

MARS YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Minutes of the Board Meeting on May 18, 2009

Recent Achievements / Decisions Made

#	Achievement / Decision	Responsibility
1	Audrey Barron indicated that the cheerleader uniform fitting went according to plan on Saturday, May 16 th .	Audrey Barron
2	Audrey Barron discussed the plans regarding the competitive cheer program with the board. Tryouts for competitive cheer are scheduled for the weekend of May 29 – 31. It was agreed that the competitive cheer program would be abandoned if fewer than 20 girls tried out.	Audrey Barron and the Board
3	Audrey Barron indicated that Lynn McKinney was willing to coordinate a hoagie sale and the board agreed to add this to our list of fundraisers.	Audrey Barron and the Board
4	Rick Skurka presented the Board with \$2,540 in additional money from his and his wife's fundraising efforts. \$1,040 came from the sale of the old jerseys and an additional \$1,500 came from new donations from Corporate Sponsors.	Rick Skurka
5	Rick Skurka indicated that he purchased new football uniforms from All Sports America at a cost of \$12,744.74. By shopping the best prices for comparable quality, Rick was able to save the organization approximately \$3,000 from what the board budgeted (\$15,740) for the new uniforms.	Rick Skurka
6	Due to the fundraising efforts of Rick and Sue Skurka and the savings derived from the purchase of new football uniforms, the Board approved the expenditure of \$6,000 to purchase new cheerleading uniforms and pom-poms.	Rick Skurka and the Board
7	Rick Skurka announced that Mars self storage has agreed to donate the use of a moving container for Middlesex field so we can store the blocking dummies, tackling mat and other equipment at the field and the coaches won't have to take them home. The only cost to the organization will be \$50 to pay for the driver to deliver the container.	Rick Skurka
8	<p>Rick presented a report from the Fundraising Committee. He indicated that the committee kicked off the first phase of the Foodies Fundraiser at the cheer fittings and that the response was good. Forms are due back June 7 at the combines. Food will be delivered before the boys kick off their Foodie fundraiser at the equipment handouts at end of June. The Foodie Fundraiser had to be done in two phases because the girls and boys weren't going to be in same place until end of July and we wanted to wrap it up by then.</p> <p>In addition, five restaurants have committed to dining for dollars giving us up to 20% back. We will be making up sheets of coupons to be handed out during the new player evaluations and when the cheerleaders hand in their Foodie Fundraiser forms. The coupons will also be placed in the downloadable forms section of website. We are coordinating the events with other activities which will be going on so as to give people extra incentive to make it a social event as well. As soon as dining for dollars dates are picked we will be publishing the events calendar.</p> <p>Committee chairs have been picked for Night at the Races and Pie Sales. Committees will be formed and meetings held before the next board meeting. Reports will be given then along with budgets for board approvals.</p> <p>A chairman has been selected for the community events fundraisers for July 4th in Mars. The chairman is contacting Jen Flemming to get information on booth space.</p> <p>The committee is also talking to Tracy Gall from Mars PTO who handles their spirit wear to get information on the company they use as well as two other companies that have been referred to us by other UYFL organizations. Report will follow at next board meeting.</p>	Rick and Sue Skurka

9	<p>Rick Skurka discussed the issues and decisions made at the coaches meeting held on Sunday, May 17th. Rick indicated that all of the coaches and several of the assistant coaches attended the meeting except for Doug Wright. There was considerable discussion surrounding three issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether to skip the first week of scheduled practice and begin football practice on Monday, Aug 3rd. 2. How to even out the teams before the draft. 3. Team assignments for new players entering the league. <p>On the first issue, it was decided that practice this year will begin on Tuesday, July 28th. The first week will only have practices on the 28th, 29th and 30th before going to the normal Monday thru Thursday schedule. The first week will be conditioning only (helmets okay on Thursday). If a coach chooses not to practice the first week, the first 3 days of their practice will be conditioning only with no pads.</p> <p>On the second and third issues, there was a lot of discussion on how to balance out the two teams. On the big teams, the Gold (formerly White) has five fewer returning players than the blue team. As a result, it was agreed that the Gold team will get the four new 12 year olds to even out the teams. With this balancing act the big teams are now within one of each other.</p> <p>With the middle teams, the Gold team (formerly White) has six fewer returning players than the Blue team. In addition, the Gold teams first round draft pick from last year (Hunter Cazin) will not be returning due to the weight limits. Therefore, in order to even up the middle teams the Gold team will get the first three picks of the new 10 year olds along with the first pick and the last two picks in the draft of the nine-year olds. Doug Wright was in disagreement with the process of this decision.</p>	Rick Skurka
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Unfinished Business / Current Action Items

#	Person	Action Item	Due Date	Next Steps
1	Betsy & Doug Wright	Finalize budgets for 2009.	June Board Meeting	
2	Audrey Barron	Present budgets and plan for 2009 Cheerleading Program	June Board Meeting	

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2009, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Treesdale Community Center