



February 25, 2016
Meeting at North Park Lounge

Attendance sheet is attached.

Steve opened the meeting, and clarified that the Football Operational Committee is an advisory panel only. Any recommendations that come out of the group are presented as recommendations to the Board.

The Agenda items below were loosely followed during the meeting:

1. Selection of the Football Operations Committee (FOC).

Steve discussed the selection and role of the FOC. The FOC is an advisory body, and open to anyone in the association.

2. Head coach ratings. Looking at Parkway Leagues format.

Some discussion on the topic, but no forms were shown.

3. Collect ideas on how to staff and properly coach in the Parkway league

There was much discussion on how to staff teams in the Parkway league, how many players would be necessary to play two games in a day, and what is the number of players (per age group) that would require splitting into two teams. A synopsis of the discussion follows:

- 7U – one game no JV - Target team size is 16-18, with a minimum of 15.
- 9U – JV – Varsity – 22 is a comfortable minimum. Recommendation to split the teams at 44. 43 players one big team.
- 10U – JV – Varsity – 25 is the comfortable minimum. Over 50 players split the teams in two. 49 players one big team.
- 12U – one game no JV – 26 – 27 ideal size, 24 minimum. Over 50 split the teams.
- There was some discussion that coaches and the board should have a dialogue if the player numbers are near the splitting guidelines.

4. Determine number of coaches per team

No definitive recommendation was recorded. There was some talk that with this league there should be a head coach and two named assistants for draft purposes. In other discussion there should be a Head Coach, a JV Coach, a Developmental Coach, and a ratio of one coach for 4-5 players. There is no limit to the number of coaches in the Parkway League.

5. Revisit “Coaches Agreement”. This did not have 100% of the desired effect.

There was some discussion on this document. Key points:

- Much push back about “urging” parents and fans to sit on the Home side. Discussion included grandparents that are more comfortable closer to the parking lot and in lawn chairs, the challenges of younger kids being forced into the bleachers as opposed to running loose.
- Steve mentioned the benefit the football program receives from the money generated by CheerFest. He made the strong point that the Head Coaches should support CheerFest with their attendance.
- It was discussed that someone for every coaching staff should be at every equipment handout and turn-in. There were far too many handouts last year, and often times it was only Steve and Patrick Brugos.
- Someone from each coaching staff (preferably the head coach) should attend the General Meetings during the season.

6. Dealing with SV parents on the “Away” side of the field.

There was very little support within the group for this mandate.

7. Mandated Reporter or Permissive Reporter of child abuse. Impact on associations, coaches and people in contact with children.

Attorneys in the room felt that it was a challenging law. Steve Berg is working on guidelines for this.

8. Getting Chutes rebuilt or repaired

No discussion on this topic.

