

Granite State Football League meeting

February 4, 2008 Pembroke Academy

701 meeting starts

Present:

Pembroke	Len Poole, Carl Schaefer, Dave Tremblay
John Stark	Jim Blouin
Newfound	Jim and Bonnie Tisdale
Hollis/Brookline	Milton Robinson
Hartford	Mike Stone
Bow	Shawn Ives and Rob Polish
Kearsarge	Sam Cavallaro, Scott Powers
Monadnock	John Canu
Concord	Ray Raimo
Gilford	Norm Harris
Upper Valley	David Levesque, Ray Morin
GUEST - Bedford Jaguars	Tony Grande

Not Present: Laconia

League growth – 3 new teams confirmed Hollis/Brookline, Upper Valley, Hartford VT

Guest team – Bedford Jaguars – established 8 years to Mite to Midget level in AYF/Pop Warner. Unlimited weight class (won state champ in 07) – is not growing and are looking to grow as a program.

General

John Canu – recognized for growing the program doubling in size

Concord recognized as champions of the league

Need open communication – ALL teams Head Coaches of each team need to speak MONDAY before the game. To ensure field availability, roster numbers, directions ... anything else of importance.

Issues

Ties – none per NHIAA rules

Legal Fields – due to the competitive nature all efforts need to be in place for goal post(s) are in place. Field size needs to be regulation size.

Concord has issues with the city not accommodating enough fields with posts –
Newfound is working to fix their issue –

- If you do not have an option – mutual agreement is ok – if not the other option is to move to other site (the team with the issue will need to align refs)
- Field issues need to be addressed Monday prior to game –

John Stark – Unsportsmanlike conduct on field. The behavior was addressed and corrected (after a period of time) – After complaints from Kearsarge, Newfound, Pembroke and others. As stated this was addressed but, per Sam, not soon enough. Teams need to take proactive steps to police their programs. Problems continued from the rule interpretation of ejected player and scheduled event.

- If player/coach ejected must sit out next LEAGUE game.

Gilford – Practice prior to NHIAA date. Rules state you can do conditioning BUT NOT football drills.

- Gilford was doing conditioning athletic drills

Game Time – 9 and 11 on Saturdays – Bow, John Stark, Kearsarge, Gilford, Upper Valley, Hartford are snow belt teams.

- Varsity plays first on regularly scheduled game – special exception ie night games

Varsity playing JV – numerous issues of starting Varsity playing JV. *See rule in handbook* –

- Idea - put forth on Rosters initial for rosters before Labor Day and every game.
- Idea – if you started in the Varsity game you can not play in the JV unless 15 or less on roster. Use non-starters first – regardless of position – to meet the number of 15.

The final decision was choice 2 - if you started in the Varsity game you can not play in the JV unless 15 or less on roster. Use non-starters first – regardless of position – to meet the number of 15.

What is to few players (roster size) to play –

- If a program has less than 26 players involved that team has the option of not fulfilling obligation of JV team. Again notify the Head Coach of the opposing team by Monday before the game.

Point system scoring

10 points per win

2 points for every win for the team you beat.

TIEBREAKERS

Record

Head to head

Points – 10 points per win plus 2 points for every win a team you beat earns

Both teams call in the scores

Final issues

Website contact info

I (Lenny) will send out a mass email to all on the sign in sheet asking for complete contact info for each organization.

Hartford and playoffs

Hartford can not participate in any postseason due to their state rules.

League Fees - \$50.00 all teams paid except Laconia

Who is liable to submit the money? – prior to the first game of the league. Clearly state monies go to Bonnie (Newfound) on email and website.

Mandatory to pay for Trophy / Runner up Varsity – JV Tourney host team responsible for itself

JV Tourney

Pembroke offers to host tourney

Plays offs 11/2 and 11/9 – primary date 11/1 -- If Hollis/Brookline is playing PA on the 1st they will host it in Hollis – Kearsarge also will host if need be.

Bathrooms

Mandatory bathroom facilities are required for all home teams.

Board of Directors - on the table – Bow suggests a team rep for all teams to work with Dave and Sam on. Gilford, Newfound and Bow offers to help forming a quorum of the following to address issues as they arise during the 08 season

Sam Cavallaro	Keasarge
Dave Tremblay	Pembroke
Norm Harris	Gilford
Rob Polish	Bow
Bonnie Tisdale	Newfound

Bedford – They would like to have their organization considered for membership to the GSFL.

The only concern was having an odd number of teams and having an 8 game season with a bye week. All members accepted making a schedule with both a 12 team league no bye and 13 team league with a bye – Bedford accepted regardless of what happens with Laconia (based on a continued numbers issue). A final schedule will be publish when GSFL can get confirmation form Laconia.

Next meeting in Bow – date TBD second Monday of July

****Update 2/5 Laconia is officially returning to GSFL****