

NORTHERN YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

Board Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2024

Location: Meeting conducted at Dillsburg VFW

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance:

Ed Whitt, Ross Fronk, Amanda Divittore, Brittany Hess, Danielle Peters, Nichol Hare, Leah Simoncini, Matt Sadler, Cody Lighty, Tim Barrouk

Members not present:

Kathy Walker

Attendance by non-members/public:

Brianna Martin, Tim Janasco, Robert Innerst, Jesse Wildman, Jeremy Wildman, Brittany Hansen, Matt Divittore, Dustin Hare, Jessica Armour

WHEREAS the NYFC Board Meeting was called to Order by Ed Whitt at approximately 6:00pm., who formally made a motion to begin along with a second motion.

FOOTBALL: Ed Whitt + Ross Fronk

- Playoffs start in 2 weeks
 - Ponies were 1 game away from making the playoffs
 - Midgets did not have chance - Changes coming to Midget Program
 - Midgets are done - Equipment hand in is 10/22 at equipment trailer
 - Binder is in trailer
- Peewees made playoffs - Nov 3rd @ Chambersburg 3pm
- JV Jamboree is at Cumberland Valley this Saturday 10/26
 - CFA changed this layout this year
 - Pushed back a week from normal
 - Pee wee practice will focus on JV this week and then back to Varsity following week for playoffs
- Smurf Bowl 10/27 @ CD East
- Super Bowl 11/9 @ Susquehanna HS
 - Jeremy Wildman will be doing this volunteer slot for the NYFC so we do not get the \$500 fine from the CFA
- All Stars
 - 4 players for Pee wee and Pony
- Midget program will be terminated for 1 year – Voted on and approved.

- Relationship with HS has not been good for us to field the Midget team when the Junior High team is pulling all our players (7th and 8th graders)
- This will send all players up to the Junior high team next year.
- Per CFA if we are unable to field a varsity level team for all levels 2 years in a row – all levels will be forced to play a JV schedule only and unable to compete at the Varsity level.
- The kids that we do have playing are burning out or getting injured due to small squad numbers
- Looking at current rosters there are only 15 kids that would be on the midget roster next year and only 2 of them are linemen. Looking at the crew we have we are fearful of injuries.
- At this time, the plan is to look at reopening for the 2026 season. Recruiting will take place during the 2025 year and we are confident that we would be able to field a solid Midget team for the 2026 season.
- Tim Barrouck asked if we could partner with the Junior High team and use the Junior High JV team as the NYFC Midget team BUT the issue is that if the players are on the Junior high roster they are unable to play non sanctioned PIAA events.
- Cheers plan for Midget is to have a competition only squad. In order to qualify for competition they have to cheer for 4 sporting events and will cheer at the home games.
 - Worried the girls will like the competition only schedule and not want to go back to normal schedule when the Midget football team is put back in place
- Next year we need to take a look at 5 year olds playing at the smurf level moving forward. NYFC bylaws say one thing and CFA say another.

CHEER: Danielle Peters

- Tomorrow night is showcase at NHS 5pm \$5 a person
- Several coaches are leaving - already working on recruiting
- Brittany Hansen is interested in taking over the smurf squad next year
- Peewee girls were told it is mandatory to be at the playoff games
- Competition season has started and in full swing
- \$700, \$700, \$400, and \$450 competition costs

TREASURER REPORT: Amanda Divitorre

- Scheduling 1 light pick up
- Season cost for lights to date \$4975.64
- 942.75 + final season
- 3rd home game profit \$4100
- 4th home game profit \$3400
- Announcer and game day workers are being paid: \$240, \$60,
- Upcoming bills:
 - Banquet cost is coming up

- Paying School for game day operations
- Sitting in bank account \$38,693
- Amanda is leaving next year but will help transition Nichole Hare into the position next year
 - Voted and approved
 - Requested to move to an electronic system moving forward

FUNDRAISING: Nicole Hare

- Coffee fundraiser raised \$1617
- Night at the races in the off season will be planned soon
- Volunteers - roughly 40 families that did not meet the volunteer requirements
- Complaints that there were not enough food and drink donations available
- Bri Martin brought up that the wording on the volunteer explanation is a little hard to understand.
- There are a lot of families that did 3 of the 4 slots – with complaints from this year we are moving to not cash these families checks.
- Assistant coaches families will not be cashed either
- Looking for replacement for Volunteer head next year with Nichole taking over

CONCESSIONS: Cody Lighty

- Practice shed did not profit this year: spent \$1625 made \$1229
- Concessions profited \$5501 for season
- Cody is resigning as concessions lead but will be remaining on as a board member

SPIRIT WEAR & PICTURE DAY: Leah Simoncini

- Spiritwear broke even this year
- Still have some inventory
- Next year we will run a store with small on hand inventory to help with out of pocket costs
- Hats were an excellent seller this year
- Not happy with artistic imprints - looking at 3 other companies for next year
 - Hoping to have this ready to roll out with registration
- Leah is volunteering for Medical again next year again

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Tim Janasco, Head coach for Smurfs, Is interested in taking over as President
- Overview of board: 13 board members to include 6 executive members.
 - Bylaws are voted on in January
 - Volunteer positions
 - Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at Dillsburg VFW
- We are under the CFA league who oversee the Peewee, Pony and Midget Football programs
 - They assist with Smurf Bowl

- No other involvement with Cheer or Smurf
- Sponsorship letters were sent out too early last year. Sending out in Feb/March for coming season
- Matt Sadler, Kathy Walker, Ed Whitt, Amanda Divittore have all announced their resignation.
 - Cody Lighty has resigned from concessions but will remain on the board
 - This will leave 6 open slots for the board next year
- Tim Barrouck requesting more of a due process moving forward for code of conduct dismissals- Will write up a procedure to be voted on by board
- Awards Banquet coming up
 - Jess Helmold - Trophies (20 Football and 25 for Cheer)
 - Offense
 - Defense
 - MVP
 - Lineman of the year
 - Most improved
 - Brittany Hess will do Certificates - has flash drive from previous years
 - Cost from last year was \$2,001.28
 - \$8 per person x 350 + tip = estimated cost this year

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 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 7:15pm.