

October board meeting 2021

Intro - KJ we welcomed Amy Buratti and Patrick Richards.

Updates - Officers and Directors Insurance, USA Rugby Fee, AH Athletic Training Contract

Budget 2021-2022 - Aaron presented the budget including the income from cipp fees and the programming. Again this year there has to be flexibility due to the fact that it is difficult to budget given the lack of programming last year. The budget summary will be prepared for the AGM.

Motion to approve the budget Diane, seconded by Pat and all members voted in favor

Fall 7's Update - Brendan presented the summary of the 7s season thus far. There has been great participation by the boys teams. There has been participation by all clubs. St. Augustine and CBA have numerous teams. The girls have been absent from the season thus far. Although strides have been made it has been difficult. The Morris girls are playing in PA. There has also been participation by the younger players. There has been flexibility in accepting payment which has been helpful. It is difficult to run the site on day of the event by the program coordinator. We should try and get another person to help out.

Brian Pomraning gave an update on the U12 U14 participation. There has been people coming from various teams. There has been two tournaments which have been successful. The teams played three games on each event.

There was an inquiry regarding U10 tackle program. USA Rugby does not support the U10 tackle participation. At this juncture there does not appear to be the ability to support such a program even if we could support tackle at that age. Brian, as the head of that program believes that as it is not supported or insured for U10 tackle. However there is possibility of allowing that age group to participate in tackle drills

Girls Update - KJ there has been low numbers for the New York and Union programs. Amy will be filling in as the Girls chair. She has already met with Morris and Union programs.

Pat M has suggested a best practices presentation in communication and Brendan has volunteered to do the same.

NY 7's - KJ. The tournament is live. We have usually put in a team for the high school for the social side. The event is the weekend after Thanksgiving. There will be need to have a coach with select side experience. There will need to be practices the weekends prior to the tournament.

Spring Season - 15's for HS and U12-14 Palozza Format? - Terry will be looking at the numbers and schedule. We want to start that information sooner rather than later.

AGM - Date - KJ due to the venue and the USA Rugby games, we are looking at first two weeks in December. KJ is preparing an agenda

College Fair and Combine - Performance Sports Lab - KJ & Pat they spent a day there which is located in Middletown. There is an ice rink with fields. There are evaluations of athletes. There is a connection to CBA and the owner. The location will sponsor the college combine and do the evaluations. There will be an effort to recruit the younger players as well. February 13 is the tentative date.

NJAPERD - Feb 14 - 16, 2021 - KJ advised that the event will be held in person which is great because we received a lot of development from that event. Chris W and Craig will assist in this presentation and attendance.

Grants - Call in to RUNY, Waiting on Madza. A grant of 1000 was awarded by Atlantic which was presented to the fall 7s program.. KJ talked to Steve Lewis of RUNY about there participation in youth rugby. Other MLR assist the youth teams and RUNY has not. We will ask them to help with the College Fair and the championship game. RUNY is looking to hold a championship series in the spring. They would identify players to play on the RUNY youth program who would then play other MLR youth teams.

Board Membership - See attachment – KJ has prepared a board history which demonstrates how long some of the members have been on the board. there is request for new members and replacement of some of the officers such as the secretary and president.

Giving Tuesday(the Tuesday after thanksgiving) is a donation program which does not require the board members to push the program to their contacts. The Board needs to take a leadership role in sharing the giving Tuesday campaign. There will be materials to assist you in the communications.

New Business we should develop a hall of fame for the high school players for presentation at the award dinner.