

Granite State Football League (GSFL) Summer Meeting Minutes July 15, 2013 7 PM Bow FD

Welcome

Dave Levesque of the GSFL Rules Committee welcomed all to the Summer Meeting. Organizations in attendance were:

Bow
Concord
Hollis Brookline
Pembroke
Merrimack Valley
Kearsarge

Organizations absent were:

John Stark
Gilford
Monadnock
Hartford

Treasurer's Report

The GSFL Treasury has a balance of \$392 in the bank. Dave reminded everybody that three organizations had already paid their 2013 dues of \$75 but that the remaining seven must get their dues in immediately. Dave also made an eloquent plea for somebody to assume the Secretary's role for future meetings. Crickets.

Current Team Registration Numbers

Kearsarge-18 for each team
MV--35 mostly 7th grade
Concord--30 total including 6th graders
Pembroke-36 15 of whom re 8th grade and including some 6th graders
H/B--29 of whom 14 are 8th grade and 15 are 7th plus up to 10 6th graders
Bow-10 7th graders and 14 8th graders

Swing Players

Bob Polish of the Rules Committee reviewed the always controversial Swing Player Rule. The rule states that organizations with 36 or more rostered and available

(not injured) players may not swing players. Organizations with 35 or fewer available players on any given week may swing players. The Varsity rosters must be filled out to a minimum of 18 players and then enough players from that roster may be swung down to the JV roster to bring the JV roster up to 18.

The last JV roster submitted by October 5th, will be frozen for purposes of identifying JV players who will be eligible for the JV Play-offs. Swing players who are abiding by the above rules may play in both Varsity and JV playoff games. The Varsity play-off games this season will be on Saturdays and the JV Play-Off games will be on Sunday.

Referees

The GSFL by-laws require at least two referees as least one of whom must be patched. All Agreed that having at least three referees and even four is a better situation and results in a better game experience with have all referees patched being most desirable.

Age Limit

There was a proposal to establish an hard age limit of a player's 16th birthday before the season but after some discussion it was determined that no team has a player in that category and it is a moot point and was not voted upon.

Roster Submissions

The Rules Committee re-iterated the crucial importance of timely and accurate roster submission to the league for the website. The initial roster submission is due to Dave Levesque by 8/25. Thereafter, weekly rosters **MUST** be submitted by 7 PM on the Thursday prior to the games. If teams fail to submit timely rosters, the last submitted roster will be used as the official roster for the week and teams run the risk of a forfeiture for using un-rostered or mis-rostered players. Head coaches should hod discussions with opposing head coached prior to each game to insure there are no misunderstandings about submitted rosters.

All Star Selections

Last year, all state selections became a joke with so few teams submitting their picks each week. Kids made All State by virtue of having received one vote. After discussion regarding the merits of even continuing the program, we decided to continue the with a renewed sense of diligence. At least two votes must be submitted each week with a maximum of 3. In either case, at least one vote must be for a lineman. Several alternatives to the Head Coach making the picks were suggested to remove the task from an already overburdened HC. Use Assistants or PA announcers or trusted parents

out of the stands but get the picks in or the Rules Committee will abolish the program mid-season for lack of compliance.

Update By-Laws

Copies of the existing GSFL by-laws were made available for review and the following changes will be made:

1- Now rule 2 will read “ There must be a certified EMT present prior to and throughout each game”.

2- The last paragraph of rule 7 was stricken.

3- Points 3 and 4 under the section on the GSFL adhering to the NHIAA rules we stricken as redundant.

4- The very last paragraph of the Zero Tolerance Policy will be updated to reflect the current membership in the league.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM but not before Merrimack Valley graciously stepped forward to assume the Secretary responsibilities for the next year.

The Rules Committee wishes “good luck” to all teams and gives strong encouragement, in the spirit of the GSFL, to all coaches and organizations to communicate heavily with each other all season to avoid conflicts and misunderstandings and to keep the best interests of the kids, the league and youth football in mind throughout the year.

Minutes submitted by Tom Jeffery H/B July 16th, 2013