

# **All American Youth Football & Drill Team Meeting Minutes**

February 19, 2008

## **Secretary :**

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Regular meeting minutes were reviewed, Jets make motion to approve as written, Texans second the motion. Approved by all.

Presidents meeting minutes were reviewed, Jets make motion to accept as written, Rams second the motion. Approved by all.

## **Vice President:**

Finances were discussed. The use of Quickbooks was discussed. It was stated that the President/ Treasurer would have access to it. Looking to get this done in the next few weeks. A lot of questions were brought up regarding Quickbooks, and it was mentioned that Doug could answer these questions, however being in tax season, this may take some time. It was asked if there would be training for the Quickbooks, and it will be looked into for the Presidents and the Treasurers. It was noted that it would be easiest if the "start fresh" date would be January 1, 2008 to start QB.

Nominations for Athletic Director :

Texans nominate Noel Bryne  
Jets nominate Robbie Adams  
David Santos nominate D.W. Brotherton

All 3 gentlemen spoke of their experience and why they felt they would be a good choice for the position of the AAYFDT AD.

Votes were as follows:

Mr. Bryne : 5  
Mr. Adams : 5  
Mr. Brotherton : 6

Mr. DW Brotherton is now the AAYFDT AD

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Nominations were then taken for AAYFDT President. The Texans nominated Kirk Douthit and the Jets nominated David Santos.

Both Mr. Douthit and Mr. Santos spoke on their experiences and what they would like to see happen with the AAYFDT.

It was asked as to why Mr. Santos was now willing to run for AAYFDT President when only a week ago he said he would not. He stated that he did need to discuss this decision with his family, as the time commitment would be a large one, and it was only right that he talk to his family first. With that being said, he was ready to take on that commitment.

The votes were as follows:

Mr. Douthit 7

Mr. Santos 9

Mr. David Santos is now the AAYFDT President.

It was asked if there were any nominations for AAYFDT Vice President, and there were none.

### **Athletic Director:**

Rules committee meeting was held and there are several ideas that would like to be new rules. There was not a good turnout for this meeting, as only 3 or 4 clubs showed for this and there were a good amount of DT directors present as well.

- 1) 7/8 yr old – Freshman Level. 7 yr olds can stay for 2 yrs, instead of playing 2 yrs of Sr level. The coach cannot stay for the 2 yrs, the coaching staff must advance. Jets make the motion to accept the rule to let 7 yr olds play freshman level twice however the coaching staff may not stay for the 2 yr term. Panthers second the motion.

All for – 15

Abstain – 1

**\*\*RULE PASSED**

- 2) Flag 5-6 in fall. Refs would not be available and would have to have coaches/board members to ref these games. The amount would be roughly \$80. The Tomball Redcats currently have flag football and their games are on Wednesday.

Jets make motion, Dolphins second.

All for – 6            Against – 7

**\*\*NOT PASSED**

- 3) Add 10 pounds to Jr. & Sr.  
Sr. weight from 155 to 165  
Jr. weight from 145 to 155

Cowboys make motion to raise weights to 165 for Seniors and 155 for Juniors. Lions second the motion.

All for – 10            Against – 6

**\*\*RULE PASSED**

- 3) Adding 5 pounds to 10-11 yr olds playing down.  
10 to 75 and 11 to 125

Jets motion to add 5 lbs to min weight playing down to Soph & Jr. Levels. Cowboys second the motion.

All for – 13            Against – 3

**\*\* RULE PASSED.**

It was mentioned that kids that should be attending Krimmel get releases from their present clubs and move to the Bengal team.

Probowl – Would like to have it happen again, however there needs to be a committee for this. 4 man committee for the Probowl...

Matt Hill (Redcats) Karen Donahue ( Lions) Al Hague ( Bengals) Robbie Adams Asst. AD.

Dates have been set for the start of Practice for the 2008 season. July 12 “no contact” camps can be held.

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July 21<sup>st</sup> 1st day of practice. Camps are optional, and the drill teams can also have camps.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Hand out equipment

July 26<sup>th</sup> Hitting Practice

Motion to accept schedule Jets, second by Cowboys.

All for – 13                      Against 1

### **Forums/Website**

Restrictions – Breakdown of Volunteers. The only section that is monitored is the General Section because anyone (including children) therefore, it needs to be watched.

### **General Manager**

Funds from flag will go to the scholarship fund for children who want to play but cannot afford the \$280. Flag, games are on Sundays, and some coaches are still needed.

It was clarified that Mr. Mirenda is not getting a percentage of the funds from the Golf Tournament nor from Flag Football.

\*\*\* At this time, it was asked for non presidents to leave the room. Time is 9:46 pm.

