

SFA Athletic Association - General Meeting Minutes

09/22/2016

Board Members Present: Terry R., Brian S., Todd K., Jeff S.

Board Members Absent: Tom P.

Members Present: Rev. Kent Pollman, Tim Maricic, Ron Schmidt, Chris Hulse, Brian Wisman, Jason Byrne, Tim Flynn, Mike Beckermann, Dave Klossman, Tim Vohsen, Brian Ferguson, Jay Albin, Dan Eckhard, Kris Fisher, Tim Abernathy, Tom Burton, Ryan Pfaff, Frank Rohlfing, Christina Gambino, Jeff Henson, Nathan Farrow, Rob Witzel, Phil Sokolich, Jeff Kesselring, Dan Hufker, Kevin Sajol, Matt Thum

- Call to Order – Jeff Soell
- Opening Prayer – Jeff Soell
- Last Month's Minutes
 - 1st by Tim Flynn
 - 2nd by Christina Gambino
- Financial Report – Terry Richter
 - Break-even Month
 - Revenue
 - Registrations
 - Kickball
 - Soccer Tournament
 - Concessions
 - Expense
 - Concessions Inventory
 - Field Expenses – Bussen
 - Volleyball Equipment
 - 1st by Tim Abernathy
 - 2nd by Dan Hufker
- CYC Report – Jason Byrne
 - Slow Month
 - Baseball Rule Changes:
 - Pitching machine added to Third Grade
 - Complete game rule – 4th Inning
 - Move students across district leagues due to hurting numbers
 - SLU/Lindenwood looking for Ball boys and girls (go to CYC website)
 - Holly – Rough start to scorecards, reminder, if they are not filled out appropriately it affects our program financially.
 - Basketball needs 4th Grade coordinator
 - This would benefit SFA with scheduling and the coordinator would get reduced rates
 - Possible mergers across leagues

- Basketball – Dave Schulte
 - Signups open, need numbers
 - No other report
- Soccer – Mark Callico
 - Light on refs, need to look at recruitment
 - No other report
- IM Soccer – Brian Ferguson
 - 129 kids vs 105 last year
 - Only 1 game has been played due to conflicts and rain
- Volleyball – Dan Hufker
 - Season is going well
 - Unknown card may have been issued to a coach, may have been a mistake. Nothing served, Dan to confirm with Bill
- Baseball/Softball – Tom Morrow
 - No Report
- IM T-Ball – Rob Witzel
 - No Report
- Golf – Jeff Kesselring
 - No Report
- Uniform Return
 - No Report
- Concession Stand
 - No Report
- Capital Improvements Committee
 - Met with Father, renovating fields 1/2/3 (start in October and ready by spring)
 - Fill will go to field 5. Association will work on leveling that. Dan Schulte may help.
 - Irrigation fixed on Fields 1/2
 - Fields will be reseeded 10' out from lip
 - Fence Painting – Volunteer Day
 - Need to address Aquarium store disposing of water out the back

OLD BUSINESS

- Kickball Tournament
 - Big hand to Mike Beers who BBQ'd all day
 - Current status \$2786
 - Non-Holiday weekend next year
- 80's Band Night
 - Renee Klossman is now in charge
 - Band and Gym set for 4/8
 - Doors open @ 6, Band from 7-11
- Golf tournament

- Amount of players on par with last year
- Course is all our due to number of teams
- 50/50 Squares for Blues Tickets
- On Par to beat last year
- Bring cash for prizes
- Fund Raising Committee – Tim Vohsen
 - Glow Bingo – Waiting for approved date
- Director positions open or coming open
 - Basketball head ref
 - Equipment lay-director
 - Volleyball head official next year
 - Batting cage coordinator next year
 - Baseball Field Manager
- Rugby
 - See attached proposal below
- Fall Festival
 - BBQ/Beer Booth sales, need volunteers
 - Start after Mass in the Grass
- New Board Positions
 - Frank Rohlfing was voted new 1st Vice President
 - Jason Byrne was voted new Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

- AA Meetings
 - REMINDER – Next Meeting will be at 9:00 PM 10/27
- Mens Faith
 - Advent by Taillight, Sponsered by AA
 - Need ideas, see Jeff
- Theresa Green
 - SFA AA will be giving a donation, see Jeff if you have any questions
- Concession Stand co-managers
 - Two new co-managers were assigned to Susie – Christina Gambino and Colleen Patrick

Motion to Adjourn: 1st: Chris Hulsey, 2nd: Ron Schmidt

Rugby Program Interest Analysis

Survey sent at beginning of school year through Fast Direct/Survey Form (SFA students only)

Students Reached 210

Responses 46 forms (90 students) Yes 60 No 30 More Info 4 (all replied "yes" on form)

66% Favorable

Boys Y 34 Girls Y 26 Nearly even split

Age/Grade splits are unknown.

Additional participation can be extended to public school kids in the SFAAA.

Program Overview

The first and foremost goal of the Program is to teach new skills and re-inforce existing skills in regard to sportsmanship, fellowship, and Catholic values through the sport and culture of Rugby.

The program cost is projected at \$50.00/student per school year. This would include a FALL and Spring Semester in that order. This fee would cover the participant's registration fees with both USA Rugby and Missouri Youth Rugby (required for insurance through USAR). Also provided in the fee would be a club t-shirt. Any additional funds would be used to repay the start-up/registration costs incurred by SFAAA. All excess funds beyond these fees would be used donated back to the Parish at the discretion of the SFAA Board of Directors (i.e. donated to PE program for new equipment).

The initial program would be in the Spring Semester of 2017 running 8-10 weeks of Instructional flag/tag (Non-Contact) rugby. If successful an additional session may be held in during the Fall Semester for 8-10 weeks. Practices are projected to be held immediately after school to minimize conflicts with other sports and after school activities. This may be adjusted as needed.

There are currently 3 established youth rugby clubs in the St. Louis area with participants ranging in age from K-8th grade. They hold a short competition season in the fall and spring consisting of 4-6 matches and 1 tournament. Teams are Co-Ed and divided into two age groups 6-8 and 9-12. Additional age breaks can be done when required.

Competent coaching assistance would be needed to properly run the program. Offers from the Directors of Rugby at SLUH, DeSmet, and CBC High schools have offered to assist in training interested parents. They have also agreed to send High School players to assist coaches in exchange for service hours.

Several collegiate players from Lindenwood University (male and female) have also offered to assist. Mr Sturgill has already offered to set up Protecting God's Children classes for those in need.

Youth Rugby Program Cost Analysis/Estimate

Team /Club Registration \$215

\$150 Annually to USA Rugby (Due in July)

\$65 Coaches Registration to USA Rugby (Due in July)

Balls Free with Grant request through Missouri Rugby Football Union

\$17.00 Ea

\$105 for 10

\$300 for 25

Custom Balls with the SFAAA Logo can be ordered through various shops at varying cost.

Flag Belts (Available through World Rugby Shop)

\$36 for 20 belts

Field Cones (Priced through Walmart)

\$26 for 24 cones

T-shirts (estimate based on prior business with Arch City)

\$100 for 10 Shirts

Total Start-Up costs of \$312.00 for 20 Children or \$15.60 per child.

These costs gradually become lower as the program grows. Equipment such as cones, flags, and balls can be used over multiple sessions and years. The only recurring cost is for T-shirts. This cost can also be lowered by shopping the contract and buying in bulk. Initial field/training equipment can also be obtained through various grant programs at no cost.