



# Southington Gridiron Club

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*Organized to Promote, Support, and Assist  
The Southington Blue Knights Football Team  
LL State Champions 1998, 2013 & 2014*

## Board of Directors

Head Coach – Mike Drury

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Rick Bouchard

**Vice President**

Rachelle Campbell

**Treasurer**

Eric Clark

**Secretary**

Terri O'Shea

## Gridiron Minutes - March 7, 2017

Submitted by Terri O'Shea

**Meeting called to order at:** 6:50 p.m. by President Rick Bouchard

Minutes were not distributed, a motion to waive the minute's portion of the agenda was made and Tito Roderick approved.

**Coach's Corner:** *Coach Drury Reported:*

- Spring Football Registration: Spring Football Registration took place through the high school's Family ID ([www.familyid.com](http://www.familyid.com)) registration platform. All players participating in Spring Football must now register online. (Online concussion and cardiac arrest forms must be signed.)
- Spring football: Coach Drury is finalizing dates for the Blue and White Game with the Blue/White scrimmage on Saturday, June 10. It is an ACT test day, so game will be tentatively at 4 p.m.
- Player Fees: Coach is looking to reduce player fees by having players purchase individual player packs online which gives players more options for merchandise.
- CCSU camp and Passing League.: BKF will attend the camp as a team either June 19-21 or 22-24. The team will participate in a spring passing league in April and May with dates coming up soon based on turf availability.
- Fundraising: Cookie Dough was the first fundraiser; the Calendar Raffle will take place in lieu of Gold Cards; and there will be a SHS Gridiron Alumni Golf Tournament at Hawks Landing – Save the Date, August 14, 2017.
- Weight Lifting Competition: SBK football participated in the Nutmeg State Weight Lifting Competition at New Britain High School on March 11.
- Homework Club: Homework Club continues after school from 2:15 to 3 p.m. for players needing extra academic help, or have grades below a 70.
- Some players participated in Read Across America at Hatton School, and may take part in Field Day. Players will also participate in upcoming Leadership Seminars.

## Officer Reports:

**President:** *Rick Bouchard spoke on a few items:*

- The new Executive Board was introduced, former Vice President Tracy Schweiger prepared manuals for the executive board, and Former President Rick Koczera assisted Rick with information for the transition.

**Treasurer' Report:** *Eric Clark reported on all lines of the budget and where we stand for the upcoming season.*

- Eric finalized the 2016 season budget with final expenses that included weight room equipment, Sunshine Club, laundry, Linemen Challenge and black uniforms. He also gave an update on the upcoming season.
- Registration Fees for Varsity/JV were set at \$360; and incoming Freshman at \$210. The registration costs can be made in three payments. See [www.southingtonfootball.com](http://www.southingtonfootball.com) and click on registration.
- Player Pack costs will not be included in the registration fee. Players will be able to buy SBK football items off the website.
- Eric reported that Fan Gear was paid off to close the 2016 budget, and we sold about \$2,500 worth of merchandise which we hope to exceed this year. There is also \$4,000 available in the budget to purchase sideline jackets, but these will not be purchased until there is a place to store them. Rick Koczera and Tito Roderick have a conceptual plan for storage.
- To offset laundry costs, game uniforms will now be sent home to be washed.
- New fundraising opportunities were discussed that included: offering the fundraising calendar instead of the Gold Card, a golf tournament, \$100 family sponsorships of games, family sponsorship of Thursday night dinners, game shout-outs, Chamber of Commerce events and more Fan Gear sales.
- We are looking to reduce cost for this year's program book.
- Driveway S's will continue to be sold, but new paint needs to be purchased.
- Money in the budget this year for championship rings.

*Approval of Treasurers Report:* Colleen Clarke & Tito Roderick

**Fundraising:** *Rachelle Campbell spoke on some items*

- Rachelle said The Gridiron Club needs a Fundraising Chair to help organize events like the golf tournament and other fundraisers throughout the season. Rachelle will serve as Fundraising Chair and will coordinate our fundraising activities. Each individual activity will require a person responsible which will coordinate with Rachelle.
- Tito Roderick said that Chris Kohl will be the point person for the Field Crew to manage the Sideline Crew Fundraising Calendar. The calendar will offer daily prizes daily for a month, or maybe two months. Tito asked members to solicit prizes.
- Colleen Clarke will be the point person to communicate directly to the Athletic Director about the calendar fundraiser. There was a discussion about selling the calendars in the stands for home games.

**Fan Gear:** *Rick Bouchard reported*

- A Fan Gear Chair is needed as well as multiple volunteers, There is overstock from last year, and there was discussion about selling merchandise at the Blue/White Scrimmage, week-long coach's camps, or having flash sales with items ranging from \$5 to \$10. Charge card

purchases were critical for success.

**Concession Stand/Team Dinner Coordinator/Pasta Supper:** *Colleen Clark Reported*

- Colleen reported that she will manage the Concession Stand this season and coordinate team dinners with Patty Thomson and two potential sophomore parents.
- There was discussion about people signing up for both Concession Booth and Fan Gear stand shifts at Media Day, with parents of younger students getting involved.
- Colleen will again be in charge of the Pasta Dinner which was a successful fundraiser.

**Sunshine Club:**

- Shari Kohl will continue to be in charge of the Sunshine Club.

**IT/Digital Communications:** *Rick Bouchard reported*

- Rick Bouchard, Terri O'Shea and Shari Kohl will work on updating and adding photos to the website.
- Terri said she will speak with Coach Drury about updating the Gridiron's Facebook account and starting Twitter and Instagram accounts.

**Field Crew/Grounds & Equipment:** *Tito Roderick reported*

- Tito said he will have a discussion with the Athletic Director to better secure the Gridiron's gear.

**Media Day:** *Rick Bouchard reported*

- Media Day is August 13 and Shari Kohl will take photos.
- We are actively looking for new Gridiron members to sign up for committees. There was some discussion about training parents of younger players to organize the event which includes sign-up sheets for different events and selling Fan Gear.
- Kathleen Brock suggested a 2017 Gridiron Meet and Greet at Media Day where incoming freshman through senior class parents will get introduced to players and families.
- There was discussion about having a Freshman Orientation on Media Day where parents can get introduced to Gridiron member and sign up for committees.

**Scholarship Committee and Banquet:** *Rick Bouchard reported*

- Maureen Barmore, Shelley Starr and Lorna Stakey volunteered to be on the Gridiron Scholarship Committee.
- The banquet is far off, but we have to start getting parents of younger players involved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjourned:** at 8:30 p.m.

**Submitted by Terri O'Shea**