

Norton Youth Football & Cheer

June Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 6/9/2020

Call to Order: 7: PM

Reason: Monthly Meeting

Location: Virtual ZOOM meeting

Minutes Recorded by: Theresa Manela, NYFC Secretary
(ZOOM transcript of chat responses were recorded).

Attendees: See attached attendance list

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Theresa

-Theresa presented information to be entered in as edits to May minutes as it pertains to attendance and voting rights from May, 2020 meeting (see below):

-Notes copied from May, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

CHEER REPORT: Stephanie L.

-Stephanie reported that there was no monthly cheer meeting

-New England Cheer President resigned

-The general consensus of other teams in the league is that youth cheer will follow the pattern of school systems. School system decisions will have an impact on availability of indoor practice spaces.

-EMA is waiting on decision regarding Nationals Competitions

-Cheer will forgo Oct. 2020 competition

-There are 25-50 coaches interested in coaches training but there is no decision made as of yet whether training will be held until we know more about restrictions related to COVID

Highlighted Section reflects information to be edited:

Minutes should read that "Cheer will not participate the invitational that kicks off the Competition Season"

-Theresa requested that all board members and volunteers turn in CORI forms either electronically or by mail to Box 295.

-Theresa noted no changes from last month with regard to voting rights entering June Meeting.

-List of Board Members and Members with Voting Rights for June, 2020 Meeting

- Names appearing in **Red Text** indicate those within the same household with only 1 combined vote.
- Board Members are highlighted in purple

1	Arguello, Boris	15	Flynn, Kathy	29	O'Connor, Rebecca
2	Arguello, Erwin (in event of tie)	16	Hayes, Ali	30	Raby, Geoff
3	Black, Jay*	17	Hoffman, Jen	31	Regan, Chris
4	Black, Kasey*	18	Kelleher, Kelly	32	Rodriguez, Heather*
5	Bray, Martin	19	Kline, Matt	33	Rodriguez, Victor*

6	Cameron, Jimmy	20	Lasser, Lisa	34	Salvo, BJ
7	Cannizzaro, Mandy	21	Langton, Stephanie	35	Sinclair, Craig
8	Clark, Joey-Lynne	22	Lombardo, Chris	36	Slattery, Andrew
9	Connley, Jamie	23	Manela, Theresa	37	Wells, Cynthia
10	Crossman, Julie*	24	McGarry, Megan	38	Wiencus, PJ
11	Crossman, Adam*	25	Michael McHugh		38 total eligible voting members
12	Durning, Susanne	26	Mirka, Mike		-3 votes due to combined vote/same household= 35
13	Fernandes, Kristi	27	Mordas, Chris		-1 president (except for tie-breaker
14	Goodwin, Darin	28	Niven, Kathy		=34 Total Possible votes with full attendance

-Erwin asked for motion to accept minutes

MOTION: by Victor to accept May, 2020 meeting minutes

Seconded by Chris Lombardo

MOTION PASSED: majority vote

-Mail Update: Theresa noted following received:

- check for cheerleader M. Kearsley registration
- Grant application for cheer participant
- check from Dell
- FB insure letter/invoice
- Advance Compactor & Container Service invoice--need to update address?
- Liberty Mutual Invoice

TREASURER'S REPORT- Chris L

- Balance in capital account \$ 4,032.25
- Balance in checking: \$22,771.59
- Two outstanding bills will be due: Liberty Mutual Insurance and Connex box
- Chris will pay a ¼ of payment to container
- Chris will deposit checks from donations this week once we have confirmation from donors to go ahead
- Cindy has a donation check from 123 Motors and can drop off to Chris.
- Stephanie--One parent is still waiting for refund from spring cheer clinic.
- Stephanie will email information to Chris to facilitate refund

CHEER REPORT: Stephanie L.

- EMA Report: on-site competitions may be cancelled
- Competitions going forward this season most likely be held virtually
- If cancelled this year then Connecticut hosts 2021.

