

Mount Greenwood Colts Youth Organization, NFP

Board Meeting
October 1, 2020



Meeting Minutes

MGCYO Board Members Present: Jessica Popow, Nicole Richko, Jill McCormack, Katie O'Connor, Val McKee, Amanda Keenan, Al Crema, and Anthony DePaola.

MGCYO Members Present: Lisa Ortman, Katie Dugger and Jason Dugger

Approval of previous meeting minutes ~ Val McKee

- March was our last board meeting due to Covid 19, March 2020 meeting minutes will be shared and approved at the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report ~ Jill McCormack

- Jill gave us a ball park of about \$5700 as our current balance in the bank.
- We do not have any large purchases still outstanding at this time.

Fundraising ~ Katie Dugger

- Katie Dugger sent emails to all businesses who had already given us a sponsorship donation offering to return the money or roll it over for the 2021 season.
- Every business has stated that we can roll over the money for the 2021 season.

ColtsWear ~ Lisa Ortman

- Lisa is willing to do a special order for Christmas time. Winter clothings, maybe a long sleeve t-shirt, sweatshirts and hats. We will do a special order through Mt. Greenwood Embroidery, planning for the last two week of October for families to order and distribute early November. We all agreed this is a good idea. Lisa will get together an order form and send it to the board.

Cheer Update ~ Amanda Keenan

- No updates at this time.

Football Update ~ Al Crema/Anthony DePaola

- Anthony asked about paying the Hudl account for the season. Al talked to our representative today, he said we are going to suspend the account for the year as it makes no sense to pay for the service when we will not be using it. They will save everything on a hard drive from the past and it will be the same fee that we are currently paying.
- Anthony said he reached out to Hessville because he has heard that Illinois teams are playing on their field since they are in Indiana. He's trying to get clarification on this and has been unable to as of now. Anthony was trying to set up something with Hessville hosting a few games for 8th graders. Anthony wants registration to begin within 2 weeks. Hessville would need help with hosting and concessions. We technically can practice, we just can not make contact, it's more conditioning or hitting dummies. Jessica stated that we renewed our insurance with 0 players, we are currently not insured for players. We can call insurance and update it and we would have to pay more for insurance. Val stated we would have to figure out what to even charge players for registration. Katie stated that she thinks he needs a better plan for this, organize it, give us dates, a tentative schedule. Anthony wanted to throw it out to us before he does all this work. Val stated insurance is as easy fix to reinstate, the question is who is going to register the children. Val stated without insurance, the team should be organized without the Colts name. Val asked Anthony what teams are willing to play in Hessville. Anthony is just trying to focus on 7th/8th to benefit those children who missed their final season and get them prepared for high school. So the high schools can watch our children. Anthony is waiting on people to get back to him. He has spoken to board members from other teams who say they will get back to him, but they have yet to get back to him. Jessica asked what this will cost and what they are thinking to charge the players. Anthony is asking for permission to start the process of starting this. Katie Dugger asked is it just Metro teams, but Anthony said it's any team willing to play, even Catholic schools. She suggested if you can get some concrete information about who is willing to participate, we can move forward with it. Katie O'Connor suggested proposing a plan to the board, set up a tournament or something like that. Amanda said they can invite anyone to play with us. Val said yes, we could do that and under a random team name similar to when we take our Junior to Tennessee. Nicole stated she agrees this would be a good thing for our Juniors to do. Jessica just asked that he please do 'the legwork' so we can make a good informed decision. Katie Dugger asked if this is legal in the state of Illinois. We said as long as there is no contact we are legal. Jessica stated the guidelines are still in place, many are not following them, but we are not sure we want to take those chances. We discussed how everyone's level of comfort with this pandemic and sports is different, but Anthony did remind us that we had over 200 children sign up to play football and cheer this fall. Jessica reminded us though, that our intention was to move forward with the season hoping the restrictions would be lifted by now and they have not been. Jessica stated we are not comfortable trying ignoring the restrictions or trying to go around them. Jessica is hesitant to do anything close to walking that line with Colts name on it. Al suggested we create a team under a different name and they can rent the equipment from the Colts. This takes our organization out of it. We decided to vote on moving forward with this idea as the MTG Colts, 2 people were for it, 7 were against doing this as the Colts. We discussed Anthony doing this under a different team name and renting the Colts equipment. We decided to vote on this as well, we all agreed to allow Anthony to move forward as any team without the Colts name and he can choose to rent equipment from us. Al suggested calling John at the park and see if they can practice at MTG Colts.
- Anthony then brought up what we are doing about a spring season.

- Jason said there are many teams that are willing to play in the spring. He was informed that many Metro League teams want to have a spring season. Al informed us that at the last Metro League meeting, they voted on whether or not to have a spring season. Oak Lawn and Colts are the only teams who voted to have a spring season, the other teams voted it down. Al informed Anthony that the person he got his information from was wrong, there was a vote. The Metro League will not be holding a spring season and they have given us permission to play in another league in the spring should we chose to. Al reminded us that Metro's concerns are that February the ground is frozen and with all the protocols about concussions, it is not safe. Nicole asked if the Metro League could decide to change the months to later spring. Al said the problem with this is they will lose many children to baseball. Jessica also stated another concern is that if you do a spring season, there is not much time off before fall starts with practice in July.
- Katie Dugger asked if we could propose a spring conditioning camp. Amanda said we could be doing that now. This is not against any restrictions. Amanda asked why are will part of the Metro League. It was stated that Metro's rules are different than other leagues, so every league has different size restrictions and some leagues drive long distances. Al reminded us that with the Metro we still have a variety of teams, some leagues require weigh in's every week and they are all close by.
- Katie Dugger asked Al what he believes the longevity of the Metro League is. Al believes they are still a strong league, he only has concerns about one team who is struggling. He says the other teams all have stronger numbers. Al did remind us too, that all numbers everywhere are lower due to all the information being shared about concussions.
- Al asked about open board positions, Val sent an email again today. There are currently 5 board positions that will be open for the next season. Amanda will run again if no one else runs or if someone is interested in her position she will assist them.
- Jessica stated she and her husband are not getting Colts email lately. Val stated
- Amanda asked is a spring season completely out of the question. We stated no, it is not. Val said that's really something up to whomever becomes the new Director of Rules.
- Katie Dugger brought up the fact that we should still start looking at planning a conditioning camp in the spring to stay relevant to our families, remind them we are still here. She has spoke with some members and they said they would be interested. She said she is willing to help with the planning of this.
- Jessica asked if the Metro League will reconsider the spring season. Al said that no, the Metro League will not do a spring season. The biggest concern is the IHSA start date is 2/15/21 which is dangerous.
- Katie Dugger asked if spring season is best for kids because she stated we are all here to do what's best for kids. Would families be willing to play a spring season and fall? Would it be best to just do a camp in the spring and then play a regular season in the fall.
- Val stated that her hope was that whomever is willing to run for the Director of Rules would then take over next year and make decisions about spring based on what is allowed in Illinois at the time.
- Jessica stated she is more concerned about the upcoming board positions that will be open. 2 of the 5 open positions are currently filled by people whose children are graduating and the families will no longer be athletes with the Colts. Jessica stated, if we do not get the positions filled, that leaves more work for those of us who are still on the board. Katie Dugger asked how else we can promote the board member positions. She stated she will come up with an email to share in hopes of increasing interest.
- Al reminded us that 5 years ago we were not considered a successful team in the eyes of Mt. Greenwood and the Metro League. Now, many Metro League teams are reaching out to us asking what we are doing. We have come a long way.

New Business

- None

The next Monthly board meeting was not decided on at the meeting.