

SAB Meeting July 6, 2020

Call to order 7:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Brent Salvadori, Greg Wolfe, Frank Kopa, Meredith Foley

Sports:

Football and Cheerleading	P
Hockey	P
Basketball	P
Little League	P
Travel Baseball	A
Lacrosse	P
Soccer	P
Wrestling	P

Old Business

Contact for field issues

Frank asked that each organization dedicate one person to be the contact between the organization and Brent for emergency issues. If each organization could provide Brent with their info and that main contact if he needs to reach out to anyone. Please inform the SAB who that contact person is and their information.

Field permits still go through Tiffany who is now in the building in front of public works. Public Works has taken over the grounds keeping of all fields and maintenance.

David (soccer) asked that the portable lights be transferred back to Duffy.

Any other lighting issues go through Tiffany so she can adjust timers or set schedule through the company.

Craig (wrestling) inquired about school approvals. SAB has no jurisdiction over school gyms, all approvals go through Monroe Twp Board of Ed. Craig is concerned because the secretary who handles the forms is a 9 month employee. Brent will look into who to contact.

New Business

Background Checks

Frank was informed that the Monroe Twp Business Administrator and Auditor requested the town change to a new system, the NCIS. Under the new NCIS, coaches and parents would go online and fill out a form. There would be no fingerprinting and turn around for approval is about half the time as the current system. Meredith stated US

Lacrosse uses the NCIS system and it is quick. Frank said there may be an issue with changing over to the NCIS system because of how the SAB/Parks and Rec ordinance is written and he will let Greg explain.

Greg explained that the current ordinance states background checks must be done by NJSP as the current fingerprinting system we use does that. The NCIS system does not go through the NJSP. He went into detail of what the background check looks for (drug possession, drug sales, domestic violence, sex offenses, ect.) When the town originally started background checks, the system was free because of a grant. When Chris Christie came into office he pulled the grant money and the town then set up a system of charging the youth sports teams x for each player to offset the cost. Greg explained the procedure for when a coach is denied and how they can attempt to get approval. He stated that no one in the town government has the authority to change the ordinance and this policy. This change was never brought to the attention of the Chief of Police and he will not stand behind the NCIS system. Greg is extremely upset that the town administration would attempt to change this policy. Greg will be reaching out the solicitor because the system change would violate the ordinance. Craig (wrestling) asked what happens now, if a coach/parent goes to get a background check done, is it currently the old system or the new NCIS system (which may not be accepted). Brent and Greg are unsure and will find out asap. Frank asked if the SAB could just vote down the suggested change, Greg said no point. Under the current system, the town reimburses each coach with a check, the new system the town would absorb the cost first. Greg said he suggested the town purchase TD Bank gift cards to pay for applications for coaches. Frank suggested maybe not reimbursing coaches at all, Greg didn't feel that was fair due to coaches dedicating their time and so many organizations having a hard time to get coaches. Barry (hockey) felt it was not right to change systems just because of the reimbursement issues.

SAB Fund

The current fund we have for background checks will last approximately 20 years. Frank asked if the SAB can set up a new fund since the current one can only be used for background checks and nothing else. This way funds that are collected can be used for background checks and other things. Greg said he was told the Monroe Twp Business Admin said they would figure out how much from the current fund each organization should be reimbursed and then move forward. Frank asked if him and Greg can get together to get a final answer on the matter.

Covid

All organizations are required to have a Covid response plan per the state. David (soccer) said they follow the NJSA Covid plan, Frank said to just copy that and submit it.

Each organization should research the NJ requirements for their sport to create a plan. No insurance companies will cover Covid or any communicable diseases. Craig (wrestling) is hesitant to open registration. Frank explained that any organization that uses Sports Connect can set up a free registration using the try out platform. Football is moving forward in anticipation of having a season so we do not get caught unprepared. Biggest issue all sports foresee is what to do if a player or coach becomes infected. Discussion as to Monroe Twp Schools plan for reopening. David (soccer) inquired about rules for outside sports organizations advertising with lawn signs. Greg said there really isn't a rule, just that lawn signs technically can only be out 30 days prior to the event and must come down day after event. Meredith (lacrosse) questioned fee on new field permit application. Greg and Brent explained that town organizations are exempt from the fees. She asked if there was a different form, they said no.

Yearly Requirements

Nikki will send out a list of the required paperwork each organization must submit to be in compliance with the town. Frank and Nikki were informed that it is the responsibility of the SAB to keep track of all information.

Questioned what is the primary goal of the SAB? The board was created to handle issues with parents or coaches that can not be resolved within the organization. The town does not have the capacity to allow new sports organizations to form because a group within one sport may want to break off and form a new organization. Barry (hockey) suggests we all come together to address the mayor and town council of our needs. Frank explained that in the past there was a lot of misappropriated funds taken from town sports needs for other things and that does not seem to be happening anymore.

Meeting adjourned 8:10