

Lincoln Jr. Zebras Youth Football and Cheer Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 6:30 PM
Mountain Mike's Pizza, Lincoln

Regular Meeting

Meeting Chair/Facilitator: Ben Rask

Board Members/Invitees: Ben Rask, Erin Lewis, Brian Aguilar, Ashley Gilbertson, Liz Rogers, Jessica Belloso, Breanne Kohl, Melissa Gomez, Alison Kowalczyk

- I. **Call To Order:** 6:31 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Present - Ben Rask, Erin Lewis, Brian Aguilar, Ashley Gilbertson, Liz Rogers, Jessica Belloso, Breanne Kohl, Melissa Gomez, Alison Kowalczyk
- III. **Approve Minutes:** N/A
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. **Treasurer Report (as of 10/31/2023):**
 - General Savings: \$2,503.36
 - Football Savings: \$58,564.99
 - Football Checking: \$2,522.25
 - Cheer Checking: \$5,511.47
 - New General Checking: \$67,373.97
 - **TOTAL: \$108, 419.43**
 - b. **Board Member Expectations:**
 - No talking over anyone at anytime during meetings.
 - Wear board shirts and badges when conducting LJZ Board business or representing LJZ and must wear board shirt at all games so we can be identified if needed.
 - At home games ALL board members are to be there to always assist one another (case by case exceptions can be made).
 - Coverage for Board Members with an athlete that is performing/playing will be provided so they can watch the performance/game.
 - Gear Handout/Turn-In should be all hands-on deck along with Uniform Fitting and handout (if needed).
 - All new board members will have a 90-day wait period to vote.
 - Bylaws will be sent out for everyone to read (Ben to send out).
 - Board Code of Conducts – signed and turned in.
 - Each Board Member will need to review duties once access to shared folders for 2024 is given (Ben will be sharing these folders through Google Drive).
 - Executive Board and Board Committee was explained to all new incoming board members so they could understand how their roles would apply.
 - Board meetings will be held bi-weekly starting Monday, January 29th, 2024, and will be held every 2nd and 4th Monday.

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c. Additional Applications Received:

- Liz will scan Head Coach and Assistant Coach applications for cheer and the one Board Application in and send out for all to review so interviews can be set.
- Liz will respond to each applicant informing them that their application was received, and interviews will be scheduled in the future once dates and times are determined.
- Ben will contact Amber Williams on 1/11/2024, who has already interviewed for Head Coach (JM Cheer) and Cheer Director for the Board of Directors, as she is going to be shadowing Donna Buss (pending vote for Ben to speak with her).
- Breanne will send out emails the first week of February to advertise coach applications and that we will be looking to interview.

d. Secretary of State: Liz updated that Statement of Information will be \$20 to file to update new members into their roles. Liz will pay and get reimbursed.

e. Fundraising: Discussed potential fundraising opportunities and ideas such as: Flag Football (Moms vs. Kids), Bingo Night (Jessica will contact Lincoln Community Foundation about open dates), See's Easter, Kickoff Taproom Takeover, Tailgate Dinner, Fireworks Booth, etc.

f. Advertising: Discussed creative ideas on how to advertise more to get program name out there such as: Yard signs, banners, open house at the schools (April 25th CCC), GEMS Broadcasting, etc.

- Ben will reach out to Dan Friese about setting up booths at the rec sports through the City of Lincoln.
- Liz will email Jason Noonan about GEMS Broadcasting and getting out an LJZ ad.
- Jessica will reach out to 12 Bridges middle school to see if LJZ could do some sort of advertisement through their school.

g. Cheer Comps/Stunt:

- STUNT Grades 6, 7, 8 (age 11-14), 8-16 kids plus two alternates. Information to come out next week with further details including pricing. Tryouts will be at the end of January.
- Santa Clara is coming up on January 13, 2024
- Vegas is coming up January 17-21, 2024.
- There will be a HS Camp for Cheer and a HS Stunt Clinic, and we will be having a Zebra Night again this year at the high school with hopes to include Mascots.

h. Equipment Purchase:

- Jerseys: Brian is working with a rep and has received information about the early bird pricing.
- Berg could possibly donate a sled to us (Brian will email him and get more details).
- (Ben to Confirm by checking old minutes) We already have preapproval for Jerseys and purchase of a sled up to 5K.
- Brian will get an extra lock from Angie to switch out container locks since some keys were not returned, then additional keys will need to be made.

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- Brian requested all hands to assist with cleaning out containers and doing equipment and spirit wear inventory. Will be looking at future weekends and availability of everyone.
 - More equipment bags will need to be ordered to replace broken or torn bags.
 - Will need to recertify football helmets (approx. 160).
- i. **Board Shirts:** Board will look at different materials and will look at multiple options including board jacket options as well. The Board will discuss it at a future meeting once Erin investigates pricing, availability, and options.
- j. **LHS Collaboration:**
- Brian and Ben will speak with LHS Head Coach, Berg about meeting with head coaches, getting Jr. Coaches, and collaborating more this year.
 - Breanne will check to see if Renee is coming back so she can keep in contact with her or whomever steps in as Director of Information at the high school level to continue collaboration on her end.
- V. **Open Discussion:**
- a. **Spirit Wear:** Erin has agreed to takeover Spirit Wear in addition to her Vice President role unless position is filled. Discussed opening an online store and will discuss further at a future meeting.
- b. **Registrar Emails:** Erin agreed to have her email address linked until the position is filled.
- c. **AB734:** Ben provided updates that AB734 Passed through the assembly committee with revisions. AB734 will be moving to the Assembly Floor. SAC President suggested all leagues should write an opposition letter to assemblyman. More information about the opposition letter will be sent out.
- d. **LJZ Mascot:** Ben is to check status on receiving Zebra Mascot costume back from Richard Buss from Xmas parade.
- e. **Sideline Pictures:** Ben asked for suggestions on any individual that us Board Members may know to see if we could potentially waive the 10 volunteer hours to get someone with a high-end camera to take action shots since Mr. Hatten can't make all the games. This would also help Breanne to have a wider selection of better-quality photos for the LJZ website.
- f. **Photographer:** Ben is looking to keep the photographer from last year for Team and athlete photos. Will work with him to ensure this year runs smoother with delivery and better tracking of payments.
- g. **Executor of Accounts:** Alison provided an update that she, Ben, Erin, and Lisa would be meeting at Wells Fargo on 1/12/2024, to sign over all necessary accounts and will remove Angie effective 1/30/2024.
- VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM