

**Merrimack Cardinals Football and Cheer
Meeting Minutes 2-18-24
6:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

Greg Miller
Chandra Miller
Jennifer McCormack
Siobhain Klassen
Melissa Dalton
Matt Malone
Amy Malone
Martha Gagnon
Gerry Marshall
Barbara Sousa
Jim Demas

Public Input:

Call to Order: 6:33 PM

Old Business:

- 2023 Sponsor Thank You- Gerry to reach out to Amy to obtain list of Sponsors receiving helmets

Board Member Input:

President – Greg Miller

- By-Laws-
 - o Chandra to go through to ensure grammatical edits in place
 - o Questions:
 - regarding the \$12.50 stated to each athlete- explained that this amount would be for use if end of year Banquet was unable to happen and individual teams had separate celebrations instead; this amount is not ‘in addition to’ the Banquet costs – No change needed for document
 - Financial need scholarships- should the process of determination be added to the by-laws vs. separate process – Change will be made to reflect that the determination is made on a case-by-case basis with both President and Treasurer approval
 - o MYA Warrant Article for new field complex- to be in April town vote
 - Will send out email to association giving details
 - Town Deliberative Session- March 13th to encourage support from Town Council

Vice President – Gerry Marshall

- To work with Amy to ensure Thank You Helmets are distributed

Treasurer – Jen McCormack

- To meet with members regarding their respective financial need and expectations

Program Coordinator - Chandra Miller

- To share document of coaches reviews with the board

Assistant Program Coordinator – Siobhain Klassen

- Cheer Growth-
 - Determine marketing to promote cheer to retain and increase numbers
 - Focus on what makes Cardinals Cheer unique- Sideline cheer AND Competition
 - Ensure communications out from associations are including both Cheer and Football whenever appropriate

Spirit Coordinator – Melissa Dalton

- AYF Meeting:
 - A Cardinals Cheer athlete will be honored at the AYF Banquet in April; Melissa to determine if athlete will be in attendance, then determine which Board Members will be present

Football Coordinator – Jon Matte (Presented by Greg Miller)

- JHL Meeting:
 - Number of football teams joining league continues to grow as example, Seniors will now be at least 24 teams and divided by 3 divisions
 - Considering 8U team- can towns join together to create teams of sufficient numbers
 - Flag- considering formalizing a flag program

Equipment Coordinator – Matt Malone

- Equipment Storage- storage option for 2024 needs to be determined
 - Metal Connex best case scenario for long term- Open front available by PageStreet Storage for \$7600. Can MYA still assist in cost
- Uniforms-
 - Riddell jerseys \$55 if ordered by end of March- otherwise \$73 (Pants consistent in pricing)
 - BSN jerseys \$50 without cut off date
- Equipment-
 - to order:
 - Footballs, socks, shoulder pads, ice packs
 - “Jax Tackler” \$800- \$1200 depending on size (Motion to spend up to \$2000 for 2 “Jax Tackler” units: Matt; Second: Gerry; Vote 9-0-0)
 - to repair: shoulder pads

- Painting- volunteers requested to learn to paint and assist with fields

Volunteer Coordinator - Jim Demas

- N/A

Concessions Manager – Barbara Sousa

- Questions regarding league reasoning for JV and Varsity game for age groups

Fundraising Coordinator – Amy Malone

- Football Squares- Raised \$1000 for the Cardinals association between profits and donations of winnings

Member at Large – Martha Gagnon

- N/A

Next Meeting Date: 3/17 at 6:30pm

Adjourn: 8:55pm

Follow-up for next meeting:

- **Mi box vs. storage container**
- **Flag – determine for 2024 season**
- **Uniforms - plan for purchasing**