

NEC Board Meeting Minutes 4/17/23

Present Board Members: Kenny Boucher, Rachel Boudreau, Amy Maxwell, Shannon Goulart, Carolyn Motzi, Samantha Fantozzi, Shayna Boudreau, Keith Maxwell, Erica DeJesus, Miguel DeJesus, Kristin West, Caroline Carril

Non-Present Board members: None

Meeting Start time: 6:35pm

Location: Nashua Elks Lodge

Motion to accept March meeting minutes by Kenny, was second by Erica DeJesus

1. Cheer Update

- a) Competition Dates for Tri-county
 - I. Season Premiere hosted in Bedford -10/7/23 (Saturday)
 - II. Cheer Explosion -host Location TBD 10/14/23 (Saturday)
 - III. Battle at the Border hosted in Salem 10/21/23 (Saturday)
 - IV. Fall Classic hosted in Londonderry 10/29/23 (Sunday)
- b) States is going to be located at Concord High School on 11/4/23 (Saturday)
- c) Regionals is going to be located at UNH Durham on 11/19/23 (Sunday)
- d) Cheer camp is going to be located at St. Anselm College on July 28-30th. (Friday-Sunday). Price is \$200 for commuters, and the price is \$265 for athletes to stay overnight. Price includes lunch. and a nonrefundable deposit is due by May 1st. Please venmo \$100 to Shayna Boudreau, our treasurer with payment. And make sure to put your athletes name and specify it's for cheer camp please. Venmo is @nec-crusaders.
- e) Another coaches meeting will be held on May 25th.
- f) Mandatory coaches' clinic scheduled July 26th- All certs must be completed prior to the clinic.
- g) CPR Training is \$75 per person, a total of 10 people need to sign up (coaches & board members)
- h) Shannon and Cara held a cheer coaches meeting. They agreed on using a choreographer. Cost is \$1,500 per team and will be done with a professional all-star choreographer. The choreographer would create a routine for D10, D12 & D14 teams. It was discussed that Coach Andrew would choreograph a routine for Tiny mites and D8. This topic was moved to a closed board discussion, as the full board didn't agree on this topic.
- i) Music is completed by coaches for each team already. Awesome job coaches!

2. Cheer Gym Space

- a) Requests are in for September and October to use Fairgrounds and Elm.St. gyms and cheer mats.

- b) Rachel has been in contact with Lisa Gingras, head of athletics for the school district regarding securing gym space on a yearly basis. Now that there's another cheer team in Nashua, gym space could get more challenging. There's talk of an annual fee to have committed gym space for our cheer athletes. More information to follow as it becomes available.
3. Open Board Positions
- a) Football Coordinator
 - b) Football Equipment manager
 - c) Assistant Football Equipment manager

If anyone knows anyone interested or who would be a good fit for these open positions, please reach out directly to Kenny Boucher at nashuaelkscrusaderspres@gmail.com.

4. Treasurer Report
- a) \$28,374.95
 - b) \$19,142.58
 - c) Total \$47,517.53
 - d) 1st registration total was \$2,580 (25 athletes)
 - e) A copy of the monthly and quarterly report was printed to view in- person.
5. Fundraising
- a) Easter breakfast brought in \$2,184.10.
\$500 of that was from a very generous donation from a person outside the NEC organization. We thank-you for your generosity!
 - b) Uno's Pizzeria (South Nashua location) -eat here on this day and mention NEC on April 27th and NEC gets profit from sales
 - c) Hayward's Ice cream (Nashua location) -May 17th from 4-8pm Mention NEC and they will give us a portion of sales from that day/timeframe
 - d) SNHU Arena- May 13th &14th Monster Trucks and June 4th WWE event (4 board members must attend each event)
 - e) Altitude trampoline park-Sunday, June 4th from 3-7pm
 - f) Margaritas- June 22nd 20% back to NEC
 - g) Car washes at Pep boys- July 22nd and August 5th -Sign up genius to go out as it gets closer-sign up will be in 2-hour increments.
 - h) Panera- August 4th from 4-8pm 20% profit to NEC
 - i) Blaze Pizza-October 5th-5-8pm Must have \$250 in orders to qualify for give back.
 - j) Casino Fundraiser is August 22nd-31st -35% of all their profit during those 10 days will go to NEC.
6. Merchandise
- a) \$404 was sold at the 1st registration night.
 - b) Pressing t-shirts to come at future events.

