

May CJO Commissioner's Report

MMPFL-

- 5th Quarter rule was ruled out due to their insurance
- East Lansing asked to join the league, waiting to determine if they have enough for teams and approval by league at May meeting
- Mandatory coaches rules meetings will be held in Charlotte, Ionia, Olivet, Grand Ledge, and Mason)
- Scheduling committee added Brian St. Johns (Charlotte) and Springport.
- USA Football certifications need to be completed by coaches prior to offering summer workouts per the league
- Conditioning starts August 12
- The league would like us to identify 2-3 refs so there is a larger pool and helps avoid a conflict of interest
- Justin V. will attend May meeting due to scheduling conflicts for Laura and Brian

Administration-

- Brian has started pulling background checks on coaches and the board.
- Laura has created a draft coach application, code of conduct, important dates list, and is working on a coach's guide.
- Laura will create binders for every coach that includes all pertinent information, forms, and policies.
- Coaching interviews will take place the week of June 3; we need to confirm location, times, and will need to schedule individuals.
- All individuals interested in coaching should make their best effort to attend the coaches clinic by Mike Sparks on 5/18. This will take place at 11:00a.m. in the high school lecture room.
- Draft middle school schedule has been released. Mike Sparks is checking on the ability for multiple teams in those grade groups. Wednesdays will be middle school game days and currently, there are 3 scheduled home games.
- Cash handling- this is very important. We must be sure we are accounting for all movement of cash flow. While this may seem duplicative at times, this eliminates any perspective of mishandling.
- Legacy program: Shed has had an initial cleaning. It needs deep cleaning and then some organization. This should be complete by mid-month and then we can begin taking donations and set up. The Legacy fund account can begin accepting donations for scholarships.
- Reminder: Monuments at the field: When you enter Mac Gobel field, there is a monument to the right of the entrance. This has become a common spot for kids to climb. We need to be reminding people that it is a monument and from both a respect and safety perspective, we should not be allowing that.

- Need for additional support staff: there is a shortage of referees for the sport at all grade levels. If you know someone interested in becoming a ref, we can connect them with resources. Additionally, we are not getting enough volunteers for most functions and grade levels. I'd like to hold a "parents meeting" pre-season and go over conduct, expectations, etc. and also walk them through stations that show what is needed for the volunteer functions. We can have them sign up at that time. For tackle, each grade will be assigned a week to cover volunteer functions, and a different grade will be assigned field cleanup post the games that week.

Thank you

Again, a big thank you to those who have helped with numerous functions over the past month. We are really making a positive impact in our community and we are starting to hear and see it at the field.