

MARS YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Minutes of the Board Meeting on June 16, 2009

Recent Achievements / Decisions Made

#	Achievement / Decision	Responsibility
1	Discussions were had regarding the policy of keeping coaches who coached on the team from a prior year versus giving a head coach complete discretion over who his assistants will be. The Board agreed that it does not want to discourage anyone who wants to coach from being a coach and that every effort should be made by a new head coach to accommodate the interests of the coaches who were on the team in the prior year. Ultimately, the Football Commissioner has the final say as to who the coaches will be.	Rick Skurka and the Board
2	Audrey Barron indicated that only seven children attended the tryouts for the competitive cheer program. At the May meeting it was agreed that the competitive cheer program would be abandoned if fewer than 20 girls tried out. Therefore, there will not be a competitive cheer program in 2009.	Audrey Barron and the Board
3	Audrey Barron indicated that the Hoagie Sale Fundraiser being coordinated by Lynn McKinney on behalf of the Cheerleaders will begin the first week in August when football and cheer practice starts. This way the Hoagie Sale will not conflict with the Foodie Fundraiser that is going on now.	Audrey Barron
4	Rick Skurka indicated that the draft went well. All teams are set – with a couple of exceptions.	Rick Skurka
5	Rick Skurka presented a proposal to buy new 3 to 5 step-over pads for each team at a cost of \$66 per pad. The Board agreed that we would hold off on this expenditure until we can finalize whether we have the money and instead of buying a set for each team, we would only buy one set.	Rick Skurka and the Board
6	Equipment handouts have been modified. The new date is Saturday, June 27 th from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. The equipment handout on the 28 th was changed to the evening of Monday, July 27 th . An email will be sent out warning parents that if their child is unusually small or unusually large they should attend the handout on June 27 th in order to give Rick time to order necessary equipment.	Rick Skurka and the Board
7	On August 15 th , the organization will prepare the field and open the concession stands for the upcoming season. Each football team and each cheerleading squad will supply two people to help with this task. We will begin promptly at 9:00 am on the morning of the 15 th and it is expected that the group will be done by noon or 1:00 pm. Coaches will have the responsibility for finding parents from their team to participate.	Rick Skurka and the Board
8	The Board approved the purchase of two printer cartridges so that Rick and Sue can begin printing coaches handbooks and fundraising forms. Larry agreed to buy the cartridges and submit a bill for reimbursement.	Rick Skurka and the Board
9	Rick Skurka proposed putting on a speed camp with Jeff Astbury and Gary Bittner at the Boro field. The Board agreed to notify the members of the camp about the opportunity like we do with all other camps, but we will not sponsor it.	Rick Skurka and the Board
10	The Board discussed when football practice will officially start and it was agreed that football practice will start on Tuesday, July 28 th . Cheerleading practice will start on Monday, July 27 th .	Rick Skurka. Audrey Barron and the Board

11	The Board discussed the Preliminary Operating Budget submitted by Treasurer Betsy Gerthoffer and the fact that in past years certain cash expenditures were not properly recorded and accounted for. As a result, some of the projected expenditures are not entirely accurate. In particular, the Night at the Races Fundraiser had additional expenses that were paid from the cash proceeds from the event. The Board agreed to take this fact into consideration when allocating money for this fundraiser and it was agreed that in the future all cash proceeds collected and disbursed will be properly recorded and accounted for.	Audrey Barron, Sue Skurka and the Board
12	<p>Sue Skurka presented an update on the efforts of the Fundraising Committee. Currently, the Committee has 21 members who are actively involved in the Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foodies Fundraiser is well underway with the Cheerleaders and the order forms continue to arrive by mail. Thus far, Foodie orders total \$620 of which 30% will go to our organization. The Board discussed the fact that this is a multilevel marketing program and that the Mars Youth Football and Cheer Organization is a part of Kim Astbury's downline. It was understood, that Kim is not going to unduly benefit from this fact and that money earned by her as a result of our participation with Foodies is going to be given back to the organization in the form of food for promotions or cash. The Foodie Fundraiser for the football players will begin with equipment handouts. • As mentioned, the Hoagie Sale is set to go in early August • Sue presented a proposed budget for the Night at the Races Fundraiser. The Board approved the budget for this event along with the \$150 deposit required to reserve the Mars VFW. • Sue indicated that she is going to provide a calendar of all the fundraisers to be given to players and parents at the time of equipment handouts. The dates will be posted on the Calendar and reminders will be sent out to the membership via email. 	Sue Skurka and the Board
13	The Board discussed the sale of Spirit Wear and it was agreed that we didn't want to be involved in the handling and distribution of merchandise this year. Sue Skurka has looked into several options. The one that looks the most promising is the woman who handles the Spiritwear for Saxonburg. She takes care of all ordering and distribution, and gives the association \$5 for every article sold. Sue agreed to get more information on the various options available and bring it to the board for a decision.	Sue Skurka
14	The Board discussed the fact that Julie Wright created an issue by taking an email that was intended for her husband and forwarding it to a vendor without the Boards authority. It was agreed that spouses should not be acting on information that is meant to be kept confidential amongst Board members.	Board
15	The Board discussed who would do the photos for the organization in 2009 and it was agreed that we would stay with Archer Photography for now.	Board
16	The Board discussed changing the time and date of the Board meetings. After significant discussion, it was agreed that the current time, date and location is our best bet and it does not make sense to change any of it.	Board
17	Doug and Courtney Hetzler asked the Board if it would be willing to send out notice of an upcoming golf tournament to benefit the Morrissey family. The Board agreed to this as long as Lisa Morrissey was okay with it.	Board

Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2009, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Treesdale Community Center