

Seneca Valley Jr. Football and Cheer Association
Minutes of January 25, 2021 General Meeting
 7:00 PM Zoom Conference Call

Attendance:

SVJFAC BOARD		
Name	Position	Present?
Chris Minton	President	X
Armando Ferri	Vice-President	X
Kristina Deaton	Treasurer	X
John Burglund	Recording Secretary	X
Justin Burgh	Football Coordinator	X
Amy Canty	Auxiliary	X
Bill Och	Security	X
Adam Rathfon	Communications	X
Erin Steiner	Concessions	X
Lindsay Turkovsky	Cheer Coordinator	X
Bill Sutherland	Facilities	X

SVJFAC BOARD Appointments		
Name	Position	Present?
Mike Loebig	Equipment Manager	X
John Alwine	Auxiliary	X
Nate Sannes	Asst. Football Coordinator	
Kristen Wokutch	Asst. Cheer Coordinator	X

SVJFAC General Members		
Name	Name	Name
Mike Denham	Greg Grupp	Amy Neelan
Kris Forst	Greg Greer	John Hunt
Angie Denham	Brandon Shields	Brian West
Shellie Henrie	Tony May	Ryan Henrie
Jameson Babcock	Brook Ash	Eric Byrom
Bryan Williams	Dave Bacher	Unknown *172
Unknown *467	Unknown *618	Unknown *524
Vince Acri	Steve Berg	Erin Berg
Unknown Zoom 1	Unknown Zoom 2	Matt Wheeler
AJ Litman	Jennifer Knier	Matt Curran
Unknown *652	Unknown *564	

Minutes:

Meeting began at 7:00 PM via Zoom Conference Call

League Presentation by J. Burgh and K. Deaton:

The Parkway League officially folded in November 2020. Four leagues are being considered.

- **Big East (Eastern Suburbs of Pittsburgh and Westmoreland County)**
 - No JV structure but play a “5th Quarter” scrimmage for developmental players.
 - 6U is Flag Football.
 - Max weight for 12U is 165 lbs.
 - Travel distance is a concern.
 - Teams include McKeesport, Plum, Kiski Area, Woodland Hills, Franklin Regional, Gateway, and others.

- **South Hills League (many former G19 teams in southern suburbs of Pittsburgh)**
 - Grade based.
 - No JV program.
 - Max roster size is 16 players.
 - No 12U program.
 - Not accepting new teams at this time.
 - Teams include Cannon McMillen, Peters Township, Bethel Park, Thomas Jefferson, among others.

- **United League**
 - North Pittsburgh Suburbs and Butler County.
 - SV North is a member. League will not accept two SV associations.
 - No JV structure.
 - Age Based.
 - Teams include Butler, Pine Richland, Mars, Saxonburg, North Allegheny, North Hills, among others.

- **Western PA Youth Football League (Formerly Greene-Washington League)**
 - Three former teams from Parkway are joining (Montour, West Allegheny, Baldwin)
 - Has JV structure
 - Grade based with age cutoff.
 - No max weight, skilled weight limit, one time weigh-in.
 - League handles all logistics for scheduling and referees.
 - Teams include Washington, Norwin, Hempfield, Trinity, Rostraver (Belle Vernon), among others.

- **12U Football**
 - The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh League has invited us to join for a 7th-8th Grade team.

General discussion followed:

Q – Player is 55 lbs in 5th grade. How can he play with unlimited weight 6th graders?

A – *JV Program is available for younger, smaller kids. League has specific by-laws that will not allow for a player to play down to a younger age group. There are safety precautions in place to prevent non-skilled weight players from lining up against smaller kids.*

Q – Will there be tryouts for the 7th -8th Grade team?

A – *The team will be capped at a certain number, because there is no JV program. The league has agreed that there could be “JV-like” games for developmental players.*

Q – What money goes to the league? Do we need to share fundraising or donations?

A – *Only the gate fees (adult spectators only) are sent to the league to pay for referees and other administrative costs.*

Q – Will there be competitive cheer with the Western PA Youth Football League?

A – *Competitive Cheer is not tied to the football league we play in. There will be competitive cheer this year.*

With no further questions or comments, the General Meeting ended at 8:18 PM.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

A motion was made by A. Ferri to join the Western PA Youth Football League. Motion Seconded by J. Burgh. Unanimous Vote – YES.

A motion was made by J. Burgh to join the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese League for 7th & 8th Grade Football. Motion Seconded by K. Deaton. Unanimous Vote – YES.

- A solicitation to the General Membership mailing list for 12U Head Coaches to be sent out. Applications due February 12.

Next Board Meeting: February 1, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Submitted by

John Burglund
SVJFAC Recording Secretary