

SOUTH LYON PANTHERS

LIVINGSTON COUNTY AREA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

2/5/2007

Call to order at 7:34

All present, except Teresa Filban

Minutes presented and approved, no changes

Call to Public

- **Steve Caltrider** - Other leagues have similar grade allocation methods, however, in some cases smaller children can play down a division; example: a 70 pound 7th grader could play on JV
- **Rick Hare** - the existing Panther organization moved to the LCAJFL because they wanted to be able to include more kids. This league provided more flexibility with weight restrictions than did the previous "Western Wayne" league...We should consider moving again
- **Chris Hare** - The league board is not representative of the communities they serve. Very concerned about smaller and younger kids, especially the 3rd graders.
- **Kurt Newman** - Knows South Lyon voted against the new grade allocation method, and believes the weight difference is going to be more significant and create problems.
- **Paul Parzuchowski** - Can someone please explain the rational of this change?
- **John Evans** - Understands that change opens up the Panther experience to more kids (3rd grade). The maturity

- and physical differences are much greater between 7th and 8th graders than 3rd and 4 graders. He suggests playing the younger, smaller kids the first 10 plays of each half.
- **Kevin Koehler** - Very concerned about the safety factor of not utilizing the child's weight in some way as opposed to grades. What can we do? Community petition, with signatures?
 - **Shaun Bates** - His son played in Walled Lake and the "less talented, smaller kids played the first 5 minutes of each quarter.
 - **Ken Loynes** - Be more concerned about the 160 pound "very athletic" linebacker hitting 75 pound kids. Is there a weight minimum?
 - **Tim Donahue** - Add a quarter for younger, smaller, 1st year kids. Open web site for input.
 - **Kevin Riley** - Move to another league or create our own league.
 - **Jeff Hantz??????** - Are coaches going to be on the field during Freshman games?
 - **Richard Mitchell** - If we are going to have to pay for repairs at the park, ask to have the fields improved
 - **Request made by past Panther Coach to help a past Panther Family in need**

Permanent Committee Reports

Football (Emery)

LCAJFL Updates:

- Team grades
 - Freshman - 3rd and 4th
 - JV - 5th and 6th
 - Varsity - 7th and 8th

- Improved/better quality referees to be hired
- Immediate family "Code of Conduct" under development
- 3rd grade Instructional league eliminated
- Four best backs removed after an 18 point lead, all levels
- No blocking below the waist

Pom/Cheer

- Festival in Howell this year
- Uniform try on scheduled for 4-28-2007
- Cheer/Pom Grades
 - Mascots- 1st and 2nd
 - Freshman - 3rd and 4th
 - JV - 5th and 6th
 - Varsity - 7th and 8th
- Decision to be made on whether the Festival will be a "competitive event".

Registration (Dillon)

- Small number of mail-in registrations received
- A \$50 discount is given for the each additional participant from the same family

Equipment Football (Sopoliga)

Game & practice pants turned over to repair

Treasury (Harper)

Budget presented for review. Approval next month.

Presentation of a child who has a special financial circumstance and would the Board consider covering the registration fee, if child is chosen from the waiting list?

- Motion made to provide funding, Motion passed unanimously

Fundraising (Bates)

Nothing

Volunteer (Magda)

Photography suppliers discussed and presentations to be scheduled for next month.

Concessions (Thompson)

Need concession managers, by color. No manager, no concession during these games.

Web Site (Stephens/Adams)

Nothing

Old Business

- December Minutes not available due to past secretary "computer hard drive" issue
- Lyon Township Park discussed. Need quotes for landscaping repair. Damage caused by automobiles parking on grass. Mel and Gary working on quotes.
- Bob presented information on Sourcing Process he is using as he gather pricing on jerseys, jackets, etc.

New Business

Coaching nominations made:

- VARSITY
 - Gold - John Evans or Randy Saie
 - Black - Matt Emery
 - White - Paul Parzuchowski
 - Silver - Chris Hare

- Blue - Steve Dewitt
- JV
 - Gold - Tim Donahue
 - Black - Gary Shelp
 - White - Bruce Green
 - Silver - David Powers
 - Blue - Steve Caltrider
- Freshman
 - Gold - Brian Mears
 - Black - Ken Loins
 - White - Jeff Hantz
 - Silver - Tim Zabik
 - Blue - ?

Open Floor Discussions

No open floor discussion

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. Next meeting is 3-05-2007 at 7:30 @ SL Hotel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Nelson