

CYFA Meeting Minutes
For Feb. 15, 2006

31 CYFA Members and concerned parties were present including Board Members, Joe F., Tim T., Russell S., Greg S., Steve B., and Tammy G. also Larry Tarrant from CP & R was present.

- ❖ Call to Order by Joe Ferguson 7pm
- ❖ Update any Financial News by Russell Soderling
 - Deposit of \$100 from Funtastic Pizza was made.
- ❖ Old Business:
 - Presentation of Draft Options.
 - The following Draft Options were presented with open discussions on the pros and cons for each option:
 - Option 1: 2 locks with the 1st round being the catch-up round.
 - Option 2: 3 locks with the 1st round being the catch-up round.
 - Option 3: 2 locks and everyone gets a 1st Rd. draft pick then 2nd round is the catch-up round.
 - Option 4: 3 locks and everyone gets a 1st round draft pick with 2nd round being the catch-up round.
 - Option 5: 2 locks with a re-draft of all leagues thus making it catch-up from round 1.
 - There was an overwhelming consensus that everyone wanted either 2 or 3 locks with 1st round being the catch-up round. The only obstacle was how to handle the returning locks and players. For example: If a coach was assigned a new team with returning locks from the previous year (once a lock, always a lock), he could possibly have to put his/her kid through the draft because that team's lock allotment would be full.

Motion was made by Tim Tripp and seconded by Russell Soderling to establish the following rule for the 2006 season: "All returning teams shall be disassembled for the 2006 season only. This will eliminate all returning locks and players from the previous year's team and each team will be equal. The 2007 season will return their normal locks and returning players as in the past years.

A vote was held on this option and was unanimously approved by every voting member present including the CYFA Board.

- Next, the five options were voted on with the following results:
- Option 1: 13 votes

- Option 2: 13 votes
- Option 3: 0 votes
- Option 4: 0 votes
- Option 5: 3 votes

- Open discussions were then held on options 1 and 2.
- Motion by Tim Tripp was made and seconded by Tammy Gately to adopt a by-law change stating that beginning in the 2006 season each team will be allowed 3 locks and the 1st round is the catch up round. A vote was held on this option and was approved by a margin of 18-8.
- The overwhelming consensus of those present is that they would like this decision to be permanent. The board explained that there is no way to make any rule permanent because the CYFA Board has the potential to turn over every year at election. However, according to the CYFA Constitution the CYFA is governed by 'Roberts Rules of Order' and according to that rule a 2/3 vote by the membership can add this decision to the Constitution and it would take a 2/3 vote by the membership to take it out of the Constitution. That is the closest thing to 'permanent' the current CYFA Board can do. Russell Soderling motioned and was seconded by Tim Tripp to hold a membership vote on this issue at the March meeting after it has been announced that a Constitutional Amendment Vote is going to be had on that date.

AT THIS TIME THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS DISMISSED. A FEW MEMBERS CHOSE TO STAY AS THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TOOK PLACE DISCUSSING A TIMELINE FOR THE 2006 SEASON.

- ❖ 2006 Time Line to include the following:
 - (All Dates are tentative and subject to change)

 - Registration dates (July 22,29 Aug. 5, 12)
 - Coaches selection (Coaches Applications will be on the website and can be picked up at the Cabot Parks and Recreation Office. Greg Sled will put an advertisement in local papers stating that coaches planning on coaching in the 06 Season should have their applications in by March 10th, they can be dropped off at Cabot Parks and Recreation Office or mailed to #3 Evergreen Road c/o Tammy Gately.... COACHES MEETING SET FOR APRIL 20TH AS STATED IN BY-LAWS)
 - Football camp (last Saturday of registration) (August 12th)

- Coaches Clinic (July? Tabled till next meeting)
 - Vendor's Meeting (Tabled)
 - Pre Season Practice (No Contact) dates (August 21-25 if approved by the insurance company. Russell Soderling said he would check on the insurance availability)
 - Contact Practice Begins date (August 26th)
 - Tournaments? (Tabled)
 - Parade (Tabled)
 - What else?? (Tabled)
- ❖ Open Floor for New Business.
- Tim Tripp presenting some research he had been doing on the sponsorship and team uniform pricing.
 - The Cabot City of Commerce has been approached by the local Merchants (especially the Banks) to request that the Baseball, Football, Basketball, and Soccer Associations back off on the uniform wars. They do not want to compete with each other on who can provide the most expensive or have the best looking uniforms.
 - The cost of last year's uniforms will probably cost 25-30% more this year (with individual purchases) because last year's uniforms were bought in bulk, thus costing less.
 - The majority of the sponsors do not want to spend more than their \$500 donation.
 - Unless we raise our sponsorship fees, there is a possibility that "the majority" of the teams will not have the quality of uniforms that we had last year.
 - Motion was made by Tim Tripp to resend the sponsorship guidelines established at the October, 2005 meeting and restoring them to their pre-October status. This was seconded by Russell Soderling. After much discussion there was a vote and this was approved unanimously. Therefore, the board will work on securing sponsors just as before. Registration fee may need changed. This was tabled till next meeting.
- ❖ Adjourn 9:06 pm.