

June 16, 2024; 6:00PM
NLFMA Meeting Agenda

In Attendance:

Susan Dengler, The Harts, The Beers, The Wetzels, The Stokrps, Heather, Katelyn, Darry Yocum

- I. Minutes from May 2024 meeting
Pool was \$200, added Susan to the minutes. Now approved! Need to convert to PDF and put out on share.

- II. Treasury Report (Dawn)
 - a. Bills
Please put your name on the receipts and deposits to make things easier on Dawn
\$1500 limit on the cards per day.

 - b. Upcoming potential expenses
\$700 for CFA coming up in August

 - c. Storage unit refund update
Checking on it, though it seems to be a yearly rental with no refund.

- III. Organization
 - a. Fireman's Park updates
Date Reserved for the bon fire. Adam has to talk to Butch about getting stuff out of the storage area.

 - b. Background checks updates
Josh Graby, SP (might not coach this year)
Joseph Wentling, Child Abuse (Adam should have and will provide)
Adam will provide Coach Heist

All cheer coaches (so far) have all their clearances in

 - c. Registration Updates
 - i. Organizational discussion/follow up regarding out of district registrants**
Coach Dave doesn't want any non-NL kids in the midget program. He is talking to others in the district about it. Feels it is the NL HS JV program. Thinks they shouldn't have to pay. However, need to maintain equipment, etc. Dave is in favor of bringing back a Junior High program for 7-8-9. We would then be competing between Jr high program and Midget. Neither team would win.

Ron and Phil are in communication with Rice. He suspended the Jr High program because he liked what the NLMFA was doing. Adam talked with Coach Rice after the last meeting. Doesn't want to kick the kids out. Anyone currently playing is grandfathered in and will eventually filter out. Adam likes the relationship between the 2 organizations and doesn't want to kick anyone out. Smurf to Pony would stay the same. Make midgets NL only. Or find another league with Jr High that wouldn't compete with us and we'd do up to Pony. This wasn't mentioned to the board previously. Has come up after recent changes to the board. Josh Thompson came in to help with the midgets when we had super low numbers. Several 9th graders have already said they weren't going to play this year and would come out later on. Other leagues have different age ranges, so we'd have to change ours to match. Basketball is making changes like this, but they are travel teams, not rec teams like our football team is.

Start doing research NOW on other leagues to see what is available. Keep an open agenda item to discuss until we get a resolution.

Adam and Susan are going to have a discussion with Dave about this issue. Dru volunteered to mediate the meeting with Dave.

Also going to have a discussion with Coach Rice and Dr. Kyper about if there is a possibility for a Jr High team at all. That will help drive our decision making and research.

Coach Adam wants to close the peewee and midgets to NEW non-NL kids. Returning players are still good. Won't have enough for JV, so we want to make sure we get kids playing time. Leave Pony and Smurf's open.

Smurf - Midget need to have the CFA physical form. Encourage to email or bring to camp, not collected by coaches. Millers and Benethems will still sign up.

Could use more cheerleaders at the midget and Smurf level!
Encourage the Itty Bitty players and cheerleaders to sign up!

d. Committee Reports

i. Participation

1. Pool event schedule for 6/28 from 7-9pm. High school athletes will be invited to attend as well (players and cheerleaders). Immediate family is allowed to come (as long as someone is registered), but you'll have to be on a list to attend.

a. DJ Doug can't do it, but his son can. It will be donated time.

b. Concessions will be available for sale. Have to reach out to find out where we will setup. Do snacks, crock pot of hot dogs, ice pops, something smaller. Dru is going to call Bethel township to find out.

ii. Concession Stand (Dru)

Camp Stuff

Thinking about doing combos (nachos, watermelon, drink combo, etc.) instead of having to do a grill the whole time. Can keep frozen items in the freezer for all 3 days. Dru is going to buy the nacho cheese dispenser for use at camp. Susan says to turn on the fridge and freezer the day before. Katelyn will provide a Costco card to Dru. Blaze Gabriel's parents donated a lot of snacks and \$1000 dollars. Porta potty's will be provided. Looking to get a couple volunteers as well.

iii. End of Year award ceremony (Elizabeth, Katelyn, and team)

1. Football 12/14 at Elementary School

2. Cheer 12/13 at Elementary School

BOTH are scheduled in the FMX tool.

iv. 13-year-old Recognition (Elizabeth and team)

1. Tentatively 10/12 (last home game; also day of Itty Bitty Bowl)
Date is good.

v. Spirit Wear

1. Store Update - items have arrived and can be picked up.
Store will be reopened when the season starts. Looking to add crew neck sweatshirts and cotton shirts/sweatshirts.

2. Season Shirts

Adam has to design the lineman shirt and sponsorship shirt.

3. Coach Store (will need to have items arrive before 8/19)

Adam isn't changing the logo for the coaches.

Adam is going to pick up the stuff.

