

Laurel Highlands Developmental Football League

1st Quarter 2017 "Winter" Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Nate Sann (Richland), Commissioner elect

- Meeting called to order by Tom Feichtel (Richland), 2016 Commissioner at 5:40 pm.
- Tom F. welcomes new league representatives. Roll call:
 - Present: Bishop McCort, Central Cambria, Forest Hills, Mainline (Penn Cambria), Richland, Somerset, Westmont.
 - Absent: Johnstown

Old Business:

- 2016 Season Review. No outstanding issues or concerns heading into 2017 season

New Business:

- Acknowledgement of visitors
 - Bishop Carrol
 - No show for meeting
 - Wanted to discuss joining league with combination teams 3rd & 4th grade and 5th & 6th grades
 - This could dilute numbers from PC and Central Cambria
 - Consensus that it would be better for BC to join as a co-op with an existing team like PC or Central Cambria
 - New Choice Fundraising <http://www.newchoicefundraising.com/>
 - Chuck Grudowski 724-864-8871 cg@newchoicefundraising.com
 - Can do it in spring or fall. Shut down from June-August
 - Run sale for 2 weeks
 - Delivery 3 weeks later. One check to New Choice Fundraising
 - Delivery should be in a gym.
 - They will pre-separate orders. Individually packaged per child
 - Each school present received information packet
- Cambria Heights withdraws from the league for 2017 season & beyond

- Call for nomination of 2017 officers (See vote sheet for details)
 - Commissioner – Nate Sann (Richland)
 - Nominated by Bill L. (Somerset) Second Jeramie Yeoman (PC)
 - Vice Commissioner – Brad Rossman (PC)
 - Nominated by Jermy Y. (PC) Second Matt S. (C. Cambria)
 - Secretary – Becky Dluhos (Westmont)
 - Nominated by Tom F. (McCort) Second by Nate S. (Richland)
 - Director at Large – Bill Link (Somerset)
 - Nominated by Tom L. (Westmont) Second by Jeramie Y. (PC)
 - Chair of the Rules Committee – Matt Sinosky (C. Cambria)
 - Nominated by Jeramie Y. (PC) Second by Tom F. (McCort)
 - Chair of Scheduling Committee – Kristin Lambert (Somerset)
 - Nominated by Nate S. (Richland) Second Tom L. (Westmont)
 - Chair of Safety Committee – Mike Bako (Bishop McCort)
 - Nominated by Tom F. (McCort) Second Tom F. (Richland)

- Proposed 2017 Gate fees (Somerset) second (PC) – See vote sheet for details
 - Adults \$2.00
 - Students, players and coaches are free

- 2017 Participation numbers (ideal is 15 to 25 per team)
 - Richland:
 - 20 plus in each grade
 - 5th grade may be between 15-20
 - Central Cambria
 - Light in 3rd grade (currently 13)
 - Numbers are stable in all other grades(17-22 per grade)
 - McCort
 - Growing interest in starting flag for 1st & 2nd grade
 - 3rd grade unknown numbers
 - Should be able to field teams in 4th thru 6th grade
 - Mainline (PC)
 - Strong overall numbers
 - 4th and 5th grade may be able to field 2 teams in each grade
 - Discussion to co-op or field 2 teams if needed to round out schedule for a grade due to lack of numbers in another organization

- Westmont
 - 3rd should be good
 - No 4th grade team.
 - Some players may play up
 - Possibly cover with second PC team to round out schedule
 - 5th and 6th grades are strong

- Forest Hills
 - Sign-ups (March 16th)
 - 3rd grade (20+)
 - 4th grade (20+)
 - 5th and 6th grades (14 to 15 each)

- Somerset
 - Sign-ups by end of April
 - Strong overall numbers. May also be able to support two teams in some grades

- Johnstown (Absent)

- Flag Football Discussion:
 - Inter-league play with 1st & 2nd grade
 - Currently Penn Cambria, Cambria Heights , Central Cambria play each other. Invites others to participate
 - Somerset has internal tackle for 1st & 2nd grade
 - Other schools may consider joining
 - McCort has growing interest in starting flag program

 - Windber area actively recruiting teams and players
 - No interest to support or promote

- Website: <http://lhdf.com/>
 - Launched in August of 2016
 - Sponsored by East Hill Recreation
 - Developed & hosted by 1st Team Advertising
 - Nate Sann POC for updates and content
 - Desired functionality & content going forward
 - Need artwork/team logos from each school
 - Develop League Logo
 - Schedule for each grade
 - Direction to field sites
 - Secure log-in for league representative
 - Active roster with weights for each player
 - Meeting minutes

- Open Floor Discussion
 - League Officials
 - Discussed requirement of 3 PIAA officials for every game
 - Discussed increasing what each team pays in order to recruit and retain quality officials. The increase in gate fee could support this pay increase. This led to the discussion of standardizing rates. No further action item on this topic was proposed.
- Votes
 - See vote sheet
- Adjourn (Motion – Richland ; 2nd- Westmont)

Action Items:

- **Nate Sann** will send out revised contact list, voting roster & meeting minutes, current bylaws and the 2016 League rules.
- **Nate Sann** will email Fundraising rep contact information for league representatives so he can follow-up with them individually
- **Nate Sann** will contact each **Committee Chair** to schedule a committee meeting to discuss committee agendas for 2017 off season.
- **Each team representative** will email Nate Sann (nsann@windbercare.org) a team logo for the website
- **Each team representative** will email Kristin Lambert (TRAVISLAMBERT@HUGHES.NET) any 2017 blackout dates for their field access.
- **Tom Feichtel** will get everyone the USA Football user ID # and access password. **Nate Sann** will look into the possibility of getting each team separate credentials to the account.
- **Nate Sann** will email potential dates for the Q2 Spring meeting