
Lynnfield Pioneer Youth Football & Cheer Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Webex / Conference Call

Date & Time: 7/23/2020 at 7:30 pm

Call to Order:

Present: Cuddy, Dan, Kelly, Eric, Keri, Steve, Lauren, Eddie, Tim, Natalie, Dave
Not present: Sandra & Maureen.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 6/18/2020 Board Meeting Minutes approved.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report approved. LPYFC total net profit to date is \$4,461.00. The LPYFC facemasks sold out netting just over \$1,000.00. Very high demand. Keri said we could get a new shipment within 3 weeks if we decided to order more.

III. SEASON PREPARATION

A. Registration:

1. Football is at 116 registrants: A (28), B (24), C (22), JVC (22) and D (20)
2. Cheer is at 101 registrants: A (17), C (10), D (19), JVD (14), Mascots (13) and Mini Mascots (28)

B. Football Equipment: 118 helmets came back from Riddell refurbishing in poor quality noting the following issues:

1. 14 helmets missing top clip that screws into the helmet.
2. 1 helmet a facemask clip loose and not attached.
3. 13 helmets with the original chin strap attached and inoperable.
4. Missing at least 10 facemask thumbscrews for fastening chinstrap.
5. 200 facemask thumbscrews sent scattered throughout the bags/not attached to helmets.
6. 1 full bag of dirty chin cups returned.
7. Most helmets returned scratched worse than when shipped.

Dan will follow up with the Riddell rep on a solution although we have not been invoiced. Dan will loop in Adam Rystrom with ongoing equipment issues. Dan asked about doing football uniform fittings but will likely wait until we know more about state restrictions. Dan also relayed the need for at least 3 footballs per team (which were donated by Dicks in the past but not this season) and there will be a rush if football gets clearance.

C. Cheer Equipment: Kelly said she had a couple of fittings which were broken down by teams, giving each child a specific time slot. This process seemed to work well. Cheer will not order any new uniforms this season, rather opting to alter existing stock to fit the child. Kelly noted some contract-related issues with Varsity, the vendor who supplied the A team uniforms last season. Friction might cause LPYFC to change vendors.

Cheer discussing a change in process next season with uniforms, allowing each registrant to buy their own to keep. It would be a separate fee outside of the normal registration cost. Kelly discussed the idea of not issuing uniforms at all this season (and only wearing t-shirts) if competitions are cancelled and it is just a gameday performance. While warm up suits would have been ideal in that space, the lead time on ordering for those who do not own already would present a problem.

D. Director of Football: C Team Head Coach Vacancy – Cuddy volunteered to tackle the issue of the C team HC. Noone applied for the position although we have plenty of experienced assistant coaches. Cuddy to sync up with the tentative staff of C Team and identify head coaching options within the group.

E. Game Day Cheer: Cuddy asked about the possibility of cheer going to different sports and cheering, however Natalie noted that playing surfaces have a 100-person cap which could be a problem if we added cheerleaders and coaches.

F. Communications: Maureen is on vacation this week but Cuddy released a Facebook statement relaying the 9/14/20 start date put forward by Mass.gov/DESE.

G. Safety: COVID subcommittee – CAYFL noted they will provide football/covid guidance for its members, but we will keep our own Covid subcommittee to work through the process. Natalie said MYCA is still discussing but will also be offering its members guidance on protocols as well.

H. Fields: Steve has not submitted the permit as we might have to include some of the softball field as well as the back field (inside the track) of LMS and request the use of a permanent tent for cheer, in the event we have space limitations. Will include Tuesday in case someone teams needs it. We might have to get creative with practice dates/times given possible space limitations, including Saturdays.

IV. FUNDRAISING / EVENTS: Mask fundraiser was a success. Board agreed to order more and make available for sale. Keri asked about the possibility of neck gaiters and will research with Sal and provide details next meeting. Lauren/Steve presented the idea of buying the neck gaiters/masks for the players and coaches.

Keri also conveyed that Davio's has a maximum of 28 people on private parties due to new state space limitations, so we'll have to move our Davio's fundraiser until sometime next year when restrictions on space allow for such an event. Keri will research the calendar-type fundraiser through Sal and let us know the details.

- V. CAYFL/MYCA:** Cuddy – Reported that CAYFL plans to generate and provide Covid guidance for its members to follow. Natalie advised that MYCA separated into two subcommittees, game day and competition. Game day will be a logistical issue and whether we can have cheerleaders on the playing surface. Competition subcommittee felt Mass.gov Phase 3 limitations presents a real problem going forward. Added the idea of an outdoor competition, but that presents timing and safely training/learning the competition routines.

Adjournment

- Next LPYFC board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on August 20, 2020 at 1 New Meadow Rd, Lynnfield, MA.