- Aug 1st is hopeful start date, but we are in a holding pattern until there is more clarity from state and league with practice field and spaces still relying on schools for guidance as we utilize schools for practice
- Erwin added that cheer for sideline will be able run similarly to last year, it's mostly comps that would be affected
- Stephanie noted that she will hold uniforms needing seasonal cleaning until there is a clarity about start date.
- Erwin asked if we will need new cheer uniforms.
- Steph stated that she will need to place an order for uniform for male cheerleader but otherwise can make due with what league already has currently.
- Erwin asked if price for cheer registration for the season should be adjusted given the unlikelyhood of a traditional competition season.
- Jen brought up that parents may pull girls if there is no competition season and stated that she did not think current price is justified if there is only sideline cheering
- Erwin asked Cheer to determine new price package given changes to season and report back to the board
- Susanne: asks about teams of 10 and whether this would impact team roster sizes
- Stephanie note that 10-member team size was for competition for keeping with COVID guidelines

-Candidates for Cheer Coach Announced (see table):

Age Level	CHEER Head Coach Nominees
Pre-K	Victoria Bravetti
Flag	Megan Norris
8U	Samantha Powers
10U	Rachel Kline
12 U	Stephanie Langton
14 U	Jen Hoffman

- Each level is uncontested
- Erwin asked for called for Approval of names by show of hands
- All approved
- Erwin/Jen suggested waiting on announcing until CORI comes back approved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT :Erwin

- Erwin attended this month's (May) EMA meeting via Zoom
- August 1st is tentative start date
- majority of presidents think we may not start Aug 1 or beyond.
- if there is High School FB, we will be able to have youth football

- consensus amongst local leagues is that we should be able to hold at least a 6-game season
- If we began on Aug. 1, some local towns were advocating for a week of conditioning, then a preseason game week, and then starting with regular games.
- Erwin does not think this would be very feasible, especially at younger grades where this may be first time players are participating in tackle
- NYFC will align the with the approach schools take in phase 4
- We can't practice unless schools give us permission
- EMA meeting reflected different ideas from towns about how to manage the season
- It appears that there is some traction for the idea that the season is unable to take place in Fall/Winter of 2020, then the, plan is for spring football
- To cover officers for insurance to keep things going, leagues must declare teams by the end of June
- EMA asked for towns to declare at least 1 team, then add as restrictions ease and information is forthcoming
- If there is no season, there is no refund for that one declared team
- Erwin noted that most towns made declarations for teams at multiple levels.
- Erwin declared every level. May not have 4th grade team. But this can be adjusted if the numbers don't support it
- Victor noted that from High School booster meeting, the idea of switching spring and fall sports was discussed but if the move is going to happen it would have to be now. Coach Artz has been informed he will not have access to interior of school for whole summer. But work outs on the fields may be possible.

AD REPORT: Adam

- All helmets have been moved to climate control storage
- all were free of mold
- remaining Zenith nbk and 12 pop warner Shutte sold for \$720 for 100% profit
- over next month Adam will call zenith to get quotes on another 10-12 helmets at upper and lower grade ranges if we have a Fall season
- we have enough old helmets to start with
- Adam will price another set of 20-30 shoulder pads in the event that they are needed
- Erwin asked about sizes for pop warner helmets
- Adam noted that we have 20-30 smalls but they need re-conditioning. We will hold off until we know if season will proceed
- Shutte is coming out with additional protective face shields in response to COVID
- Erwin--at EMA they discussed face shields (price is around 40\$)
- Jay asked about ordering time
- Adam said helmets could come in within a week or two should more be needed
- Shoulder pads are still in storage.
- Erwin asks what price would be for storage facility in Norton
- Adam will call around for pricing
- Jay will be at Norton storage tomorrow on another matter and will try to obtain some price information
- Chris \$92.50 is current storage rate we pay

-Candidates for Head Football Coaches Announced (see table):

