

**SOUTH LYON PANTHERS
LIVINGSTON COUNTY AREA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2007

Attendance - All present. Excused Barb Thompson.

Review of March Minutes - Approved with one change. Volunteer report line one should read:

This year parents will be required to work 2-3 games (from the beginning to the end of the game) recommending other than their own child's game.

Call to Public - How can the public receive information on "Workshops?" All information will be on the web site

Committee Reports

Football Commissioner/Matt Emery:

- League dues need to be paid. Have them sent in to the treasurer the sooner the better.
- Each community will be receiving an invoice next month for prepayment of some officiating fees. This will be so as the league will be able to pay a deposit to the officiating organization. It will cover the first week or two of games (\$160 per official for 3 games). The league wants to sign a 3 yr contract with the officials' organization to lock in pricing, and has been promised a higher standard of referee as a result of increased fees offered to officials compared to the fees other programs are offering.
- AAU membership and benefits. The cost to join AAU will be \$14 per boy and girl, and \$16 per coach. Each community should compare this total cost to the figure already being paid for insurance, and then when the league receives clarification of coverage everyone will be able to decide if the cost / benefit to change is beneficial.
- The parent code of conduct had a couple of minor changes as far as adding a participant name and parent name, and was officially adopted.

It is a league wide document to be used as supplemental to any local policy / document that each community may have, not to necessarily replace it. It just gives recourse league wide as well as community wide.

- For home-schooled kids a copy of their birth certificate will suffice instead of a report card to prove eligibility for their grade level.
- The following are ideas AI put forward to take back to each community to mull over and report back at the next league meeting.
 - Freshman teams. As there are going to be teams made up of almost exclusively rookie players (ours included) playing against freshman teams with 2yr veteran players (because of instructional) there should be some sort of game management to stop games from getting out of hand as far as scoring is concerned. AI suggested that at a 12-point differential the winning team pulls all 11 starters from the game on offense and defense. This would not be the case for teams with mostly veteran players playing each other. Discuss, add to and take back to the next league meeting.
 - Varsity. As there are some communities who have Varsity rosters of 40+ players it was suggested that when playing those teams a fifth quarter be added to allow 6 play players more playing time. The game time would have to be extended and officials compensated. Discuss, add to and take back to next league meeting.
- **Motion Made: Football teams will have 28 players, unless voted on by the Executive Board or a modification in League Rules (Livingston County Area Junior Football League) requires a change. Motion Passed**

Cheer/Pom Commissioner-Ginny Widger:

- Festival this year will be held at the new Howell high school, October 14.
- A family has requested that a child be moved to a "different color " Pom/Cheer team. The league has approved this change.
 - **Motion made: Allow this move. Motion Passed**

- Still accepting participants of all ages

Registration Report/Kim Dillon:

- Still accepting players at Freshman level through 6-1. Two spots available on JV. A waiting list exists on Varsity and from that list 5 boys have been approved to play at Whitmore Lake
- **Motions Made to provide registration sponsorships for one football player and 4 Cheer participants. Motion passed**

Equipment Manager Football/Gary Sopoliga:

- Two coached bags still not turned in:
 - Mark Lewis
 - Jason LaPerna

Equipment Manager Cheer/Pom-Teresa Filban:

- Uniform try-on took place on April 28 at Sayre Elementary

Treasurer Report/Paul Harper:

- Balance sheets for March and April presented and accepted.
- Budget Presented.
 - **Motion made to accept budget. Motion Passed**
- Refund Policy discussed. In past years has been as follows:
 - Request before 1st practice and before jersey order processed- full refund
 - Request after jersey ordered/received - \$50 charge
 - Request after first practice - no refund
- **Motion Made: A \$15 "Administrative Fee" will be assessed on all refunds for football players beginning this year. Motion Passed**
- **Motion Made: A \$15 "Administrative Fee" will be assessed on all refunds for Cheer/Pom participants beginning next year. Motion Passed**
- **Motion Made to accept "New Referee fee's". Motion Passed.**

Volunteer Report/Lisa Magda:

- Lisa and Mel met with SLE Booster and they are willing to "Staff" volunteer positions if any Panther games are played at their field. Depending on whether the teams include Panthers or not the revenues would be split. More information will be presented once the game schedule is known.
- Lisa discussed the need to have parents/volunteers to work three games. She suggested they work the entire game, from the beginning to the end of the game, as opposed from Half time to half time

- **Motion Made:** Each family required to volunteer for 3 home games.
Motion Passed
 - **Motion Made:** Volunteers required to work entire game. **Motion Passed**
- Lisa needs the "final list" of coaches and unit directors, total of 6 people, before Football Equipment Pick-up.

Concession Report/Barb Thompson:

- Still need concession managers.

Fundraising Report/Megan Bates:

- Discussed "marking up" Pre-ordered Spirit Wear" as a fund raising activity. Paul indicated that he believed it would require a 3-part order form and orders would need to be taken/ supervised by Panther Board member. Bob Nelson indicated the prices on the items being discussed have been reduced from last year's price (including jerseys) by 20% to 40% depending on the product. He suggested that we may want to pass these savings on to the community as opposed to fundraising. Issue tabled. More information needed.
- Carmack Appliance is willing to provide sponsorship for one participant. Would like to have an advertising space in "Year Book". **Motion Made to accept sponsorship. Motion Passed**

Old Business

- Web Site - under construction. Committee established and monitoring progress
- By-Laws nearing completion
- Park Repairs completed (Thanks Gary Sopoliga)
- The Whybra donation discussion. **Motion Made to approve a \$500 donation. Motion Passed**
- One of the previous Gold football head coach's requested retirement of jersey #80 in honor of David Whybra who passed away this year. **Motion Made to retire number 80 moving forward. Motion Passed**
- Photographer. Based on written e-mail vote Image Magic chosen
- Medic decision postponed. Lisa will take the lead on gathering more information so a final decision can be made.
- Fun Day- tentatively scheduled for August 18. More information next month.

New Business

- D&D Graphics- presentation done on "Window Stickers". Decision pending more information
- APEX Athletic Performance presented program. Information shared with coaches.

- Practice Locations discussed. More information needed. The following locations are possibilities:
 - High School
 - Lyon Township Park
 - Kent Lake Elementary (Cheer/Pom Only)
 - Fire Hall - New Hudson
- Committee established to review the possible development of "Panther Informational Booklet" similar to one from 2001. Update at next meeting.
- Seph O'Donnell appointed Blue Commissioner
- Sunday Morning Tape Viewing (following games) locations postponed until next month.

Open Floor Discussion

No discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Nelson

Next meeting June 4, 2007 @ SL Hotel (7:30pm)