

Vacaville Bengals Youth Football & Cheerleading, Inc



Open Meeting Minutes

2/16/2009

I. Call to order

Rudy Torres called to order the Open Meeting of the Vacaville Bengals at 19:18 on 2/16/2009 in Round Table, Vacaville.

II. Roll call

Jo Ann Russell conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President- Rudy Torres

Vice President- Michelle Cashwell

Vice President (08)-Steve Studer (not present)

Secretary- Jo Ann Russell

Treasurer- Tanya Lewis

Treasurer (08)-Cherele Tanner

Football Commissioner- Jason Wright

Football Coaches Coordinator- Kacey Cunningham

Equipment Mgr. (08)-Kevin Delaney

Equipment Manager- Steve Loone

Cheer Director- Chantony Marshall

Cheer Director (08)-Nicole Bline (not present)

Unit Coordinator- Michelle Wallace-Spain

Unit Coordinator (08)-Bonnie Sutterfield

Scholastic Coordinator – Susanne Villagracia

Scholastic Coordinator (08)-Noreen Loone

Booster Coordinator- Tara Cardwell (not present)

Auxiliary Coordinator- Erica Grayer

MMO Football

MMB Football

JrPW Football

PW Football

JrMID Football

MID Football

MM Cheer

JrPW Cheer

MID Cheer (not present)

Public attendance- J. Villagracia, Kim Delaney, Kit Radford, Lia Finnigan, Danny Gomez, Bill Spain, Mike Maldonado, Dennis Selby, Dulon Stevens, Jeanne Gonzalez, John Burke, Gary Crump, Sandra Smith, Arthur Jackson, Keith Calibo, James McLellan, DeShawn Parks, Michael Bryant, Rene C. Reynolds, Alvin Guillermo, Jazlyn Guillermo, David Villalobos, Jeff Bowers, Dan Cueva, Tyllan Marshall, Barrett Wilder, Dan Chapman, Shaun Collins, Leona Collins, Randy Weaver, Elliot Agbigay, Andrew Wall, Billy Darbyshire, Kalani Cobb, Chrissy Cobb, Jennifer Pagarigan.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Rudy Torres read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Executive Board Reports: Treasurer, Officers, and Committees

Treasurer-Cherele-we have \$23,103 in our account. \$9700 is available to spend. Cheer uniform acct has \$1025 and football equipment acct has \$4121. This is from the \$25 we did not refund to the players and cheerleaders for their equipment and uniforms. Listed are the Bingo credits and individual credits for those who chose to roll over their refund. MID Cheer fund and Nationals travel fund will go into the general fund. Listed also are all the transactions in and out of the account from the previous meeting through today. We have \$12,901 from 2009 registration. Need to pay the bill for our PO Box. We also have an outstanding bill to Browns Valley for indoor cheer practice that we have not received yet. We have collected \$1600 in general donations.

Cherele-for the record I would like to give a public apology to Dulon Stevens for not mentioning him as a Coach of the Year nominee at the scholastics banquet last weekend.

Budget will be presented at the next Board meeting.

President-Rudy-We have present from the GGGC Board President Ranon Ross, Scholastics Dir-Monica, Executive Admin Asst- Denise and V.President-Cherele. We were notified by them that the Berkley Cougars have submitted a letter of intent to join the Conference. Also would like to acknowledge our Volunteer and Coach of the Year and runner-ups. Coach Dulon Stevens as runner up. Our female Coach of the year Chrissy Cobb, and Volunteer of the year Bonnie Sutterfield, and runner up-Steve Loone.

Football Comm-Jason-free clinic for coaches in Santa Clara at the Marriott 2/27-3/1.

Coaches Coord-taking applications for head and asst coaches. We have 2MM, 2 JrPW, 1 PW, 1 JrMID & 1 MID team to fill. Applications are online. We are taking a poll on our website to see if anyone is interested in Tiny Mites. Ages 5-7 max weight 60lbs.

Cheer Dir-Chantony-working on cheer season, coach's clinics and getting new uniforms and equipment. Need cheer coaches for all levels accept for JrPW.