Grade	Football Head Coach Nominees
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Level	
Pre-K	Open
Flag	Open
2nd/3rd	BJ Salvo
4th	Andrew Slattery
5th	Geoff Raby
6th	Tony Arguello
7th	Adam Crossman
8th	Erwin Arguello

- Each level is uncontested
- Erwin asked for called for Approval of names by show of hands
- All approved, Pending CORI check

-Pre-K and Flag levels still open

- Erwin asked the group to consider whether it make sense to discontinue offering flag to 2nd graders and limit it to grades K/1st
- Adam feels that would be a good move
- Eriwn: said we should consider what is best for our organization
- Victor suggested offering flag price to the 3 2nd grade registrants that are tackle-eligible if 2nd grade flag is removed
- Erwin: asks if there is any objection to removing 2nd grade flag option and whether any present members have youth that would be directly affected
- Victor: noted that two girls registered for 2nd grade flag are female
- Marty noted that his daughter was one of the female players signed up for 2nd grade. She had originally planned to play tackle but is now hesitating. Marty doesn't think the decision should be based just on that.
- Matt K: last year 4-5 of his players at 2nd grade would have played tackle if it was offered
- EMA is doing K/1 together and 2, 3, and then grades 4/5

MOTION by: Victor to abolish 2nd grade flag and move 2nd graders to tackle

-Second by Marty

Motion Passes: Majority vote

- Victor asked if we will re-vote on coaching positions if the registration numbers require we combine some grade level teams
- Erwin: noted that if a position became contested, whomever was voted for the higher grade at the combined level would default to the head coaching position
- Victor asks what would happen if the lower grade had more registrants.
- Erwin said we would follow the higher grade number

- Rebecca: 2 people reached out to her to volunteer to coach for pre-k and flag football (Jasmine Sudyan & Tyler Carver)
- Additional football coach applicants should get their coaching applications to Adam

CHEERLEADER/PLAYER AGENT REPORT:

-Heather: Noted that it would be helpful for head coaches to reach out to get paperwork done for applications and get CORI pages to Theresa
140 registrants

-Heather noted that for cheer, assignment for teams is only through actual grade

-Heather provided an update of registrations numbers as of tonight's meeting:

Pre-K (5)

K/1 (1)

2nd (6)

3rd (13)

4th (10)

5th (6)

6th (9)

7th (8)

8th (6)

64 Total Cheer

Pre-K (4)

K/1 (9)

2nd (6)

3rd (7)

4th (5)

5th (13)

6th (15)

7th (13)

8th (9)

81 Total Football

145 total registrations

-Erwin asked Adam to set up a coaches meeting to discuss communication and expectations for the year

PR/MEDIA REPORT

-Jay: reported that he worked on setting up simplified way for the Secretary to have a one-click option for group email to board and voting members

-Theresa will Email Jay at end of meetings At the end of meetings with any updates to voting rights

-Jay--asked for head coaches for whom he does not already have background bio and pictures to email him so he can update the coaches page on the website

-Vic: Stressed the importance of all members to share and like posts-- when we share it makes the post last longer

FUNDRAISING: Susanne

-Susanne spoke with Liz Mulvaney who fundraises for HS football boosters and she asked if NYFC wants to join with them on a mask fundraiser.

-The Cost is \$5.50 plus tax which at high school they sold for 1\$2. Liz would need to know soon

-If we join with her, the bulk order would decrease the cost

-Erwin asked about our logo

-Susanne said Liz will have to talk to designer and also order youth masks

-Julie asked if we share profit

-Susanne: Liz said she would keep 1 dollar profit from us.

-Erwin: asks if we could do better on our own

-Victor: noted that the reason why this is cheaper and better is because there is no design fee

-Julie: asks if we don't sell the number we asked for, would we be at a loss

-Victor: no NYFC would not be charged for unsold

-Julie: the best way to support 1st and 10 is to advertise

-Erwin: asked what cost would be if we sold internally

-Kathy: noted it would depend on cost of design fee

-Victor said: no other town sports organizations are involved.

