

NORTHERN YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2024

Location: Meeting conducted at Dillsburg VFW

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance:

Ed Whitt, Ross Fronk, Amanda Divittore, Brittany Hess,, Leah Simoncini, Ben Hellmold, Matt Sadler, Cody Lighty, Kathy Walker, Tim Barrouk

Members not present:

Nichol Hare, Danielle Peters

Attendance by non-members/public:

Bill Miller (Northern HS Coach)

WHEREAS the NYFC Board Meeting was called to Order by Ed Whitt at approximately 6:28p.m., who formally made a motion to begin along with a second motion.

FOOTBALL: Ed Whitt + Ross Fronk

- Our Schedule has been posted
 - 4 Home Games
 - 4 Away Games
 - 1 Bye week
- 4 conferences now for the CFA -Northern Polar Bears are in the Federal West Conference
- There is a decrease in play-off teams this year
- New this year is a Varsity Jamboree for 5 teams that do not make playoffs
 - Played same day as JV Jamboree
- Super Bowls are November 9-10, 2024
- Need to discuss who is going to run the gate for the super bowls. Each organization has to have 1 volunteer or there is a \$500 penalty.
- Field requests need to be submitted Ed will work with Brittany to get this completed
- Ross has suggested that we have at least one week where we do an under the lights - starting Smurfs at 3pm and midgets at 7pm
- Equipment Order has come through already (Shoulder pads and Helmets) \$3,837.95
 - Should receive back mid to late June
 - Can still size kids without having these actually back
- Football Decals for the helmets - Ross had to modify slightly due to coloring of helmets
 - VOTED and approved for Rydell
- New Jersey mockups in case we need to order them - solid purple with silver shoulder pads

- Can order a reversible jersey to meet requirements of light and dark jersey
- Do not need new practice jerseys, practice pants, or game pants
- Ross has started to go through the High school play book to make youth versions
- Ed completed purchase of 3 weighted Pop up dummies and tackling donut \$1,876
- Field Maintenance - the guy that normally paints the field for us is most likely moving away. We are looking to outsource this moving forward.
 - There is an opportunity to partner with DASC for this - Ed has met with Simon
 - HS fields are lined by NHS maintenance staff - can possibly reach out to them to pay them to do it for us
- NYFC is looking to outsource announcer job in booth - Amanda is working with a gentleman that does this for the HS games
- Ed has urged the board to keep an eye out for lighting systems - he is always on the lookout.
- Need to provide Referee for Smurf Bowl
- Parent Meeting TBD at SME cafeteria
- Matt Sadler is taking care of Farmers Fair

CHEER: Danielle Peters

- Not present
- Purse Bingo on April 14th

TREASURER REPORT: Amanda Divitorre

- Amanda received the license for the small games of chance for Purse BINGO
- Sponsorships \$2,400
- Current bank account \$33,547
- Domain listing renewal \$288 completed
- Amanda has stated that if her son does not stay in Midgets, this will be her final year as Treasurer for NYFC.
- Plan of action for taxes: Amanda is in communication with the accountant. Plan is to pay them \$500

FUNDRAISING: Nicole Hare

- Nicole is going to work with Danielle for a fundraiser around Mother's day for hanging baskets
 - \$30 for hanging basket
 - \$10 for flowers

CONCESSIONS: Cody Lighty

- Cody is planning to meet with Varsity concessions to create a game plan
- Amanda Booked Brickers French Fries for Purse BINGO 4/14

SPIRIT WEAR & PICTURE DAY: Leah Simoncini

- Leah got ahold of Donnie for Photos
 - No fee for the league
 - Donnie sends QR code out to the parents and parents order directly from him
 - Offers back 10% First and Second year to organization
 - Offers back 15% Third Year to organization
 - Needs 4 days turn around (at fastest)
 - Needs weeknight time slot - 3 hours for entire program
 - August 12th @ 5pm SME Cafeteria
 - Request space 4-8pm
 - Donnie will need the rosters with accurate emails to send notification to parents
 - By August 1st

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Discussion and Vote on NYFC donating funds to the new gym for Northern - Polar Bear Foundation
 - Eds recommendation is Silver, Bronze, or Copper donor levels
 - VOTED and APPROVED by NYFC board at Silver level \$5,000 pending further confirmation of allocation of funds.
- Currently have 10 members on board but 13 seats - However all executive seats are filled
- Coach Miller - guest to speak on relationship between Northern HS and NYFC, specifically with Pigskin prep camp
 - Proposed Pigskin schedule includes 330 minutes that NYFC youth coaches would be able to have with their kids specifically.
 - Looking to have NYFC coach participation. If they do not have it, they will need to come up with an alternate plan for the youth players. Need to have at least 6 coaches to make the initial plan work.
 - Request from NYFC to move camp to evening - not going to work for Northern HS participants and coaches. Coach Miller stated they will keep the camp in the AM.
 - Ed Whitt originally requested HS Booster Football Club share some of the funds made during the Pig Skin Prep camp.
 - Coach Miller stated that the Booster club did not feel a cost sharing event is something that they wanted to entertain, as there was no precedent for this within the Northern School/Youth programs.
 - Instead the Booster Club decided to advertise without the NYFC consent that each athlete from the youth club will receive a \$15.00 credit towards registration fees. NYFC does not support the wording that was advertised with the \$15 credit. Would have preferred the wording be \$15 credit to the organization.

- The current plan is to review a spreadsheet of attendees at Pig skin camp time and write a lump sum check to NYFC at \$15 a head for each youth participant.
 - Midgets are a concern as there is no cost for their registration. Are we just sending them a \$15 check?
 - FINAL AGREEMENT: Amanda will provide a list of NYFC 2024 participants on first day of camp to the Northern HS camp and Northern HS will provide the \$15 credit back to the families
- Looking to keep funds separate and not co-mingled. Coach Miller did reach out to other coaches and no other camp shares in profit.
- Historically they did move camp to evening at least one other year and participation dropped. Moving camp back to the morning increased participation.
- Looking to have head count on coaches ASAP. All coaches from last year have been talked to and there are only 2 coaches that can commit at this time and a handful of others that cannot commit until late May.
- MAY 1ST - Hard Deadline for NYFC coach commitment
- If the coaching staff is not available, an adequate plan needs to be in place to entertain 60-70 youth players.
- Coach Miller did clarify that he did not state that NYFC should not have their own camp, he was more worried about the effect that it would have on the parents pocket. He would hate for a parent to have to choose between one camp or another.
 - Timing of Camp was another concern of which camp is first. Coach Miller is an advocate that the NHS Pigskin prep be held first before any camp that NYFC holds.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 19th at 6:30pm at the Dillsburg VFW

A motion was made by Ed Whitt to adjourn the meeting, a second motion was made, and all were in favor to conclude at 8:02pm.