Meeting Minutes - Sept 24

Attendees: Mary, Craig, Mark M, Diane, Rich, Jenn, Ken, Andrea, Sport, Blaise

Free Conference Bridge: 515-739-1020 Access Code: 420708 Host Pin: 2029 Online Meeting ID: morrisrugby Playback Number: 515-739-1019

Agenda – Aug

Review Minutes from Aug / Mail Rec'd - All Next Meetings:

Financial Update – Rich (QB) Oct 22-9am & Nov 26th-10am

Website Update - Mary (intern?/google calendar/FB pages for all groups/Trustee FB group= not all are members)

Marketing Update - Andrea (Friends of Morris/Merchandise/NJ Devils/Donna involved with Alison's festivals)

40th Anniversary Gala - Donna

Flag Update - Greg/Sport

Tackle Update - Mark/Mark

New Items – New Trustee/ New Director/ Blazing 7s setup/ Qtrly Coaches Gatherings/Club Historian/Field Usage by others-Mennen/HUDL/Other

Mail:

rec'd thank you note from Corley family for flowers in rememberance of Rob's Mom

donation request from Sacred Heart rugby - agreed not to donate, one of many programs -this was sent to us, many are not

Financial:

changing over QuickBooks today to online version

corporate budget is put together, will be sent out to all for review/comment before next meeting

agreed to a $200 misc line item. Anything that is going to be charged against this will need board approval at a meeting prior to payment

discussed what is the purpose of our Vanguard fund… need short term and long term savings. Short term would be to pay coaches, increase scholarship dollars, uniforms, etc. Long term is to purchase (or long term lease) field space.

Revisit Boonton land, new people there now, need at least 10 acres (2 fields plus parking), more acreage would allow for more fields

Website:

Intern - Craig reached out to Drew/WP & KJ provided a website ($) that could also assist

Andrea will put out a team snap to see if there are members who are interested. Each team needs to provide one person to update their info on the Morris website and the team's external facebook page. Andrea/Mary need access to the external FB pages for corporate info

NOTE: when sending a Team Snap, need to deselect those that should not receive. If members request to be removed from mailing list, we need to maintain that information for future mailings

NOTE: website done with WordPress, those that volunteer from each team can update with PC or mobile app

all trustees (but Mark P) on facebook trustee closed group. Need to see if Mark can join or if restricted

Marketing:

Post pads are ordered (Tom has a connection) agreed to remove and store at the end of each season in the trailer that is being moved to Pocono fields

Craig to check with Tom/Dobbs/shed to find the additional set of flags (per Rich we should have 4 sets)

Purchasing custom Morris ties to be sold thru MVP, also purchasing pin & patches

NJ Devils night is January 13th, section 201 - price of ticket will include a $10 food voucher

Andrea sent out flyer (email/facebook) - review and provide feedback in the next week

okayed for recurring donations to go through paypal and Morris will absorb the fee

40th Anniversary Gala - 11/25/17:

Will award Lifetime Achievement + 3-Impact player awards ($300 - voted to provide)

With 100 tickets ($75) we'll break even, hoping to sell 150 tickets - any $ left, goes back to the club

Purchasing 150 glasses ($700) that Morris will pay and allocate to the 40th

Flag:

Montville Day, Oct 15th - Craig and/or Sport/Greg will attend

Tackle:

Old Girls had their first reunion match yesterday

Girls clinic taking place today at Pocono

New Items:

Blaise Latriano voted in as new Trustee, Director of Operations (flag, tackle, field mtce, tournament, equipment)

Team Snap email (and website) will advertise filling the Director of Rugby position. Craig sent posting to Jenn/Mary to sent out

HUDL - discuss at next coaches meeting, see who is interested to obtain best pricing with volume discounts

Beer Festival - still need a few volunteers for Oct 7th

Club Historian - Mark is going to reach out to Andy Steinberg, Mike Stumpf, Lil Rimac, Niel Davies, Mitch Miller to get pictures, stories, history and will work with Mary to put up on website

Blazing 7s - all teams that played did pay, final profit just under $5K, will give NJ Blaze approx 10% ($500). Expect to make more next year with an earlier start to the planning (Jan). Craig/Diane checking with Rosalie regarding swapping with another date to not be the same as flag festival. If not able, will continue with both on the same date. Once date is confirmed, Dave to check with Roxbury Recreation for 2018 date & $.

Mennen field usage - Drew & WP have requested to use fields, most recent game garbage was left on ground (including 2 medical gloves). Luckily Ken was driving by and saw and cleaned up. New Policy: $150 security deposit by a team before allowing to use the fields will get back if fields left in good condition and all garbage is put in the dumpster in the back of parking lot. A nominal fee to use the fields ($75/match) will also be charged. Money will go to the maintenanceof the fields and the cost of electricity to light the fields. Teams should contact Jenn to reserve the field, who will send invoices. Teams must leave contact info w/Jenn in case there we find issues with the field.

Next meeting: Discuss meeting dates/times for 2018