknick

***WHEREAS*** the NYFC Board Meeting was called to Order by Ed Whitt, at approximately 6:48 p.m., who formally made motion to approve and adopt the NYFC Board Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2022, a second motion was made and all members voted in favor to adopt the NYFC Board Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022. A subsequent Motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report, a second motion was made and all members voted in favor to adopt the Treasurer’s Report.

 ***WHEREAS*** a presentation was offered at the beginning of the meeting by John Green with Modern Imprint. John brought a lot of ideas to the table on ways we can improve sales for spirit wear. His main suggestion being that the Board consider opening an online store now, after equipment handouts, and closer to the first game. The Board offered some feedback to John on what they felt did and didn’t work with the last online store. We appreciate the time Mr. Green took in attending this discussion.

**I.** **CHEER REPORT:** *(Jen Beck not present)*

There is no report given at this time.

A discussion was had regarding the potential candidate to fulfill the Vice President of Cheer chair in the event Jen will not be with us next season. The Board will continue to discuss this at an upcoming meeting and advertise for the VP position as well as head and assistant coaches in the form of email blasts and social networking. The Board as a whole would like to see cheerleading and football more integrated next season.

Board Member, Nichol Hare, indicates that Kara Plank will be submitting an application to head coach Pony but preferably Pee Wee.

**II. FOOTBALL REPORT:** *(Jason Stacknick - present)*

 The Board welcomed a discussion with Head Coach Miller of the Northern High School Varsity Team. There was significant dialogue regarding the importance of a continued alliance between our youth program and the high school program as it will benefit the players all around. Our Board is hopeful that each program will be able to host their own individual events for the purposes of fundraising and training, but continue to collaborate for certain events. We thank Head Coach Miller for his time in attending our meeting.

1. **Proposal to reverse order of games.**

A vote was previously held for the order of the games to be Midget, Pony, Pee Wee, and then Smurf. Discussions were held with some varying talking points, mostly in favor, but concerns about the younger players playing later in the day. The vote was unanimous and this will be discussed with the CFA. Tonight, a supplemental discussion was had regarding this lineup and concerns about the Smurfs playing later. After discussion, a vote was taken and was unanimous that the games will be as follows:

 Midget : 12:00 p.m.

 Pony: 1:00 p.m.

 Peewee: 2:30 p.m.

 Smurf: 4:00 p.m.

The board anticipates this new lineup to give our Midgets more warm-up time and allow them to practice on a regulation size field and hour prior to the start of the game. Additionally the Smurfs would be the last game and there could be an extra quarter strictly for JV players replacing the JV games. This new line-up for our games was introduced at the CFA meeting. **The following are updates from that meeting of March 14, 2022 which we want to incorporate in our minutes as we approach the beginning of our 2022 season:**

1. With respect to Open Field/Spring Work out Sessions, we have to offer this to the entire league and we are not supposed to install plays. This is felt to be an unfair advantage as the season is not supposed to officially start until the first week of August. We can work on drills, strength, conditioning, and speed.
2. New commissioners/board Mike Sadders from Hummelstown new assistant commissioner. Brian Graham is the liberty conference commissioner leaving Boiling Springs. Joe will remain JV commissioner and Smurf Bowl coordinator.

·       Ian Worral from East Penn will be the assistant treasurer.

·       Pam from West Perry is taking the minutes at all CFA meetings.

·       Marv remains National Commissioner and will do the All Stars

·       The Mechanicsburg coach stated that the Pony QB that quit may be wanting to play for Northern as a Midget and if this is the case they will give Northern a waiver.

·       Keith passed Nichol the CFA treasurer duties, they are starting with 11k.

·       Lebanon Friendship is leaving the CFA, 10 teams in the bottom conference (Brad has to revise the schedule).

·       State College was in the JV league, and wants to join the National Conference, but they don’t have a smurf team.  There is no requirement to have smurf teams.

·       Steelton is in the CFA now the vote was 18 to 1 of those who voted.

·  Preseason practice must be available to all 32 teams. If you are running camps this includes strength and conditioning they should be available to all 32 teams.

1. Guidelines/Rules:
	* Jerseys adhering to the numbers rule as an example the offensive and defensive line has to be between 50 and 79.
	* If you have a 00, they will not let a player play.
	* Questions were raised about those players that play Varsity at one position and JV at another, the response was as a general rule keep the numbers in line with the specialty players vs. line.
	* 0 is an eligible number.
	* Super short on officials, the CFA will not have enough crews for the season, the most current idea is that the MIDPEN conference will have Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday games.
	* Saturday games will negatively affect CFA.
	* Try to get fields on Sundays, JV league may suffer too. They are looking at options.
	* CFA meeting with PIAA in April, the officials want us to play the Peewee, Midget, and then the Pony's, this allows them to have a warm up game before having to run up and down the field with the Midgets. I restated our desire to start with the midgets and end with the Smurfs although they stated that the officials will be setting the stage and they can make us revise the play schedule based on their needs.
	* They believe the Officials will request that we have Peewee, Midget, and Pony.
	* Update Directory as needed and was sent out.
	* Calendar was sent out (it is not etched in granite).
	* CFA 2022 Registration Form sent, Ed picked them up.
	* Federal schedule is done, will be sent out at the end of the week, it will only show who is playing who and who is home and away, it is on us to schedule the fields.
	* Bylaws submission is due April 1st. There is a form the CFA uses, we will have to submit a form and in May they will vote.
	* Looking for Federal conferences sites to host play offs, super bowls, and Carbri Classic.
	* Federal Conference,
	* Next CFA Meeting is 7pm April 11th Bylaw meeting, one in-person per Team.
2. **Offseason Workouts:**

The CFA bylaws were reviewed and it does state, "Section 2 - Length of Season. a. Practice may begin on Monday, the week of August 1st. Summer camps and/or spring and summer 7 on 7 camps/clinics/tournaments must be open to all CFA associations and/or to its players and must be approved by the league commissioners prior to 2 weeks before the scheduled camps/clinics/tournaments. Only those camps/clinics/tournaments posted on the official CFA Football League website will be considered approved. No Association shall permit coaches or teams officials to require that their players attend any of the above functions prior to the official start date of that year’s season. *Conditioning sessions run and attended by an Associations coaching staffs or officials are considered camps and clinics and must follow the same guidelines to be open to all teams in the league to participate in.*

Therefore, we are to invite the league to our Open Field Work Outs. We are supposed to notify 2 weeks out and receive approval. My current plan is to send a message to all of the teams.

**Communication to CFA:**

*CFA Association,*

*The Northern Polar Bears, would like to invite members of the association to our Open Field spring conditioning sessions, currently scheduled for March 20th, April 3rd, and April 24th, from 10:30AM to 11:30AM at the SLC,* [*602 S Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019*](https://www.google.com/maps/search/602%2BS%2BBaltimore%2BStreet%2C%2BDillsburg%2C%2BPA%2B17019?entry=gmail&source=g)*. The SLC is the old High School across from the new high school next to the football stadium.  Please send Ed Whitt an email at* *ed.whitt@gmail.com* *if you plan on sending athletes so we can ensure we accommodate all those who wish to attend.*

1. **Board Update on Offseason Workouts:**

Workouts continue to go well and will continue to take place at the SLC 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. as follows:

 3/20 Defense Clinic
 4/3 Offense Clinic
 4/24 Defense Clinic

1. **Current Head Coaches:**

 *Smurf* Patrick Hicks

 *Pee Wee* Mike Simoncini

 *Pony*  Tim Barrouk

 *Midget*  Mason Hayes

Jason Stacknick will communicate the leagues anticipated teaching progression from skill level to skill level.

1. **Pig Skin Prep:**

Camp/Prep is targeted to now take place June 13,2022 through June 16, 2022. Continued discussions will be held as this event approaches. Jason will contact alumni to assist with this prep/camp.

1. **Registration:**

Registration for Football opened on March 14, 2022. A prior discussion was held regarding fees for the upcoming season. At the time of the February Meeting, a vote was taken and the following fees were adopted:

Smurf through Pony football and cheer skill levels Smurf through Pony: $125.00 each

Midget football and cheer skill level: $65.00 each

Polar Cub cheer program: $50.00 each

A subsequent vote was taken thereafter in an email format wherein members voted on removing the fee for the Midget Football and Cheer Program.  It is estimated that this will cost the program approximately $3,000.00. As well, a vote was taken simultaneous regarding an increase of the volunteer fee to $100.00.

1. **Pictures:**

Pictures will take place on August 13, 2022. We will need to contact NYCSD to approve the use of Bostic Field for the same.

1. **Programs:**

The Board agrees that they would like to see programs handed out at the first home game. More discussion will be held regarding the same leading up to the first home game. Ed will coordinate to ensure we have a vendor for the programs.

1. **Facilities Use:**

Coach Stacknick has reached out to our AD and grounds coordinator to secure Bostic for our home games.  Once they confirm Bostic is available the next step is to submit a Building Use form which is ready to go.  It should then be on the school board agenda for discussion and approval at the April meeting.

**III. PARENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** *(Ed Whitt no report)*

No report at this time. Please see football report for items related to registration for the upcoming season.

Discussions were held regarding our Board hosting a Parent Meeting, wherein the meeting would alternate around the equipment handouts. Further discussion and vote will need to be taken on this, as well as confirming location of the parent meetings.

**IV. EQUIPMENT/FIELD MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** *(Ross Fronk not present)*

1. New game jerseys for Levi (7 Y XXL) and Crue (15 Y M) Game Pants;
2. Helmets will be conditioned and the approximate cost will be $5,292.00;
3. Tony will take care of spreading grass seed at SME.

**V. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:** *(Nichol Hare present)*

The Cornhole Tournament was postponed with the hopes of hosting the same during an event at the VFW this spring and summer.

Nichol is in communication with the VFW regarding our first gun raffle. The same is expected to be finalized in the coming month with more details offered on specifics at the next meeting. Additional details on this event:

1. This event is formally titled “Northern Youth Football and Cheer Gun Raffle” which is being sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, South Mountain Post 6771.
2. The Small Games of Chance License is being held by the VFW as they are hosting this event.
3. Donations for ticket purchases will be $20.00 per ticket.
4. A total of 500 Tickets will be printed.
5. This gun raffle is being coordinated with The Hunter’s Trading Post, located at Rear 10 East South Street, Franklintown, Pennsylvania 17323.
6. Tickets will be sold by NYFC as well as at the VFW.
7. A total of ten different firearms will be raffled off.
8. Sales run through June 18, 2022.
9. The drawing will take place on June 30, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. at The Hunter’s Trading Post.
10. Participants will not need to be present for the drawing to win.

**Old Business carried over from last meeting:**

Nichol would like to set up a fundraising timeframe with Donham’s Sports. This would ideally take place a month before our season starts. More details on this will follow. As well, Nichol will be coordinating with Mike from the VFW to do a gun raffle to benefit the NYFC.

**VI. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT:** *(Nichol Hare present)*

No report at this time. Again, discussions were held regarding updating the time to sign up items and ways to improve concessions for next season.

Volunteer credits discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

**VII. CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** *(Mandy Myers present)*

The Board took a vote and Mandy Myers was unanimously voted in as the new Chair of this committee. The Board thanks her for her support of our program in this capacity.

Both Mandy Myers and Trisha Myers will be assisting in managing concessions for our home games. The Board unanimously supports this and they will present a more concrete plan as we get closer to the season. A meeting will more than likely need held on just concessions. This will need to be coordinated. A date was discussed for April pending schedule alignment for invited members.

**VIII. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** *(Jena Inscoe present)*

Registration for Football opened on March 14, 2022. See the football report for details on registration.

A vote was taken on formally removing Jen Beck from the Registration Committee. The same being presented by Board Member, Luke Macke, and was seconded by Board President, Ed Whitt. All members in attendance were unanimously in agreement.

Board Member, Jena Inscoe, was appointed to seat this Chair, however, she did indicate she would prefer to have no involvement in this committee as there has been so much implemented already that she wasn’t present for.

**IX. PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE:** *(Jenni Stacknick not present)*

No report necessary at this time.

See the football report for details on individual and team pictures this year. The same is tentatively scheduled to take place on August 13, 2022.

**XI. NEW/CURRENT BUSINESS:**

Upcoming Dates (tentative) for NYFC:

April 3, 2022 Offense/Defense Clinic

April 19, 2022 Offense/Defense Clinic

April 24, 2022 Offense/Defense Clinic

May 17, 2022 NYFC Board Meeting

May 27, 2022 Early Registration Ends

June 11, 2022 Equipment Handouts (Parent Meeting tentative)

\*Equipment handout changed to June 6, Parent Meeting TBD

June 13 – 16, 2022 Pig Skin Prep Camp

June 25, 2022 Equipment Handouts (Parent Meeting tentative)

August 1, 2022 Practices Start

August 13, 2022 Individual and Team Photographs at Bostic

August 26, 2022 Possible Meet the Team Night at Bostic

*A Motion was made by Ed Whitt to adjourn the meeting, a second motion was made and all were in favor to conclude at 8:53 p.m.*