

SOUTHERN MAINE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

P.O. Box 1000 Berwick ME 03901

April Meeting

Date: April 24, 2018

Location: Ramada Inn Saco

Presiding: President

Officers: All Present

Representatives in attendance

Noble

Gorham

Windham

Sanford

Kennebunk

Portland

Massabesic

Saco

Marshwood

Westbrook

Falmouth

Wells

York South

Portland

<u>Missing</u>

Bonny Eagle

Biddeford

Scarborough

*Greely



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New Business Meeting

- 1. Agenda item #1: Greely's membership. Greely withdrawing for the 2018 season; unable to make numbers to field a team. Hope to come back in 2019 stronger.
- 2. Agenda item #2: Questions for Pete. What can we as an organization can we do to make things easier for the officials? Read the rules: big thig is encroachment, they will work with the younger kids. Only person official needs to speak to is the Head Coach, no one else.

Do not care about jersey numbers for any of the lower teams or middle school "B"...Middle School "A" numbers MUST match offensive positions.

About the stripes: officials do not understand the stripe rules...if you see a violation let the official know. Better to talk to the official prior to the game.

When we set the rules, do not change them 3 weeks in the season. Dana will provide Pete with "cheat sheet" after June Meeting.

Time keeper needs to be able to see the game, they need to be able to see the official on the field...official is the only one who can stop the game. Would prefer to not have young kids doing chains.

Not sure what the program has for officials...numbers are still low. Would like to have 2 officials on the field for each game below MS, would need to eliminate kicking game for PeeWee.

If doing introductions get them done prior to the start of the game. If the game starts at 9:00 it needs start at 9:00.

8th grade game: playing 10 minutes...rulebook states 8 minutes. Pete has explained to his board that we are a club league.

Possibilities of having to move times and days again, High School games come first.

With coaches on the field: Advised of change to by-laws that 1 is allowed. Only coaches on the field can call the time out. Once the ball is snapped, the coaches can not talk/coach. 1st: Warning, 2nd unsportsmanlike penalty, 3rd coach removed from field- to sideline.

Discussed running clock prior to gentleman rule- if both teams agree, "ok".

3. Agenda item #3: -Important Season Dates: Jamboree in Sanford on Sat. 8/25, rain date 8/26 at the old



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high school. Will have details, team set up available at the next meeting.

- 4. Agenda item #4: Dues to be paid at the June meeting...waiting for insurance premium (D&O), will have an amount in May.
- 5. Agenda item#5: Question about practice limits for MS teams. By-laws have no restrictions.
- 6. Agenda item#6: Patriots for You Camp- York has hosted it in the past and numbers have dropped. Would like to give the team holding Jamboree first right of refusal. It is a free clinic/camp and nice to office. The bring everything, food and equipment. Kids get a t-shirt.
- 7. Agenda item#7: Get updated contact information out.
- 8. Agenda item#8: Kicking game, why have it 5/6? No changes made, will discuss further at June meeting.
- 9. Agenda item #9: Schedule. Teams pulled for schedule "Draft". Each program to have dates and time to SMYFL prior to June meeting.
- 10. Agenda item# 10: Kevin at Riddell offered to host the league meeting in June...

Meeting adjourn at 8:12pm



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