

**Guilford Youth Football and Cheerleading Board Meeting**  
**January 29, 2024 at 7:30 pm**  
**Guilford Community Center**

**Attendees**

Board: Ken Alberti, Jeff Manfredonia, Nick Paradise, Alisha Rayner, Dan Tafro

Guests: Jamie Plancon, Megan Johnston, Joe DeMayo, Stephanie Stach, Joe Moffett, Diane Golias, Megan Lucas, Francesca Hutchins, Ryan Hocking, Shannon Dunn

**1. Welcome -**

- a. First order for business included nominations for 2024 Executive Board
  - i. Ken Alberti, President
  - ii. Jeff Manfredonia, Vice President
  - iii. Dan Tafro, Treasurer
  - iv. Joe DeMayo, Secretary
  - v. Alisha Rayner, Cheer Coordinator
- b. Voted in members of the Board as it illustrates above with no objection.
- c. Ken thanked Nick Paradise for his years of service on the GYFC board.
- d. Ken made the request for any local member to join the Shoreline Conference as a town representative supporting Guilford athletics as a way to garner additional support for Guilford Athletics at the State level.

**2. Shoreline Report**

- a. Call for Committee Members to participate within the Shoreline Conference to help oversee the program (bylaws, competition and safety committees). Contact Ken if interested in joining one of those groups.
- b. Football Season Start Date – Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> TBD will be voted on Feb. 14th
- c. SYFC Membership Expansion - Currently have 16 towns that field teams but not at every grade level. SYFC board is considering proactive outreach to prospective towns as opposed to waiting for towns to come to us.
- d. Return to in person meetings for the Shoreline Conference starting in March 2024.

**3. Treasurer's Report -**

- a. Currently in our Operating account \$18,520.15
- b. Fundraising account \$18,211.36
- c. Total currently is ~\$36,732
- d. Still have a bill outstanding for the portable lights which will be around \$5,000
- e. Expenses to be expected
  - i. Need to buy upwards of 20 helmets for roughly \$6,000
  - ii. Need to purchase larger size shoulder pads (quantity TBD)

**4. Cheer Report -**

- a. Cheer Banquet at end of February
- b. Planning a cheer clinic sometime in late March/early April for all ages including k-1

**5. League Operations**

- a. Helmet Reconditioning – Sent to Riddell
  - i. \$35 dollars/helmet
  - ii. Discussed adding decals at the factory for \$3.63 - voted and passed
- b. Helmet Inventory Review and New Order - needs to take place
  - i. Have to order 15-20 helmets

- ii. Blaster training equipment
- c. Super Bowl Squares Contest – Launched and Active
  - i. **Currently 22 squares available**
  - ii. **Close date 2/10 for purchase availability**
- d. Equipment and Uniform Sorting and Organization
  - i. **Need volunteers to help clean shed and organize equipment \*\*\*\*\***
- e. 2024 Season Registration
  - i. Goal is to open registration on Super Bowl Sunday otherwise it will be March 1st.
    - 1. It was proposed to start an enrichment program after school to allow new players to learn about the sport with support from high school players rotating from school to school each month to help offset concern that a child may not know how to play or what to expect. Need volunteers.
    - 2. Flag football camps - Joe DeMayo suggested this could be a good way to bridge the gap between Spring sports and Football season.
    - 3. It was suggested that the Friday before the Super Bowl we have the kids wear Guilford Football and Cheerleading apparel to school.

## 6. Activity Planning for 2024

- a. Fundraising Committee - Looking for a Head of the Fundraising for GYFC
  - i. Super Bowl Boxes
    - 1. Up and live with about 28 squares remaining. Will be closed on 2/10
  - ii. Guilford Football Golf Classic – **Most Pressing Need Today**
    - 1. **Need to set date and communication with High School - UPDATE:**  
Set to connect with Touchdown club on 2/13.
  - iii. 2024 Season Sponsorships
    - 1. The goal is to have a rep from each team to help reach out across our team's networks
      - a. We will put together the sponsorship packages soon and most likely will include sponsorship packages to include both our Annual Golf Classic as well as in season
  - iv. Raffle Tickets - Jeff Manfredonia to handle
  - v. Concession Stand - Replacing the refrigerator was brought up as well as other equipment that needs replacements. To be discussed in future meetings after we have looked into this.
- b. Player Experience and League Events
  - i. Picture Day(s)
  - ii. Season Kick-Off Family Picnic
  - iii. Guilford Fair Parade
  - iv. Pasta Dinners
  - v. Youth Night

## 7. New Business

- a. SYFC Championship Weekend
  - i. This could be a great opportunity for GYFC, it can raise a lot of money which helps our program and showcase the strength of our program and facilities.
  - ii. Would need to submit bid to SYFC board. No guarantee our bid is selected
  - iii. Need a minimum of 75 people to help run it.
  - iv. Work to formalize committee and set up a meeting to discuss Championship weekend - Will be announced soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm