

Morris Rugby Trustee Meeting Minutes-

May 25, 2016 7:00pm

In Attendance: Jenn Honig, Ken Honig, Rich Corney, Craig Chapman, Mark Panko, Mark Miller, Dave Cuhna, Andrea Matthews, Sport Matthews

- Accepted last meeting minutes dated April 24, 2016
- NJ Blaze has recently been dropped by NJ Rugby, but they are still getting push back from outside families who associate it as a "Morris team." NJ Blaze now has its own 501(c)3 status. Blazing 7's and Youth Flag tournament are the same day - July 23, 2016 so volunteers will be difficult. Blazing 7's committee needs to reach out to more people outside Morris Rugby.
- Discussed Ambit Energy and Craig's relationship, he is willing to step away from it if it is causing issues with the club. No one thought that was necessary.
- Finances- Rich reported that he sent all the flag programs a current P & L. He will send Alex Carifo a current P & L for golf outing. We got a check for \$550 dollars from MVP Team Gear as the profit for our online store.
- Checks are sent thru Bill Pay thru Wells Fargo and they take about 1 week to receive.
- Merchandise is being sold little by little. We sold most of the long parkas but we have a lot of balls to sell. Match balls are \$20, training balls are \$15. Still looking for someone to take over Merchandising
- Website update- Mary reported we are having problems again with registration on the website. We are still on track to remove 4x3 at the end of August. There have been way too many problems with them. Mary can build our new website or it can be done thru either Teamsnap or NeonCRM.
- Mary is trying to compare TeamSnap and NeonCRM (Teamsnap is cheaper) to see what is better but they both offer same things including websites. Craig to put Tom Wilcock's presentation on the Yahoo group for everyone to look at.
- Ken thinks we should reach out to Alison Kohler (Beerfest) to help with marketing of the Golf Outing. Everyone is inquiring about how much we make off the Beer Bacon and BBQ? Dennis?
- Invitation for our summer camp, Aug 29-Sept 2 at Veteran's Park (ages 5-16) to go out to our population. Run by John Williams of US Sports. It's not costing us anything, but it will bring in more people and we will make \$10/per child.
- Pocono fields/cancellations- someone needs to reach out to the town of Denville to see where we should be looking to see if their fields are closed and what protocol is, what time do they post closings by? cancellations.com seems to be where Dobbs and Donna check.
- Olympic day- Andrea and Craig to go on Sat., June 25th 1-4pm at the Randolph Swim & Sports club to do an Olympic Day, they have invited us to go and represent rugby as an upcoming olympic sport. Hoping to sell Morris Rugby balls and Andrea is asking for \$100 to get some advertising stuff, leaflets, etc. Approved!
- Fine Designs- Andrea reported that they come to an event and print t-shirts onsite, they make a design which we will approve before hand. They provide everything including volunteers, and we make a percentage back. Andrea will call them back with some questions about cost of shirts (verifying its nothing outrageous) and if they would be willing to pay a fee if town wants it.
- NJ Devils- Andrea reported that the NJ Devils offer a fundraiser. We need to sell a minimum of 20 tickets, to make our money back and we can choose the night. They also offer Family

event nights where after the game the kids all get to go on the ice and “play.” Tiered ticket levels. We are welcome to do an arena tour, Andrea will set this up.

- New flag program- Sport reported that we may have a new team in Clinton. Michael Eisenhart doesn't think he will be ready to go as a formal program until next year.
- Parsippany PAL has decided that they don't want to do flag rugby anymore. We couldn't get fields from them. He's willing to send out a flyer to his 4000 contacts. Dennis got the website set up under Morris for \$200. If we can't secure field then they will have to practice with Montville.
- Craig received an email from Tess Feury asking if Morris would be willing to donate to her travel/camp fees to help to send her to these programs. Rich is checking what we have given in the past. Motion made by Dave to give Tess \$250 seconded by Ken, all agreed.
- Mark Panko reported that U12/14 boys tackle programs are losing coaches (as well as U18 boys which we knew about) Kevin Wojcicki and Steve Saba are stepping down as head coaches after this season. They will be around to help out. With the new U12/14 guidelines there is frustration that most towns are following these guidelines. Mark will reach out to John Sutherland and the coaching selection team to try to find new coaches to take over.
- Mark Miller asked about doing another Morris Day. Trying to get all our teams playing on same fields/same day. Mark wants to put it on next months agenda to discuss and pick a date.
- Mark Panko brought up the fact that he had seen the U14 girls “Tackle like a Girl” shirt and the lion cub looks an awful lot like “Simba” from Disney. Copyright infringement?! He suggested we have a committee to approve appropriate merchandise. All agreed! Craig was reaching out to Bill Dobbs to inquire about recent jersey purchase with same logo on it.
- Craig reported on ProBono. The original guy they gave us to do our by-laws, left the firm. They should have it done this week.

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 26th but that seems to be a busy weekend, so Diane to put out an email to find a better date.