

FOREST LAKE YOUTH FOOTBALL

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Meeting **MINUTES** August 12th, 2020

Mike K, Sonja, Duane, Casey, Shannon, Jen, Scott, Rich, Mike,

- I. Call to Order (Casey) **6:07**
- II. Mission Statement: (Duane)
 - FLYF will strive to provide young athletes the opportunity to develop disciplined life skills through family, friends, and the game of football.
 - FLAAA, working together to support and participate in the positive development of youth.
- III. Secretary Report (Sonja) **Minutes...motion to approve; 1st-duane; 2nd -mike...passed**
- IV. Treasurer Report (Brad) **not here/via email**
- V. Board Reports:
 - Fundraising (Jenn and Jake) **Heggies: concern expressed about uncommunicated substitutions of out of stock pizzas, apparently it happened to basketball. Decided it was a one time issue, moving forward. Delivery location...Fenway? Ice rink? Order form to be sent to each grade's coordinators, send to coaches for distribution to players. Dates are firm.**
 - Equipment and Fields (Duane and Josh) **Duane placed order for paint, delivery 8/13. Only one painting machine; start painting fields this week...volunteers? Company we ordered paint from donated a hash mark stencil. Has been painted once, we just need to go over existing lines. 4th grade field will ONLY be used for 4th grade due to smaller size. Casey reported that HS field is not an option. HS field will ONLY be painted for soccer this year. Email correspondence fwd'd regarding WBL and Chisago Field schedule/usage. Northbranch varsity field is available as a game option. Refittings scheduled 8/13 at storage shed; next year have DIBS in place to get more parent volunteers. So far, all is going well. 8/19 2nd re-fitting 5:30-6:30. Potential new company for helmet re-conditioning; more efficient, contact came from Mike Hennen/FL athletic director. Fields at FLAAA are in horrible condition, considering the money we pay...unacceptable.**
 - Uniforms (Sonja and Casey) **Order to be FINALIZED 9am 8/13...we will order a couple extra jerseys...sizes and numbers at random. Extra jerseys on hand for other associations' players that may join us due to their community's cancellation of football. Fan apparel store...include hoodies, masks, t-shirts, etc. 22 total for each team 4-6 and 25 total jerseys for 7-8.**
 - **After discussion about Mahtomedi parents reaching out to join after their assoc. cancelled season. Motion made to shut down other communities coming into our teams, unanimously passes. Casey 1st, Sonja 2nd.**
 - Referee Coordinator (Scott) **Need 1 or 2 more HS kids for 4-6th ref's. some player's names were mentioned, Casey gave info to them. Scheduling meeting for COVID rules and reg's...no date set yet...TBD.**
 - Website Director (Shannon) **change to MKTG Coordinator. Website should be ready for viewing next week. Current website info includes COVID info...removed old dates, registration dates, etc. Keeping it updated...need to add North Suburban 'new rules' and add bylaws. Signage regarding COVID reg's home-made (Duane) for games, etc. Shannon to ensure we have access to logo file for fan apparel, etc. Shannon to post upcoming week's**

game schedules for “fans” to see. Shannon to “clean up” drive once website is up and running. Standings to be included and updated weekly. “play of the week” for each team? Parents could submit to google drive and Shannon can post on website. Get “hype” for teams...have on website...”upload your video here”

- DIBS/volunteer Coordinator (Mike M and Shannon) **Still need access to DIBS; ability to log in as administrator. FLAAA needs to allow? Need ASAP, Casey to f/up with FLAAA. Coaches or parent rep for each team to collect volunteer checks.**
- 4th Grade Coordinator (Mike M) **2- 18 team player teams; 1 -17 player teams; coaches and asst's established. 3 FL; 1Chisago, 2 WBL, 1North Branch.**
- 5th Grade Coordinator (Jake) **absent (3 FL teams; 2 Chisago; 2 WBL; 1 North Branch...from Casey)**
- 6th Grade Coordinator (Josh) **absent (4 teams FL; 3 WBL; 2 Chisago; 1 North Branch...from Duane)**
- 7th & 8th Grade Coordinator (Mike K. and Casey) **Question surrounding how teams formed from Mike K...previous year coach “claimed” 6 kids at team distribution. Didn't seem “fair” with regards to the process we wish to use i.e. blind tryouts, etc. Going forward...2 coaches? (ask Mike) Sam Ferraro will be asst coach for one 8th grade team. 7th & 8th grade to hold joint practices. .**
- **TRUSTED COACHES...only 4 coaches on sidelines during games...up to 5 asst coaches for practices, but ALL need to go through trusted coaches and USAF. Motion made to allow up to 5 coaches/cost of USAF and trusted coaches per team (only 4 on sidelines per COVID) Duane made motion, Mike 2nd, passes.**
- 4th-6th Grade Rules (Rich, Duane, Casey, Sam, Mike M., Jake, Josh) **new rules posted on website...coordinators to send to coaches and Casey to sent to area directors. Rule Question from Duane: 6th grade, lining up on center...on snap of ball, can center be tackled/”killed?” (ask Mike) NO BLITZING! 120 lbs (ask Mike)**
- Parent Liaison (Jenn) **No complaints.**
- FLAAA report **Not much to report...approved for expenses. Will bring up fields condition. Team rosters NEED to be in the format of spreadsheet they send us; re. North Branch, Chisago, etc. Send sample template to outside communities next year for efficiency? For this year, reference the 2019 tabs in the drive. For FLAAA, only need FL players' addresses. Bank Account not set up yet. Need to coordinate with AI at FLAAA. Code of Conduct was part of online registration.**

VI. Old Business:

- COVID policy established; Safety coach needed for each team? Other youth organizations/cancelling seasons, etc. **Parent of each team to be safety coach. 4-6th grade coaches should also wear masks/gator...mandate...during games for sure, especially when ‘huddling’ with kids. Motion up for 4-6th grade coaches and refs during practices and games to wear mask/gator when within 6 ft of players, made by Duane; 2nd by Sonja...motion passes.**
- Scheduling – Rich and Scott
- Board Members background checks...complete? **Done!**

VII. New Business:

- Tryouts and team formation; equipment handout and uniform sizing...success? **Done, thumbs up...utilize DIBS for next year's equipment handout.**

- Parent Meetings...any take-aways? Action items needed? Changes for next year? **Good turnout and feedback. Next year, combine 7th and 8th grade? In between tryouts.**
 - Update from North Branch; WBL; and Chisago **Coaches meeting 6pm Sunday zoom.**
- VIII. Open Forum: **AED access, based on USAF requirements, paramedic on site? Need a plan in place...EMT? Supply 1st Aid kits...not right now, but should next year. Casey to reach out to Tracy Johnson regarding EMT support. Reach out to EMT/paramedic training programs for support. Keep in mind many kids 'may' have been fairly inactive leading into football, due to COVID, keep in mind with kids' lack of conditioning? HOWEVER, 3 youth camp days prior to tryouts. Bottom line, keep players safe on game day.**
- IX. Assignments for next meeting **Casey EMT/ Start cleaning up drive/ Roster spreadsheet to FLAAA/ Trusted coaches to FLAAA.**
- X. Next Board Meeting: September 9, 2020
- XI. Adjourn **1st Sonja, Mike 2nd meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.**