

GREATER 19 YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Minutes for the April 2006 Monthly Meeting
“That’s the beauty of this league”

Executive Board Attendance: (Person / Present / absences in 2006)

Joe DeMarco – President / YES / 0
Paul Hoffman – Vice-President / NO / 2
Joe Scarillo – Treasurer / YES / 0
Scott Madeira – Secretary / YES / .5
Jeff Balzer – Sportsman Committee Chair / YES / 2

Community Attendance: (Community / present / total absences in 2006)

Bethel Park / YES / 0
Canon McMillan / YES / 0
Keystone Oaks / YES / 0
North Allegheny / YES / 0
Peters Township / YES / 1
Seneca Valley / YES / 0
South Fayette / YES / 0
Thomas Jefferson / YES / 0
Upper St. Clair / YES / 0

Call to Order: 7:38 PM by Joe DeMarco

Approval of Minutes: Motion by CM, 2nd by USC. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Thursday May 11th, 8:30 PM @ USC TWP

Treasurer Report: There is \$1007.30 in the bank account. No activity this month.

Old Business:

1. Past Champions List – Some progress has been made. Please send us your list of champions at each age group. We need season, team, head coach, age group.
2. Potential for new communities –
 - Brookline is going to SSL we believe. Not coming here.
 - Quaker Valley is interested but not for this season.
3. 12s and 13s – More discussion followed and the net of it all was that TJ removed the motion from the table. The 12s will be the same as last year and will still accept the light 13s. the communities with 13s teams will be going to play in the south suburban league with their 13s teams. The 12s age group will have a minimum of 7 and a max of 9 teams based on the numbers each community is projecting.

4. EMT's - The league has agreed that while it is desirable to have EMT's or Certified Athletic Trainers on site for games, it is not mandatory. Associations are directed to notify their coaches of this decision so that their coaches do not try to hold a game up until an EMT is onsite

New Business:

Draft Process: Each community went through their draft process. There is some desire within the league to have a standard draft process across all communities. Current processes are as follows:

Community	Players	Coaches
BP	Kids stay together within age division (returning 10s are together as 11s.) All kids moving into a division are put in the pot. New kids to the association are put in the pot. Kids are drafted around skill levels of the grouped kids.	Head Coach plus one assistant selected prior to draft. Sometimes coaches are grouped that work well together.
CM	Kids stay together within age division (returning 10s are together as 11s.) Skill players split evenly between teams. Non-skill players split evenly between teams. All 1 st year players are put in the pool.	Head Coach plus one assistant selected prior to draft but after the skill players have been distributed.
KOA	Full redraft each year	Head coach only prior to draft
NA	Working on details based on last year's concerns	TBD
PT	Full re-draft each year	Head coach and 1 assistant is goal. Currently head coach and 2 assistants.
SV	Full redraft	Head coach plus one assistant prior to draft
SF	Full re-draft	Head coach plus one assistant prior to draft
TJ	Full re-draft	Head coach plus one assistant prior to draft

USC	Full re-draft each year. Draft is by age. For example, all 11s are drafted onto teams. Once they are all gone the 10s are drafted onto the teams.	Head coach plus one assistant prior to draft
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After some discussion of a motion made by SV and 2nd by USC, the league voted 4 (KOA, SV, TJ, USC) to 3 (BP, CM, NA) in favor of a standard draft methodology that works like this:

League associations will have a complete redraft of teams within a given age group each season, whenever they have enough players to constitute two or more teams. The teams will have a head coach, and one designated assistant prior to the draft. The head coaches and the designated assistants will first draft all players from the older players within that age bracket, and then the younger players from that bracket. i.e. All eleven year olds will be rated as group, for instance, one through five. They will be drafted as a group. Next, all ten year olds, who have also been rated one through five, will then be drafted as a group.

Note: You can drop down in the draft and skip over more highly rated players in an age band, but you can not drop into the lower age when there are still older players available on the table.

Coaching Certifications - Both Peters Twp. and TJ have all coaches go through a certification process each year. It is a NAS Certification. Peters has offered to have other associations' coaches join in the process.

Coaches Clinic - NFL May 20th session was referenced

Community Service - A BP coach is involved in supporting inner city youth football programs. Joe brought a flier that details information, but in essence, if any communities would hold a drive for discarded equipment, to include cleats, shoulder pads, balls, pads, etc., they will take them and distribute them so that kids can play football who would otherwise not be able to play. Details posted on the web site.

Start of and Length of the Season

- The official start of the season will be August 7th, when associations may gather their players as unique teams (combines and draft can be held prior to this date)
- The first official game will be the Saturday after Labor Day
- The season will run as previously operated, with eight games "guaranteed" and a play-off structure
- Clarified --- Associations may define their team alignments prior to the August 7th official start date through combines. However these defined teams are not permitted to practice as unique teams prior to August 7th
- The Saturday prior to Labor Day will be a league coordinated Exhibition Game Day, or a controlled scrimmage day, depending upon the teams involved. i.e.

USC does not start practice until that week, so they would likely not be ready to hold a game type of session. Whoever is paired up needs to negotiate the rules for the day.

- All teams must have their rosters turned into to the league and available to share with each other at the August league meeting, which will be held earlier in the month than it was previously.

Things still remaining to be discussed:

1. Clarify what Engagement means at 6/7s
2. Rules cards exchanged prior to game start – educate officials
3. PT questioned probation 2yrs vs. 3yrs based on 10/31/04 minutes. This will be clarified at the next meeting. – Not addressed yet

Adjourn: Motion made and seconded at 9:35 PM