

South Lyon Panthers
June 10, 2016 Special meeting

Meeting called to order at 700 pm

Roll Call: Jamie

History: there were 80 kids signed up for freshmen football. We agreed as a board that we would give another push to increase our numbers to get more than 85. We did increase our numbers but 5 freshmen either quit or moved up to JV. This set us back down to 80 kids. The concern is that we will get a few more drops at the freshmen level that our numbers for the freshmen teams will drop down lower. We currently have 106 kids at the varsity level. Many on the board don't believe that 16 per team is a safe number to play with. If kids drop or get hurt then the numbers per team will drop even lower. This meeting is to address our low numbers.

At the varsity level 2 of the 5 coaches are in favor of reducing the number of teams. 1 would go with the majority, 1 is against and 1 didn't care either way. We do want to contract a team. We would keep the colors blue and gold because it follows South Lyon HS color and we would also keep Black and silver because it follows South Lyon East HS.

Nicole- All communities within the LCAJFL have been reducing their number of teams over the last couple of years.

Mike K- Last year a team had 5 of their starters out and then other kids were getting hurt.

Michelle- Freshmen numbers are continuing to go down. We have heard the fact that there were low birth numbers so naturally the number of kids enrolled in sports is also going to decrease.

Robert- With the Varsity numbers being so low it is a safety issue and one that needs to be addressed. Another issue is that the number of new kids on Varsity is higher so they are more likely to get hurt because they are inexperienced and haven't been playing as long and the sheer number of new players makes it harder.

A motion was made by Carlo to contract a color at both the freshmen and Varsity levels. The motion was seconded by Maria. Vote: Nicole- Yes, Julia- abstained, Maria- Yes, Michelle- No, Mike W- No, Mike K- no, Robert- yes, Sean- yes, Ann- yes, Alison- yes, Carlo- yes, Jason- Yes Motion approved 8 yes, 3 no, 1 abstained, 1 not present.

A motion was made by Sean that we contract JV as well and then increase the number of coaches allowed per team. The motion was seconded by Robert. Vote: Nicole- yes, Julia- no, Maria- no, Michelle- yes, Mike W- no, Mike K- no, Carlo- no, Alison- no, Ann- no, Sean- yes, Robert- yes. Motion denied 4 yes 7 no.

Scenario 2 made as a motion by Nicole and seconded by Julia- White is the set of teams that is least impacted by a color contraction. 2 families would be impacted. One family is new to panthers and has been placed on freshmen/ JV white but can be placed on another team so they are less impacted. The second family is Michelle R. If LCAJFL and Michelle agree all of her kids would be moved onto one color. Motion approved.

Carlo:

To clarify the information of the By-laws / Articles of the Livingston County Area Junior Football League is that the ones posted on the South Lyon Panthers and those of the Livingston County Area Junior Football League and our community teams are not in their entirety. The approximately 23-26 pages that are posted is not all the rules, but it does consist of the majority of the core day to day rules and regulations. It is missing other rules and some of which should be considered core items or publish them all and as needed with greater detail as to their interpretation.

An example of items posted and missing in the by laws is:

Article VIII Section 8 item B. "These procedures take precedent over the color rules." Unfortunately the complete color rules are not listed and have not been transferred over from the past and with some effort we should be able to locate them along with other missing by laws, rules and verbiage. This is a common problem programs run into working on a volunteer basis with change over from year to year.

Further more it is written in the LCAJFL Bylaws:

"Rules and bylaws passed at monthly LCAJFL Board Meetings may not be in this document but are enforceable. Please contact your Community Commissioner if a rule is not covered in this document"

This does not mean it is up to the community to make its own decision if they do not see an answer to a question or ruling; rather it is up to the community to find out what is the rule placed by the LCAJFL and follow it.

Last year Jason LaPerna was working hard on clarifying the By-laws with many drafts, but as one would find with the LCAJFL and many programs such as the Panthers not enough help and time. In pushing forward I would like a request be given to the LCAJFL board that the By-laws / Rules / Articles be given some much needed attention in the near future.

Motion to adjourn 830- Alison second Ann motion approved