-Cindy: Said it would be a great idea to go with High school universal N

-Erwin: said Franklin is doing the same thing

-Jen: asked if we confirm the youth sizes

-CJ: noted that yes we can order youth

-Kathy N: if we order in bulk we will most likely all profit

Jen clarifies if we want to join in with Norton High School can we get youth masks, order a good number since we are comprised of younger participants

-Erwin: asks for motion

-Susanne thinks its important to collaborate

-Motion by Rebecca/Julie to partner with high school in mask fundraiser

-Jen thinks we could easily order 100 youth 100 adult

MOTION by Rebecca to partner with High School and order 200 hundred mask s(100 youth, 100 adult)

Motion Seconded by Julie

MOTION PASSES

-It takes 2-3 weeks for masks to come in

-The idea of pairing mask distribution with paperwork turn-in was floated

-Kathy N asked about process for ordering and distributing masks

-1st round was self delivery

-2nd round goes out week of father's day

-Susanne: discussed what to do with summer fundraiser items

- Suggested online basket raffle summer passes be included and then host a virtual auction
- Erwin likes the idea
- Susanne asked if this has been done before
- Kathy asked about making sure that items in the basket can actually be used
- Rebecca suggested attaching disclaimer

-Julie: has dates for rescheduling the Golf Tourney: September/October. Mondays and Thursdays: sept 3 and 17 or 21 and 28th. October 12 th and all thursdays are available

- Discussion about what are best days for holding the tournament
- Susanne, the later we have it, the greater the chance business may be able to donate

MOTION by Julie to host Sept 3. for rescheduled Golf Tournament, with 9/17 as rain date
Second by Craig (?)

Motion Passes: Majority Vote

- Susanne asked for input for garnering sponsors or other fundraising ideas.
- Erwin asked about raffle calendar this year.
- Susanne now that things are opening we can reach out to more sponsors.
- Heather suggested we offer more cash prizes
- Susanne said she could work to get actual donations as well
- Julie brings up that it costs quite a bit to produce calendars
- Susanne planned to reach out to printing companies to see if they could donate
- Chris: \$270 was cost of printing calendars

FACILITIES

- No new updates given pandemic

CONCESSIONS

- Kathy -No new updates given pandemic

SWAG

- Kathy Niven: no significant updates, pending on how season goes
- Pending pandemic progress, Kathy can make changes to merchandise
- Vic will post once updates have happened.

EVENTS: Kasey

No new information. Given pandemic all events are on hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Victor: reported about donations made from various individuals
- Steve Bishop on behalf of Kyle foundation donated 2 tackle, 2 cheer, and 2 flag registrations
- An anonymous family donated a registration,
- An additional anonymous registration donation came in during tonight's meeting (8 total).
- Erwin asked if we should announce the donation by Steve
- Erwin thinks scholarships will be up in numbers this year due to economic losses due to COVID
- Chris L: noted that he isn't sure if we should split up Steve's donation without asking him
- Julie: asks if we have an obligation to promote the scholarships

-Erwin: we decided not promote scholarships but the information is posted on our site and those who would like to apply can find it
-Jay: confirmed that scholarship info is still on the website
-Julie brings up that new families might not know about the scholarships
-Erwin: we may get more requests for assistance when we ask for payments on Aug. 1st and suggested we hold off on deciding about how to utilize donated registrations for now
-Julie: asked to clarify if when we note on website that people can register "by check" is it actually by ? and would having to write a check deter people
-Jay noted that on website, there is a simple "pay later option" to give flexibility

-Erwin noted that the Next NYFC Meeting will be July 14, meeting 7:30 pm.
-Theresa will inquire about availability of Media Center for next meeting if restrictions allow

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Victor

Seconded by: Craig S.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:21 pm