Equipment Mgr-Steve-inventoried equipment and uniforms. Trying to put a budget together for new stuff. May need help cleaning the helmets and washing uniforms. Shoulder pads need to be sanitized. Board approved to have them sent out. May need to purchase 20 new helmets.

Scholastics-Noreen-had awards banquet on 2/7 in San Francisco for the All-American Scholars. We had 45 scholars that received an award. Regionals have invited 42 of our scholars to a banquet on 3/21 in Emeryville. 6 1st teams 5 2nd teams and 31 honorable mentions. Nationals are at Disneyland this year.

Booster-Erica-mandatory fundraiser this year will be \$45. It will be raffle tickets that you can either keep for yourself or sell. A raffle will be held at every home game. Next fundraiser is 2/21 at Tahoe Joe's.

We have a new webmaster-Alvin Guillermo. Added this year is a Pay-Pal button for donations. Ask your employers, friends, and family, anyone you know to donate to the Bengals through the website/Pay-Pal.

V. New business

- a) We had a representative from Ridell come to our closed meeting. Any questions can be directed to Equipment Mgr-Steve.
- b) Susanne-would like to have all teams have their end of season team banquets all together.
- c) Susanne represented Bengals organization at the GGGC recruitment meeting. We have some great ideas to try to recruit more teams. Maybe 2 or 3 more teams. Next meeting is 2/25. Goal is by June 1st to have all teams on the fence to commit and have all the teams set for the season.
- d) UCA Youth Camp-want to host the camp for youths. Looking at 7/18-7/19 at Foxboro School. Cost is \$65 per participant. Coach's clinic is \$30. Still pending approval.
- e) Registration will be every 3rd Saturday from March-June at Fentons Creamery. Fees are \$200 football and \$150 cheer plus \$45 mandatory fundraiser. Equipment deposit \$100. All information will be available on the website.

VI. Remarks/Discussion

Rudy (Old Business from Dec & Jan Open Board Meetings): The topic/discussion for Bengals to stay with GGGC/Pop Warner or go to AYF. Topic came up because out of the 100 participants, who participated in our end of season survey, a majority was dissatisfied with the GGGC/Pop Warner. We asked coaches, parents and Board Members to let us know where they wanted to play and why. Research was done. The top 2 picks right now are to stay with GGGC/Pop Warner or go to AYF/Mountain Valley League. Sheet was handed out with somewhat of an overview of the different conferences/leagues. Opened the floor for questions or comments. GGGC officials were present to speak on their behalf.

Parents expressed concerns regarding our past seasons with Pop Warner and staying with GGGC/Pop Warner. Also expressed concerns about leaving Pop Warner.

GGGC officials answered/addressed questions and concerns on issues specific to Bengals.

Motion was made to vote tonight to stay with GGGC or go to AYF/MVL.

Another motion was made to table the vote and allow GGGC time to address issues/problems.

Rudy Torres instructed the public to vote on tabling the vote first. 9 voted to wait until 3/31 to vote. 10 voted to vote tonight.

Voting Board Members: Michelle Cashwell, Jo Ann Russell, Tanya Lewis, Jason Wright, Kacey Cunningham, Steve Loone, Chantony Marshall, Michelle Wallace-Spain, Susanne Villagracia, Erica Grayer, Cherele Tanner, Kevin Delaney, Bonnie Sutterfield, and Noreen Loone.

Voting Public Members: Keith Calibo, Chrissy Cobb, Lia Finnigan, Kit Radford, DeShawn Parks, Kim Delaney, Elliot Agbigay, Kalani Cobb, Dennis Selby, Jeanne Gonzalez, and Dulon Stevens.

16 voted to leave GGGC/Pop Warner to join AYF/Mountain Valley League. 8 voted to stay with GGGC/Pop Warner.

1 voted to abstain from voting on two above choices.

For the record The Vacaville Bengals are no longer a part of GGGC/Pop Warner, and will proceed in joining AYF/Mountain Valley League.

VII. Adjournment

Rudy Torres adjourned the meeting at 21:03.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Ann Russell

Minutes approved by: Executive Board