



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*

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Gridiron Minutes – Sept. 5, 2017

Submitted by Terri O'Shea

Meeting called to order at: 6:35 p.m. by President Rick Bouchard

A motion was made to approve minutes; Tito Roderick, Tim O'Shea and Chris Kohl approved.

Coach's Corner: *Coach Mike Drury reported*

- Coach Mike Drury said the boys were gearing up for game week against Glastonbury. He said it was a great preseason where the boys went all out in their scrimmages. Coach Drury discussed the upcoming Sept. 6 parent meeting with the Athletic Director and fall sports coaches. The football team was to meet with Coach Drury and Freshmen coaches after the meeting.
- Coach said that the team dinner was to be Thursday at 6 p.m. before the game. The Freshmen have their first scrimmage against Glastonbury Thursday, and Coach said they were into it. The JV plays Glastonbury on Saturday.
- Coach Drury thanked the 12 players who helped the Rotary Club with parking at the Southington Drive-In.

Officer Reports:

President: *Rick Bouchard reported*

- Rick said we had a very busy preseason with a successful Media Day, Golf Tournament, Pasta Supper, scrimmages and joint practices
- Rick reported that 70 are on the JV/Varsity roster and 33 are on the Freshmen roster for 103 players. We will now have a roster available at games with the players listed by number.
- Rick said that the Calendar Raffle raised \$19,760. There was some discussion about possibly raising the price of the calendar next year, or starting the sale earlier. The group suggested speaking to the boys about how the funds they raise benefit the team, and what their incentives are; scheduling a night selling blitz; and implementing sales training sessions with a sales script for the players.
- The Golf Tournament had 76 golfers with good weather, sponsors, and prizes. The volunteers did a great job.
- Media Day was a success with positive feedback.

- Driveway S's are done, but we will have a last call for S's this week. Tim O'Shea suggested raising the price of the S's to \$25 next year as the price of spray paint has increased.
- Rick reported that we are restocking and replenishing fan gear.
- He gave an update on game sponsors. We currently have 16 game sponsors, four per game.
- Shari Kohl and Terri Raimondi suggested that a game be dedicated to Ryan Catlin, the Southington High School student who was critically injured. Rick said we will dedicate the Oct. 20 First Responder Appreciation Night game vs. New Britain to him. Shari said we can have the \$2 Ryan Catlin blue bracelets as a fundraiser and work with the cheerleaders. Shari also suggested putting together a gift basket to be raffled at the Ryan Catlin pasta supper.
- Rick asked for help announcing game sponsors, and would need to get the game brochure to Bill in the press box before games.

Treasurer's Report: *Eric Clark reported*

- Eric reported that there is approximately \$80,000 in the budget, with about \$22, in expenses.
- The Coach's Campaign after expenses raised \$19,043; Players Fees \$16,720; Program Book \$8,450; Golf Tournament \$3,921; Pasta Supper \$2,431; Fan Gear \$1,981; Game Sponsor \$1,400; and Driveway 'S' \$464.

Approval of Treasurers Report: Tito Roderick and Tim O'Shea

Concessions and Team Dinners: *Colleen Clark reported*

- Colleen said a delivery was coming on Monday to get through weekend. The grill is there, and the propane tanks will be located.
- Patty Thomson reported that the pregame dinner would be chicken parm, and we will be doing grab and go dinners like grinders and buffalo chicken as well.

Secretary's Report: *Terri O'Shea reported*

- Terri said that the Facebook page (SHS Blue Knights Football) and Twitter account (@BKFGGridiron) have been well received and she's attempting to keep both updated.
- The Athletic Director reminds us to keep scores off social media.
- The Program Book is in the process of being designed.

Sunshine: *Shari Kohl reported*

- Shari reported that one player was injured.
- She said Coach Drury received our baby gifts from the Gridiron Club, and Coach Bird expressed his thanks to the Gridiron Club for the gifts he received.
- Shari and Shelley Downes will be sending out thanks you cards for sponsors for the pasts dinner and golf tournament.

Field Crew/Grounds and Equipment: *Tito Roderick reported.*

- Tito said John Shea of John Shea Electric donated his truck so the Field Crew can transport equipment to away games. He will also donate gas for the truck. Only Tim O'Shea can drive the truck as he has as CTDLC license.

- Tito said he needs 23 senior banners for the Sept. 15 home game Friday. Shari Kohl is working with Sign Pro to get them done.

Miscellaneous:

- Patty Thomson needs senior addresses for invitations to the Senior Banquet soon, and we have to book a date with the Aqua Turf.
- There will be a post-Golf Committee meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to Close: Accepted by Ron Pastor

Adjourned: at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Terri O'Shea