The General Manager job description was handed out. Jets have asked what does area of accounting – data entry – will help with overflow. Mr. Mirenda is willing to do whatever needs to be done. He would be willing to do treasurer duties as well. There was question as to why there was a Fundraising Director and GM, and that they would both be doing fundraising. Mrs. Wied would be dealing with individuals. Mr. Mirenda would be the face of the AAYFDT. He would be dealing with businesses.

Rams President asked if a committee could be put in place to put together goals for the GM. A committee was put in place with the following :

AAYFDT President

Rams President

Jets President

Panthers President.

It was asked that their goals/ideas are due on March 11, 2008, which is the next meeting. It was also stated that Mr. Mirenda would take the overload from the volunteers that are at their max.

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Mr. Santos discussed the fines that were still outstanding. As of this meeting they are as follows :

Rams - \$200  
Texans - \$ 200  
Broncos - \$200  
Oilers - \$450

When clubs are fined, and said fines are not paid, then the club is no longer in good standing. Please remember to bring a check to the 3/11/08 meeting.

Mr. Santos brought up the email from the Oilers President to Regina Mosley. After reading the email to the presidents, and Mrs. Mosley discussing it, Mrs. Mosley stepped down. Mr. Santos stated that the contents of this email was unacceptable and that this email should have never been written.

Mr. Santos then shared with the presidents the following letter from Mr. Michael Brauer:

**MICHAEL P. BRAUER**

**President, AAYFDT**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**To:** AAYFDT League Board  
Members

**Subject:** Letter of Resignation as AAYFDT President 2008

After 11 years with the AAYFDT, I regretfully tender my resignation as President of the AAYFDT effective immediately.

I thought that I had been through it all; missing half a season with my son because of the weight limits, lawsuits without foundation against the league, but yet jeopardizing the playoffs, to extreme personal attacks on friends and family, and a season filled with a hurricane.

However I was wrong! It has become evident that “PROGRESS & CHANGE” are no longer welcome in this league! There are several presidents who strong arm their board members, mislead parents and ignore bylaws set in place; yet they still have the ability to remain in the league for the sole purpose to destroy the work of those people who are here for the right reason: **“the kids”**.

It has become evident within the past two years that the personal agendas and vendettas of former and current members take precedence over the kids of the AAYFDT. I think it is shameful that the accusers get their opportunity to have their “say so” behind closed doors and don’t want to hear any rebuttal! There are NO provisions in the bylaws for this action!

I can say with certainty that I was here for the right reason: **the KIDS**. During the past two and a half years of my presidency, the league has managed to raise over forty-five thousand dollars for future facilities and booster club expansion projects. I secured the donation of eighty-nine hundred dollars from Tenent and Houston Northwest Medical for the purchase of AED’s for the leagues booster club’s! I was also instrumental in getting the weight limit increased by five pounds years ago after seeing my son spend half the season on the side lines because he was a few pounds over the limit his freshman season.

An anonymous coward and a poor excuse for a human being, stated in an email “why is Mike still in the league he has no kids”. Here are some of my reasons among others:

- I knew I could do the job better than anyone else and the league was in trouble!
- NO ONE wanted the presidents’ job in 2005!
- NO ONE was willing to step up and become vice president!
- NO ONE was willing to step up and become treasurer!
- NO ONE was willing to step up and become athletic director for over three years (till Trey)!

Everyone had their own agendas. My agenda for the league included building our own facilities, owning our own land, growing into a league that would survive another thirty years and not have to depend on the school districts for our fields because there are more and more startup leagues competing for the same fields and school facilities. I have dedicated untold hours of my personal time and money in gas and wear and tear on my car and many other personal expenses to accomplish what I could to ensure that the kids have a successful year of football! My job as President didn't begin each year with registration! It began just after Super Bowl and continued all year long until the end of the next Super Bowl!!

It however has become evident that the current direction is not welcome among certain booster club presidents! They would rather keep the league running in its old ways; watching attendance diminish and other clubs move into the area and take the kids that once belonged to us.

Over the past years people have expressed their gratitude to the league board for the great job that we have done in providing such a great organization for the kids.

I'm not resigning due to any financial inaccuracies, but because of false allegations and untruths broadcast to every member of the organization. Certain parties in this league want to divert attention away from the league's true mission and I do not want them to be able to do that! I resign so as not to be the center of attention and to allow those who truly care about this wonderful organization to continue the expansion and growth that I have started!! I have not been allowed to mount any defense against alleged allegations and untruths. In our society, an accused is entitled to face his accusers but they prefer to remain hidden and afraid to come out and let their charges face the "light of day"!!

In closing, I wish all the best for the AAYFDT participants, and hope the future is bright! I also hope that every board member reexamines their purpose for being in the league, and remembers the most important thing is providing the KIDS a safe, fun and successful environment.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. BRAUER

President

Oilers make motion to accept Mr. Brauer's resignation Texans Second.

All for – 8 Against – 2 Abstain – 3

At this time Lions make a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jets second.

Motion passed by all.

Meeting concluded at 10:49 pm.