

WEST MILFORD JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Post Office Box 481, West Milford, NJ 07480
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Meeting of the General Membership, January 31, 2024

Meeting held at the WMTL. Meeting called to order at 8:32 PM by President, Ashley LaNeve.

Attending: Ashley LaNeve, Matt LaNeve, Amanda Richards, Doug Naccara, Tim Jacobsen, Steve Maslanek, Dan Lawrence, Christina House, Melissa Simmons, Joe Stephenson, Shaun Finn,

President: Ashley LaNeve

- Transfer of signers complete - current signers on account are myself, Dan, Tim, Josh, and Amanda.
- New checks, check register, deposit slips ordered - current check stock was low
- Reached out to accountant - we have until November to file taxes (all tax exempt get an extension). Tim is going to work on preparing what she needs to file taxes based on information from Bob.
- Budget for 2024 needed - suggest for Tim and Josh to work together to come up with the budget based on actuals from 2023, and using last year's budget as a guide. I can definitely help answer questions as they arise.
 - Dan will reach out for updated insurance quote for 2024 to account for in budget due to increase in registrations from 2023. Insurance year is June-June.
- Had a meeting with Dan K / rec dept yesterday. There are changes to the way the fields operate.
 - Presbyterian has historically been maintained by the twp. This will not happen moving forward, as it is not owned by the twp, but owned by the church.
 - Our lease is through softball, whose lease is directly with the church. There will be some changes and likely price increases for use of the field, based on changing of hands as far as maint. Is concerned. We will work that out with softball once their lease agreement is worked out with the church.
 - Permits for the turf and all fields surrounding Highlander Drive will go directly through Joe Trent - no longer using Sue Pappas a middle man.
 - Permits for other school facilities/fields will go through school portal and be approved directly by building principal
 - Permits for twp fields (Farrel, for football) will continue to go through rec dept / Sue.

Vice President: Dan Lawrence

- Looking for volunteers to assist with securing sponsorships for 2024.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Jacobsen - read by Ashley LaNeve as Tim does not yet have online banking access.

- General Account Current Balance: \$10,762.53
- Raffle Account Current Balance: \$70,029.14
- Savings Account Current Balance: \$9,384.97

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Financial Secretary: Josh Arnau - not present

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League Rep: Matt LaNeve

- League meeting last week, talked about pros and cons of season. Feedback was that it was a good season with no major issues. Small complaints about referees - how do we get them to 'be better'?
- 8-9 towns interested in joining our league. Took a vote to either pursue discussion with them or leave as is since we have a good thing going. Vote was 7-7 - split decision so not going to entertain discussion with allowing additional towns to join.

Football Director: Steve Maslanek

- Storage proposition:
 - Have a big organized storage room for equipment at HS - would like to propose to move our equipment to the HS to avoid use of the container anymore.
 - May need to pay for a few hours of janitorial service for equipment handouts at HS gym - but much better aesthetics and will keep equipment dry / avoid mold.
- Will need to inventory equipment so we know what to order for this season - will work with Jesse.
- Tripod tackle dummy - coach does not need to assist, tackle dummy resets itself - interested in buying one for Pres & one for HS Practice field. With shipping, \$1,445 each.

Equipment Manager: Jesse Soehngen - not present

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Cheer Director: Melissa Simmons

- Kicking around ideas on how to handle high numbers of younger cheerleaders (kindergarten)
 - Parents not happy that their kids were not cheering for their classmates - since we had to move girls up due to how many kindergartners there were.
 - Possibility to have K cheer for flag, or do an 'intro to cheer' - more to come!

Assistant Cheer Director: Christina House

- Nothing to add.

Flag Football Director: Doug Naccara

- Inventoried flag equipment. Normal budgetary items - will need to order more for 2024 season.

Secretary: Amanda Richards

- Nothing to report

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Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

- Going to look into getting Maple Road School field for cheer - Aug 6-29th - Tu, W, Th nights.
- Hoping to avoid Marshall Hill Field at all costs - not sanitary (flag / cheer)
- Need helmet kits for each tackle coach
- Stadium Systems invoices from 2023 were not paid. This is all tackle & flag equipment, along with reconditioning of helmets. This totals \$16,832.33. We will need to transfer money from raffle account to general account to pay this invoice. Will mail check tomorrow.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 PM