



# SMYFL

SOUTHERN MAINE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

P.O. Box 1000 Berwick ME 03901

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## February Meeting

**Date:** February 16, 2016

**Location:** Ramada Inn Saco

**Presiding:** President

**Officers:** Missing Treasurer

### Representatives in attendance

Noble

Bonny Eagle

Windham

Sanford

Kennebunk

Gorham

South Portland

Portland

Massabesic

Saco

Marshwood

Biddeford

Westbrook

Falmouth

Greely

Wells

York

Scarborough

### Visitors in attendance

Cape Elizabeth



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### New Business Meeting

1. Election of 2016 Board –President: Eric Sargent, Vice President: Nathan Peabody, Treasurer: Shawn Casey, Secretary: Bryant Oja. Motion: Kennebunk / Second Bonny Eagle – Approved 18-0
2. Agenda Item: 2015 Windham MS Team was unable to field a MS “B” team for the 2015 season. Bylaw violation. Discussion: One year exemption. Motion: Wells / Second: BE- Approved 18-0
3. Agenda Item: 2015 York peewee game forfeit vs Westbrook Oct 2015. Due to low numbers and injuries. Bylaws state that there will be a \$300 fine/ bill to compensate for lost concessions. Already paid. No action is required. Motion: Saco / Second Wells Approved 18-0
4. Agenda Item: Officials - Scheduling, evaluations, ejections/ Low numbers of 2016 officials/Discussion on enforcing SMYFL rules for the peewee and mites. PW and Mite coaches will forward George Tasker a list of common rule misunderstandings.
5. Discussion on the current SMYFL appeal process and a possible conflict of interest. (see process of appeal for ejections of players and coaches) The current bylaws state: “If the president determines that there may be grounds for an appeal, the president shall immediately schedule a Board of Appeals meeting to happen as soon as possible.”
  - a. Motion by Sanford: Removing the appeal process for the player ejections .Second: South Portland –Not Approved 1-15
  - b. Discussion on changing the process of appeal and review from the President to the SMYFL Officers. Issue has been tabled.
6. Agenda item: Field Availability Issues and team requests / Teams that only use one field/ Saturday night and Day games. Biddeford school preference is Saturday (school program)/ Kennebunk might have a field issue in 2016. Add to June Agenda.
7. Agenda Item: Reminder EMT is required for every game. It is the home team’s responsibility.
8. Agenda Item: Every team is required to have a concussion procedure in place. Discussion: Concussion protocol and CDC /USA Football training.
9. Agenda item: Youth helmets vs Adult helmets. Discussion: differences between the two. SMYFL secretary will bring more information to the next meeting.



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10. Agenda Item: Tie breaker for playoffs. Current bylaws:

a. In the event of a tie in the seating process, the following tie breakers apply in order

- i. Head-to-Head - Win/Loss record among the tied teams
- ii. Total number of wins by opponents
- iii. Flip a coin if two teams are tied, or draw straws if more than two teams are tied

Discussion: Change the process to the following order: 1.) Head to Head 2.Wins 3.heal points 4.Coin Flip

Motion: Biddeford/ Second: Greely –Approved 18-0

11. Agenda Item: Discussion on adding the gentleman's rule to "B" playoff games.

12. Agenda Item: Cape Elizabeth looking at joining SMYFL. They are currently in MSL .Need decision by April 2016.

13. Agenda Item: 2016 MS season starts on August 01, 2016.

14. Agenda Item: York to host 2016 jamboree.

15. Agenda Item: Preseason / conditioning week. Discussion: what is allowed? Some teams are running plays etc. No changes / No motions

16. Agenda item: Discussion on changing grade levels for PW and Mites. No changes.

17. Agenda item: Discussion on allowing only PW/Mite teams to vote on PW/Mite issues. No changes.

18. Open discussion: player suspensions, behavior etc.

19. April Meeting Date: April 12,2016 6:00 PM