- c) June/July an online store will be set up and hopes of shipping to people's homes will be an option as well. Will update as more information is available.

7. Old Business

- a) If we don't field 100 football athletes, do we still have to order 100 helmets? The answer is yes, we can't change our amount now, we are locked into a discounted rate for the new helmets.
- b) In 2025 all 100 helmets will need to be reconditioned
- c) Could we sell the helmets if we have too many? Yes, it can be an option if needed.
- d) Reconditioning helmets is not cheap. It costs about \$6,000 for 150 helmets to be recondition.

8. New Business

- a) Football Coordinator Meeting- the new MPR rule was passed.
- b) Special teams play no longer counts toward a play.
- c) State has removed divisions (green/white)
- d) State is looking at the potential of playing MA teams in order to not play an in -State team more than once. This would count as a scrimmage not a game. Discussions continue and updates will be shared when available.
- e) NEC is entering to host playoffs-Semi or finals- will post more updates as they become available.
- f) NH is hosting Regionals on Saturday November 18th; Location of playoff is either at St.A's College or in Portsmouth.
- g) State rules and requirement to be enforced: Only head coaches can talk to referees during games.
- h) Jamborees may be just scrimmages this year- Flag and 8U to play in Londonderry.
- i) 9U can qualify for Regionals.
- j) AYP is sending a team to Nationals just not sure what level of play will be sent. More information on this as it becomes available.
- k) 6/24 Gill Stadium-Football Camp
 - I. Open to tackle athletes
 - II. No cost
 - III. Need coaches to volunteer
 - IV. More information to follow as it becomes available
- l) Football coaches meeting is 7/22 for head and assistant coaches-Time and location TBD
- m) Salem and Windham took their 7th &8th grade teams to JHL.
- n) Nashua Elks, Pelham, Manchester South, Manchester East, Keene, Hudson, Laconia, and Plymouth are left in AYP.
- o) State is still working on how many times each team will play each other.
- p) Next NEC Registration is Thursday, May 11th and Thursday, June 8th.

- q) A comment was made that it would be nice to have a new football helmet at registration for football parents and athletes to see in person. Many agreed this was a great idea. Kenny is going to follow up to see if we can get a helmet to have on hand.
- r) July 15th football levels need to be submitted to state.
- s) Discussion about Cougars JHL league and the impact to NEC football registration was brought up from football parents. There's worry NEC won't have enough athletes on the 13U team this season. Parents are basing their decision to go to the JHL league because their kids can play with friends from other areas, they have Saturday games instead of Sunday, they can carpool with others, and they get 2 extra weeks of summer because JHL starts later than AYF.
- t) PAL 13U has 2 kids signed up for 13U so far.
- u) Arrival of new football helmets is sometime in July. Kenny needs to get a firmer date from the manufacturer so it's not cutting it too close to the season.
- v) Amy Jones needs assistance getting a waiver. Will cc Kenny on another email to the PAL president. Kenny will also follow up with the PAL president at the president meeting on Wednesday, 4/19. Cara needs the same assistance.
- w) Cheer Regionals-Salem and Windham will stay in state teams and will only demo at States and cannot place in the competition because they opted to become in state only teams.
- x) Since NEC sponsors a football team, it is required that cheer teams cheer at football games even if football teams are not fielded. More information on this as this situation continues to develop.
- y) July 31st cheer & football starts for AYF/AYC. If no football teams are fielded, the cheer program does not start until August 14th. More information will be available on this as registrations and sign ups occur.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Shayna at 7:34pm

Second by Kristin West