

GREATER 19 YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Minutes for the December 2006 Monthly Meeting

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

Joe DeMarco – President / YES / 1
Paul Hoffman – Vice-President / YES / 7
Joe Scarillo – Treasurer / YES / 0
Scott Madeira – Secretary / YES / 2.5
Jeff Balzer – Sportsman Committee Chair / NO / 7

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

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

Next meeting: League Meeting: Thursday January 11th, 7:30 PM @ USC (tentative – perhaps Dormont)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM.

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

Treasurer Report: \$1582.73 in the bank. It was decided at the meeting to hold \$200 for the web site fee and \$100 as a buffer in the account until registration fees are paid in August. The remaining money (about \$1200) will be divided equally between Toys for Tots and the Sean Roach fund. Sean is a former USC player that is in need of a heart transplant. Motion to accept by CM, 2nd by SF. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Special Recognition of long-serving members of G19 who are moving on.
 - a. Paul Hoffman – VP – thanked for many years of service to G19. We wish him the best.
 - b. Jeff Balzer – Sportsman’s Chair – Also, thanked for many years of service and best wishes for the future.
 - c. Jeff Fabus / Gary Schaff – transitioning out of the program after many years of service to G19 and their communities.

- d. Joe DeMarco – President – many years of service to G19 and one of the founders. Moving on as his kids are no longer in the program.
2. 12/13s – straw poll of what we can expect in 2007.

KOA – only possibility is combined 12/13 team

CM – working on it

TJ – Will have 13s team

BP – Will have 13s team

SV – aggressive in getting more 13s to play. Most likely needs 12/13s Combined

SF – will have 12s team

PT – not getting support from the school. Continues to fight the battle.

NA – Not sure at this point.

USC – will have a team at 13s

League will need to finalize their plans for 12s and 13s at the January meeting so communities can better plan registration and recruiting efforts.

3. Executive Board Elections – First year that there were many contended races
 - a. President – Joe Scarillo
 - b. Vice-President – Pat Pantely
 - c. Treasurer – JD Wilson
 - d. Sportsmans Chair – Jeff Conn
4. TJ Update – TJ will meet in January to decide their future course of action. Joe DeMarco has offered to come to the TJ meetings to explain how we got from where we were to where we are today and what an important part TJ is in the organization.
5. Age group realignment – will be voted on and decided at January meeting.
 - a. Smaller communities have concerns about how that affects the numbers of teams they can field. Would limit participation based on this years numbers – too many people for 1 team but not enough for 2 teams at an age level.
 - b. Question was raised as to why are we fixing something that isn't broken and works well for all communities.
 - c. If age groups are split, it would be necessary to look at roster limits or age rules regarding playing up. It isn't possible to restrict roster size, narrow age groups and not permit players to play up to balance teams and registrations.
 - d. Only possible issue we currently have is with 38 teams at 10/11 age group. As soon as you lose a game you are basically out of playoff contention with this many teams. A possible solution proposed by SF would be to have two separate 10/11 conferences – AFC and NFC, for example. Each conference would have 18 to 20 teams and they would each have their own playoffs. This allows 16 teams at this age group to make the

playoffs. A team could lose a game and still be in contention. There would be 2 10/11 champions crowned on championship Saturday.

- e. As always another solution is to eliminate the playoffs altogether, play an extra game or two for all teams. This would be consistent with 7th grade through JV football.

6. 6/7s – thought is being given to making this age group more instructional with a decreased emphasis on the score and possibly eliminating playoffs. There is an identified need to teach football and give kids playing time more so than having teams geared up for winning the game at the expense of teaching the lesser players.

New Business

1. Rules books for football are available for purchase at <http://www.nfhs.org>
2. Sean Roach – Former USC player that is in need of a heart transplant. Many fundraising activities are going on. Estimated costs are in the area of \$65k.

Adjourn: 9:30 PM