

**South Lyon Panthers
LCAJFL
Meeting Minutes**

September 12, 2007

Attendance: All present except for Teresa Filban

Vote on board members: Stacy Adams voted in as new secretary
Chris Hare voted in as new Vice President

Review of June Minutes: August meeting minutes were read and approved.

Call to Public:

Seph O'donnell, Blue Commissioner, stated that she has a player that has been diagnosed with Osgood-Schlatter's Disease, he has not been to practice in 6 weeks and came back tonight to play and then left early. Sue and the blue coaches think that he should not be allowed to play because he is not conditioned. The board had previously decided to not refund his money – therefore, he was already considered “dropped.” Chris Hare stated he would call the parents.

Dave Powers, JV Silver Coach, stated that the field lines at the township park were no longer visible and inquired as to when they would be redone.

He also asked whether coaches were required to pay to enter home games – he was told that he should not have been charged and that there was a misunderstanding.

Missy & Seph, talked about how she has been getting complaints about Emma's Graphics...parents can't get through on the phone, one parent was told 3 days for her order and it took 2 weeks, one parent was told that all Panther stuff is on hold because they are busy with SL East. There were coats ordered at Jamboree that still are not in.

Jeff Hantz – said that there was a kid that chipped his tooth before one of the practices. He wanted to make sure that everybody has their players wearing their helmets even if they are just goofing around before practice. He was concerned whether the Panthers are responsible for someone getting hurt before practice starts. It was determined that the Panthers are NOT responsible until after the official start of practice.

Kurt Newman, Silver Commissioner, asked how the by-law issue was coming and whether or not they had been approved by Al – they had not been approved yet. He also stated that by-laws were supposed to be approved by the end of June in order to in use for the current football season – so the question is – even if they are approved by Al, are they effective this year or do they become effective for the 2008 season?

He brought up the fact that the chain-gang at the Byron game were loud and telling their team what to do. He wanted to know if the coach had the right to remove them. He was told by the

board that the referee needs to be told and if that doesn't work, the commissioner has the right to remove the chain gang member involved and also the ref if there is an issue with him.

Dave Monroe, JV Blue coach, wanted to know whether the announcer is allowed to announce play-by-play. He was told by the board that he/she is not allowed to call out plays and that the referee should be asked to stop him or talk to the commissioner.

Matt Emery brought up the fact that if the commissioners do not handle these issues that they need to be documented and brought to the LCAJFL board. There was more discussion on how we are paying the refs more this year so that we get better unbiased refs. Someone brought up the fact that there needs to be a "head referee" for lack of a better term to attend the meetings.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner/ Cheer/Pom: Set a date for the walk-through.

Registration: Kim warned everybody to let their families know that the police were up at the high school issuing tickets to the cars parked in the fire lane – remind your parents not to park there.

Treasurer: Paul praised Megan for the great job on the Howie's fundraiser – she raised \$3,600!!! Thanks Megan!! The spirit wear sales are only at \$2,600 – the projected profit was at \$20k – which means that we will be at a negative \$5-10k at the end of the year. Paul suggested not tapping into the savings.

A motion was put forth by Paul to issue a check to cover the insurance co-pay for a blue coach that hurt his ankle – Matt seconded – motion passed.

There was some discussion about re-lining the fields – because of all the rain early on, we are going to have re-line 3 times instead of 2 the previous year. It was decided to have the fields re-lined ASAP and then done again in October. Jeff to let Matt know when it's needed.

Cheer/Pom inventory is at \$16k – it was decided that we are going to try to sell off the remaining items and if we can't get rid of them by October – we will give it away.

Fundraising: We sold 1,729 Hungry Howie's coupons – raised approximately \$3,600. Raffle – contact Stacy for tickets. Drawing is September 29. Ticket stubs/monies due September 19.

Commissioner /Football: Matt stated that the schedule was discussed and completed at the last league meeting but a week after, Brighton lost their field. Matt made a motion to give Steve Lackey (from SLAR, who did all of our background checks) a \$50 gift card – Erin seconded, motion passed.