We will get an update on the image clean up around July 4th when the designer comes back from vacation.

vi. Fundraising

1. Sponsorships continue to come in
Jared won the BlackStone.
Made a couple hundred for each raffle.
Sheetz and one other sponsor came in.

2. Dicks Coupon weekend in July, week before equipment handout
Also available on homepage

3. Bonfire Update - 10/5 date needs to be approved by Fire Company
Currently have less than 10 items for the raffle. Susan and Katelyn will work on getting more items and getting tickets printed.

vii. Program

1. Shout out form deadline 8/19/2024
2. Picture Night scheduled for 8/21; with a rain date of 8/22
Reserved in FMX at the stadium

e. NLFMA Camp Updates/Planning

i. Schedule

Coaches arriving at 5:30 (cheer and football). Coach Rice is on vacation so Adam will touch base this week. Need to line the field this week.

Good with Ron's equipment and the fire company coming out to hose the kids down on the last day.

ii. Concessions

See concession update

Dru is going to setup Square on an old tablet. Dru and Michele are thinking about turning an old TV into a Digital menu.

Going to have water coolers setup and filled for the kids.

iii. Staffing

Susan wants a few people to assist with registration table.

iv. Awards

Cheer awards are good.

Adam wants to come up with football awards.

v. Gift or Donation for High School programs that participate?

Coach Rice is good with us donating to the boosters.

Proposed \$1000 to the football boosters.

Maybe \$500 if the cheerleaders are available to help out?

IV. Safety

Elizabeth will talk to parents at the meet and greet.

Also try to network at camp to provide warm fuzzy feelings to parent's with questions. Back board is good to go. Elizabeth is going to have a SAFETY shirt made. Definitely NOT a safety vest.

a. Material/Supply Updates

Found 2 walkie talkies in the admission bin. That gives us 4, but it would be better to have 6. Safety, a coach on each squad, and concessions will each have one.

b. Safety review at coach meeting

Elizabeth wants to talk to ALL the coaches, or as many as possible. Going to try for June 25th, right after camp.

c. Game Day Coverage - Elizabeth obtained contract from provider; can be finalized once schedule is confirmed

She is going to sign the contract and make changes afterward. Smurf Bowl date is still up in the air.

d. Volunteers will provide coverage during practices

V. Cheerleading

a. Programming Updates

Warm up pants are in. Heather is going to label them and the uniforms.

Has 4 blu tooth speakers. There will be an extra one available from the Football team.

b. Collaboration with high school for camp and future events (Heather has contact for high school squad)

c. In need of additional coaches

Down two coaches. Both in Smurfs and Midgets.

Dawn might do Smurfs if no one else is going to do it.

Midgets squad might not exist as there are few signups right now and a lot go to the HS. Going to advertise on Facebook for a Coach.

Current HS coach is going to stay this year. One of the assistants will take over next year. Heather will be following up with Sonya about camp.

Limiting coaches to 2 per squad.

VI. Football

a. Equipment repair, reconditioning, and potential purchases

Coach Adam purchased footballs, but didn't use the Dick's card. But still has to purchase other items, so he can use the gift card on other items.

b. Speed and Agility update

Going great!

Lineman camp is confirmed with big Coach Rice. Going to make a poster and signup genius to provide to HS. This is for Pee wee and up. 7/8-7/11 6-8 pm

Charge \$10 per kid, provide pizza the last day ~~and they get a shirt~~. No kids outside the district, since it is being run by the HS. Has to be all through the HS, otherwise the CFA will want it open to the district.

c. Coaching certifications

Adam will reach out to the coaches. Prefers USA Football, \$15. Organization will pay for it. Should email in certificate to store on the share drive. We will reimburse them after they provide cert. Dawn will also reimburse the coaches for their polos.

Game moved to 9/22 for homecoming weekend.

8/17 Scrimmage with CD. Starting at 4pm to 830. Pee wee Midget Ponies. Since we will be having Refs and EMS, we will charge minimal admission. Also have concessions.

Smurf game at 3pm. Will get EMS for this as well.

Away scrimmage on 8/10.

VII. CFA updates

a. Schedule change is for Saturday games only; Pony level will be the last game that plays on Sunday game days

b. Schedule may change still given team confirmations with the CFA
Adam let the coaches know about the officials meeting.

VIII. Upcoming Events/Dates

a. 6/24-6/26 NLMFA Summer Camp

b. 6/28: NLFMA Pool Party

b2. Lineman Camp

c. 7/21/24: NLMFA Board Meeting

IX. Open Floor

Practices start 7/31!!!

Close registration earlier next year. June 30th. Early registration end June 1st.

Need to create Team Reach groups for all the teams.

Provide a table for equipment exchange during the camp. Michelle is volunteering to clean up any cleats that are sitting around. Anything left over will be chucked or donated.

Meet at Fireman's until it gets cold October/November. Darry will schedule.