

FCFL Board Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

I. Call to order

Denis LaPolice called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approval of February & March minutes

III. Open issues

a) Schedule confirm of FCIAC coaches meeting to volunteers - Lapham Center in N.C., June 10, 2017...mandatory for all returning coaches

b) Treasurer's Report:

- No updates to report

c) **Rules/Policy Committee:** 17 participants in town voting. Vote tallies are as follows and will be updated to Policy & Rules documents upon approval of the minutes.

FCFL Policy recommendations:

(1) Expansion of the 24-point mercy rule to 32 points. **14 – YES, 3 – NO**

(2) Requested removal of the (2) year rules request...meaning if the motion is brought forward and does not pass, it can be brought forward again the next season. **8 – YES, 9 – NO**

(3) Changing the current 75% requirement for passing of rules "exceptions", to majority rule. **4 – YES, 13 – NO**

(4) Allowance of an additional hour for film for 6-8 grades (on top of the 6 hours per week). **5 – YES, 12 – NO**

(5a, 5b) Expand size of team split. Currently teams split at 32 in Bantams and Juniors, and 34 in Seniors: We are asking to raise that to 34 in Juniors and 36 in Senior league. Two separate votes please, one for Juniors (5a), one for Seniors (5b)...remember all, special teams don't count as live plays in Junior league.

5a results: 8 – YES, 9 – NO 5b results: 14 – YES, 3 – NO

(6) Open Registration close date to be moved to July 31, so on August 1 we can declare # of teams per grade and have a smoother transition in scheduling. Important to note, you can keep your registrations open but this should remove any late participants creating a team split in a grade where you are near the cutoff.

Unanimous: 17 – YES, 0 – NO

(7) Removal of language guaranteeing teams with two team per grade, not to play inter town games. Separate divisions would still be

in place for playoffs, but the statement was the regular season matchup created a lot of additional exceptions in scheduling.

Unanimous: 0 – YES, 17 – NO

(8) Inclusion of a thumbnail picture on FCFL roster sheets. From a procedure standpoint, this is very easy to accomplish and some teams already have their thumbnails up on their team pages. **11 – YES, 6 – NO**

FCFL Rules recommendations:

(1) Today 3-5 plays Peewee ball, 6-7 plays junior, and 8th plays youth ball. This item was tabled and not voted on last year. The player ages for states use on the footballs supports change to Bantams (3-4) use Pee-Wee, Juniors (5-6) use Junior, and Senior (7-8) use Youth ball. **14 – YES, 4 – NO**

(2) Bantams to be allowed 2 point stance on the line to avoid injury to centers, diving or stand straight up. Safety issue pertaining to neck strength, seeing opponent.
10 – YES, 8 – NO

d.) Secretary:

- No additional updates inclusive of Rules/Policy voting

e.) Safety:

- No additional updates inclusive of Rules/Policy voting

f.) Referee's:

- No additional updates inclusive of Rules/Policy voting

IV. Adjournment

Denis LaPolice adjourned the meeting at **7:29pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Grace, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Denis LaPolice, Bob Anderson, George Guidera, Steve Borys, Tom Moore, Kevin Brown, Todd Herget, Tom Grace, Artie DiRocco, Gene Denota, Michael Nevitt, Martin Pryor, Chris Harwich, Jeff Keller, David Cannon