Web-site – the Panther volunteer is no longer able to update the web-site. One solution was using Ed Wheeler (with Stacy Adams doing art) – the cost of using Ed would be \$00 to upgrade and \$36/hour (accumulated). There were a few other suggestion made by coaches/parents that

they knew somebody else that could handle the web-site – they were told to check into it and let the board know the outcome.

Equipment Manager/Football: Gary had two motions on the table...

1. Purchasing extra small helmets – was found to be unnecessary
2. Purchasing a blocking sled – the cost of a new sled would be approximately \$3,600 – suggested that we not purchase because of the current budget issues.

Both motions rescinded.

It was decided to move some dummies from SLHS to LTP and move the sled from LTP to SLHS.

Volunteer: Lisa requested money for the trophies – the folks doing the trophies want ½ down. The cost of trophies is approximately \$6,000. Paul asked if competitive bids were gotten, they were not. Lisa passed it on to Erin to get other bids. Some discussion about being sure to get competitive bidding on anything over \$1,000.

Yearbooks – There was no competitive bidding, but it had been decided at a previous meeting to just go with the same yearbook company. UD’s will not receive yearbooks.

There has been a problem with scheduling volunteers – the main issue is that the web-site is not correct and things are being confused.

Some discussion regarding kids in the press-box – we stated that no kids under age of 16 are allowed in the press-box (high school rules).

Concessions: Barb stated that we are short volunteers and that we need to remind families that we don not close the concessions at half-time – we just quit cooking and restocking. Barb asked if it would be okay to get the pizza cut into 8 pieces (instead of 10) and charge \$1.50 for a bigger slice instead of \$1.25 - it was decided that she could do so.

Paul asked how she was doing supplies – Barb said we are okay at this time.

Schedule: Mel announced what we know so far about the new schedule and that we have secured SLE for some more home games. We need to remind our families to keep off the grass. Howell, Hartland & Hamburg would not give up any of there home games so the schedule for SLE is as follows:

Wk 5 –	Blue, Gold, Silver stay the same	
	Black	SLE 4-6-8
Wk 7 –	White v Howell Silver	SLHS 3-5-7
	Gold v Hamburg Red	SLE 1-3-5
Wk 8 –	White v TBD	HS 9-11-1
	Blue v TBD	SLHS 3-5-7
	Black v TBD	SLE 1-3-5
Wk 9 -	Silver v TBD	SLE TBD

Old Business: LTP is doing “Movies in the Park” – September 19 is requested Panther night (Remember the Titans to be shown). Tim D. promised the township \$500 to sponsor this event – he did so without consulting the board. It was stated by Erin that Mel and Matt were cc’d on this particular e-mail regarding the movie issue. Chris thinks that we should just pay the money so we don’t look like complete idiots. Somebody made the suggestion of paying the \$00 and just getting our deposit back this year instead of letting the township keep it. Paul concerned about board members making decisions without including the whole board.

Lisa made a motion to not spend the \$500 and to just write a note to the township. Motion seconded and passed.

Chris concerned about giving the high schools so much money a year (around \$3,000/yr – he stated that next year’s board needs to revisit this point.

New Business: Erin proposed that we donate \$1,500 to cheer/pom because the high school girls are the ones coaching the girls. This was tabled until next month.

Coaches sweatshirts needed for cheer/pom – a motion was made to approve \$500 cap for sweatshirts – motion approved.

Mel suggested that we have an Incident Report form made up – she is supposed to let Stacy know what she wants.

AAU info/proposal – Per Mel’s notes, here is how the AAU proposal was left.

The AAU Committees final proposal was to send 3 All Star Teams and 1 Varsity Team - Silver at a maximum entry fee of \$800.00 plus the cost of the medical staff present at practices. The motion was made by Matt, seconded by Chris*** - 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Gary S.), 0 abstained, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:20PM

*** Paul seconded the motion @ \$600. However this original motion was rescinded by Matt he then corrected the motion after additional discussion and stated as indicated above --

Meeting Minutes submitted by: Stacy Adams