

CJO Commissioner Report- July 15, 2024

Coaching updates- still working on obtaining required items from coaches. Rules meetings begin this Sunday in Mason. We purchased 40 USA football certifications to fulfill requirements (we had 7 & 8 grade complete also even though it is not required). All coaches in MMPFL must attend one of the 5 rules meetings and head coaches for middle school grades must attend the online MHSAA rules meeting. Coach Sparks recommends CJO purchasing the MHSAA and NFHS rules books.

We need to determine what we want to do about coaches shirts and CPR/AED certification. AED pediatric pads and wall holder are being shipped to my home because they couldn't go to a P.O. Box. Once I receive them, I will take down to the field.

Player updates- initial round of jerseys have been ordered, 80% of helmets have been fitted and helmet order going in, 3rd grade did not split as numbers didn't get high enough. Otherwise, 4, 5, 6, & 8 will have two teams. Working on collecting physical forms from players with a due date of August 1.

Summer workouts- Participation in summer workouts seems to be consistently around 50% per grade group. Splitting grade locations starting this week between middle school (6, 7, 8) and fairgrounds (3, 4, 5).

Upcoming events- Equipment handouts will occur July 23, 29, and 31 and will be conducted with stations. Stations will consist of registration/information check/payment, volunteer signups and demonstration (chain gang, concessions) and sign/shirt sales, spectator expectations, and equipment handout. Players will be given a card upon entrance and will need to obtain a signoff from each station before they will be able to get equipment. We will need all hands-on deck for these events so if you are able to attend one or multiple, please signup on the signup genius. The mud run has been postponed to 2025. Unfortunately, we just didn't have enough time this year and the orchard is tied up with an early produce year so they were good with moving it to 2025 to ensure a larger turnout.

Action needed- CJO has the offering to conduct face painting for Frontier Days on Friday, September 6 and would earn \$300+tips. We also have been offered the option of running a concession stand at family game night at the Beach Market on 9/7 from 6-9. We need to let them know as soon as possible.

Inquiry into Eaton theater- I spoke with Leann Owens regarding playing "Remember the Titans" as a kickoff for players getting back into the season. If we rented the theater at max capacity of 250 people, it would be approximately \$1000 (\$5/per person) but she said that typically includes a small concession item. She is very interested in working with us when we have a better idea of how we would like to do this. We discussed August 25 at 11am, as she would like it to be at 11am and that weekend would work for her.

Upcoming priorities- We are narrowing in on the start of season. Some items we will want to address/prioritize are:

*Parking lot and flow of entrance/exit- do we want to utilize main parking lot for disabled/elderly and our workers that need to carry in heavy/bulk items?

*Coaches bags and water bottles- need to prep/purchase items

*Facility prep-

- Paint doors?
- Women/men signs above doors- like \$2 at Menards for professional ones
- Paint exterior concession stand?
- Plant some plants/clean up weed overgrowth
- See if we can get scrap and that small playhouse building removed?
- Signs for entrance- I can use the previously purchased signs from the golf outing for these and add vinyl (little to no cost) (Examples: Enter here, no pets- service animals only, etc.)
- Concession offerings sign?
- Cleanout equipment shed once equipment is distributed
- Cleanout visiting locker room
- Prep refs room

*Ticketing options- need to look into website and Zeffy, we may already possess an easier way to do this for 7/8 grade

*Concessions- make sure we have what we need to be successful (equipment, supplies, etc.), ensure we are making enough profit, conduct signups beginning at parent meetings.

*Discuss game day logistics- seating, standing, blocking off bleachers, locker rooms for teams, etc.

Logistics- Brian was on the scheduling committee for MMPFL and is finishing up that schedule. The middle school A.D. is working on middle school scheduling.