

MARS YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Minutes of the Board Meeting on January 19, 2009

Recent Achievements / Decisions Made

#	Achievement / Decision	Responsibility
1	MarsYouthFootball.com domain name was renewed	Sherri Grosso
2	Betsy Gerthoffer resigned as Cheer Commissioner, Audrey Barron resigned as Treasurer, Audrey Barron appointed to Cheer Commissioner by president Doug Wright with board's approval, Betsy Gerthoffer appointed to Treasurer by president Doug Wright with board's approval.	Board
3	Organization's financial information was entered into QuickBooks dating back to 2005.	Betsy Gerthoffer
4	Betsy will publish a Cash Flow Statement and a P & L statement from QuickBooks and bring copies to each subsequent Board Meeting.	Betsy Gerthoffer
5	New bank signature cards were signed by Doug Wright, Doug Bayuk and Audrey Barron	Board
6	In the future all expenditures made by board member on behalf of the organization seeking reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt or a bill from the vendor. Board members are not allowed to make expenditures for any transaction not previously approved by the Board without getting prior Board approval. Board will decide upon threshold amount for which a board member can spend money without prior board approval at a future meeting.	Board
7	The organization will file a tax return for 2008 and will request a waiver for the filing of tax returns in prior years.	Betsy Gerthoffer
8	The Board decided that future board meetings will take place on the third Sunday night of every month from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Treesdale Community Center beginning with February 15th.	Board
9	The Board established guidelines for the selection of Coaches. The factors that will be weighed when choosing head coaches are: (1) Prior football coaching experience; (2) Prior coaching experience in sports other than football; (3) Overall demeanor and attitude when working with kids; (4) Ability to get along with and work with fellow coaches; (5) Prior playing experience or knowledge of the game of football; (6) Commitment to the Mars Youth Football Organization outside of coaching; (7) Past complaints or sanctions registered against coach by parents, referees or organization.	Board
10	Football commissioner, Rick Skurka, submitted his slate of candidates for head coaching positions for the upcoming 2009 season and the coaches were selected as follows: Satellites – Dwayne Spurlock, Rockets – Doug Caruso, Meteors – John Fetsko, Astros – Doug Wright, Invaders – Rick Skurka, Martians – Doug Hetzler.	Rick Skurka and Board
11	Football signups will occur on Saturday, February 28 th at the Treesdale Cider House. Returning players may register by mail by sending their forms to the Post Office Box postmarked no later than February 25 th . (Necessary forms include the registration form, a copy of the players birth certificate and three checks: signup check, concession deposit check of \$100, and equipment deposit check of \$100.) The live signup will be from 9:00 – noon for returning players and noon – 3:00 pm for new players.	Board

12	The cost for football signups this year will be raised \$5 per football player to offset the cost for having police at all of the home football games. As a result, the cost of football registration this year will be: \$140 for the first kid, \$105 for the second kid, and \$85 for the third kid. The cost of cheer registration will remain the same at: \$120 for the first kid, \$90 for the second kid, and \$75 for the third kid. The discounts for additional children only apply to children of the same sex participating in the same program as their sibling because of the difference in cost for each program.	Rick Skurka and Board
13	Discussion was held on the prospect of moving to three teams. The two primary constraints to making this change are the number of kids who sign up for football and the lack of sufficient lighted practice facilities. The board will consider making the move to three teams depending on the number of boys who sign up. It was generally agreed that in order to accommodate three teams the organization would need 75 registrants for the older teams, 75 registrants for the middle teams and 60 registrants for the younger teams. The Board agreed that we will post the fact that we are examining the prospect of moving to three teams on the website in order to encourage those that are on the fence to sign up.	Board
14	Discussion was held on the topic of whether the teams should be redrafted. The board did not officially vote on this matter and this is a decision that will have to be made at a future meeting. This decision will be impacted by whether the registration warrants the move to three teams.	Board
15	Discussion was held on the topic of changing the uniform colors from Gold and Royal Blue to Gold and Navy Blue to reflect the Mars Varsity colors. It was agreed to stay with the Royal Blue in light of the absence of funds to purchase all new uniforms.	Board
16	Discussion was held on what our position should be within the league on the issue of raising the weight limit by five pounds at each age group. Although there was disagreement, the feeling of the majority was that the weight limit should remain where it is and should not be raised.	Board
17	A new phone information line will be set up at the cost of \$7.50 per month which will provide people with a phone recording as to whether practices are cancelled due to weather and other important messages. The new phone information system will be set up and maintained by Rick Skurka. The number is (724)625-5590.	Rick Skurka and the Board.
18	Discussion was held on the best means for advertising football signups. Although there was disagreement, it was agreed that the organization will not purchase new signs directing people to the website. Instead, we will use a combination of the old signs, the website, advertisement in the Cranberry Eagle, notice in the PTO newsletter, display on the High School marquis, and a letter sent home with the kids through the school.	Board
19	Discussion was held on the status of last years SpiritWear sales and the fact that there is a pending dispute over the items purchased from the vendor, the vendors failure to meet our specifications on product delivered to us, our failure to return the defective items, an \$11,000 bill that has not been paid, and the retention of an attorney to handle this matter on the part of the organization without board approval. Doug agreed to get to bottom of this with Lisa Brown and Carrie Hartman and seek a resolution.	Doug Wright

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, February 15, 2009, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Treesdale Community Center