

# Crystal Lake Raiders Football & Cheer

## January Meeting Minutes

**January 13, 2026**

**Time: 7:30PM**

**Location: McHenry County College - Room A213**

### **Executive Board**

President	Shasteen	Present ▾
Vice President of Football	Frank Sanders	Present ▾
Vice President of Cheer	Shelby Johnston	Present ▾
Treasurer	Andy Zaletel	Absent ▾
Secretary	Corinne Pilipuf	Present ▾
Web Master	Justin Dougherty	Present ▾
Registration	Jon Walker	Present ▾

### **General Board**

Cheer Coordinator	Katelyn Murphy	Present ▾
Cheer Team Coordinator	Nicki Zordan	Present ▾
ICA /Cheer Operation Representative	Rose Bragdon	Present ▾
Sideline Cheer Director	Elizabeth Nelson	Present ▾
Fundraising	Mike Kroyer	Present ▾
Equipment Coordinator	Jack Christou	Present ▾
Director of League Representation	Andy Smith	Present ▾
Apparel Coordinator	Dennis Kirschke	Absent ▾
Concessions Coordinator	Aaron Knoth	Present ▾
League Rep & Safety (Trainer)		
Director of Marketing	Amy MacCrindle	Present ▾

7on7 & Flag Football Coordinator	Ryan Romanak	Present ▾
Football Field and Facilities	Nick Lombardo	Present ▾

**Proxies:** Jeff Shasteen for Dennis Kirschke

## **I. Call to Order - 7:31pm**

## **II. Public comment - none**

## **III. Approval of the Minutes**

- Motion was made by Andy Smith.  
Seconded by Shelby Johnston.  
Motion passed with all approved.

## **IV. Treasurer's Report**

- See Doc

## **V. Bylaws**

- A Bylaws Committee for 2026 was appointed.

Committee members:

Jeff Shasteen  
Corinne Pilipuf  
Shelby Johnston  
Jon Walker  
Aaron Knoth

## **VI. Football Operations**

- 7v7 update
- Currently, 11 athletes are signed up.
- Games will be played on Sundays.
- Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00–8:00 PM.
- Games will take place at Olympic Park, Grant, Stevenson, and Huntley.

- Discussion was held about reaching out to other programs that do not currently offer 7v7 to invite them to participate in the program with their coaches and players.
- Frank and Ryan are working on securing coaches for the 7v7 program.
- Corinne will send out a social media blast seeking coaches for 7v7.
- Outreach to local high schools for potential coaches was discussed.
- It was agreed to extend the Early Bird registration price through March 1st.
- Tackle football registration timing/cost -  
February 1st - \$625 early bird special
- Lil Raiders  
Can we do it / needs more structure / maybe make it a one day clinic

#### **VII. Cheer Operations**

- Cheer registration timing and cost were discussed.
- Open registration is planned for the beginning of February.
- A potential increase in registration fees was noted.

#### **VIII. Registration Report**

- Working to get Cheer and Football registration open.

#### **IX. TCYFL Report**

- The TCYFL kick-off meeting is scheduled for January 24 to discuss league rules.
- Aaron Knoth will be shifting from the Concessions role to an Assistant TCYFL role.

Motion to approve the role change was made by Frank Sanders.  
Seconded by Andy Smith.  
Motion passed with all in favor.

#### **X. Equipment, Fields, and Building Report**

- Inventory on helmets/shoulder pads
- Towers - Expert Roofing Sponsorship to rebuild.

## **XI. Fundraising/Marketing Report**

- Chamber of Commerce  
It was reported that the organization has signed up with the Chamber of Commerce.

Plans are underway to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony to recognize the organization as a new Chamber member.

- An Easter Egg Hunt event was discussed, with Star 105.5 willing to attend.
- Mike is working on securing sponsors for the 2026 season.
- The 2026 sponsor packet has been completed.
- A raffle package will be added to registration, with the option for Cheer families to opt in and pay.

A motion to approve the raffle was made by Rose.  
Seconded by Andy Smith  
Motion passed with all in favor.

- Discussion was held on bringing in sponsorships to offset and reduce registration costs for participants as we did last season.

## **XII. Concession Report**

- Open Role
- The MAC per contact need to have 2-3 nights to serve food

## **XIII. Apparel Report**

- No report
- Tom the sleeve is interested in working with us again this season

## **XV. Miscellaneous**

- It was noted that the website link has been repaired to display all 2025 meeting minutes.
- The removal of 2026 volunteer fees was discussed.

Motion to remove the 2026 volunteer fees was made by Corinne.  
Seconded by Katelyn.

Motion passed with all in favor.

- The 2025 End-of-Year Survey will be completed by Corinne.
- Jeff will complete the 2026 welcome letter to be sent out along with the new board announcement.
- Corinne will update scholarship information.

#### **XVI. Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Smith.

The motion was seconded by Jon.  
All approved and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2026 @7:30pm - Room A213**