

Methuen Pop Warner Board Meeting Minutes

12.13.2023

E-Board Present: President K. Ivy; Vice President P. Eason; Treasurer S. Panas; Cheer Director L. Leopold; Athletic Director P. Shaughnessy

8:02pm meeting was called to order by President Keith Ivy

Noted that meetings will start earlier moving forward

★ Public Forum Open

- City Counselor M. Simard came to speak as a concerned parent
 - Allegations of mismanagement of league funds, misconduct in coaching, & sexual allegations (not towards minors) were presented to him by other parents and he wanted to come to address with the board
 - Mr Simard stated he went to the police chief of Methuen and the Mayor with these allegations and all are ready to move forward with charges if needed
 - He moves that President K. Ivy resigns from his position immediately or the criminal charges will move forward
 - When asked about what mismanagement of funds and what proof he has of this allegation, Mrs. Ivy stood up in the meeting and presented a bank bag filled with cash
 - She stated it had been in her house for months and it was from the league. She exited the meeting after presenting this evidence to the board
 - Mr. Simard opened the floor to questions from the board and stated he is available for anyone to speak to him if need be and he hopes the board does the right thing by the league.
 - Ida requested that Mr. Simard gives the board some time to review the allegations, discuss the next steps, and to report back to him
 - Mr. Simard left the meeting to allow the board to discuss

Questions from the board

- Money in the bags, where is from? When is it from? [No response]
- Why wasn't it deposited [Stated he (Keith) does not like going to the bank alone]
- Where are the totals from the cheer competition? That was not provided on any treasurer's reports [Will get that to the board]
- Where are the receipts for the money in the bags? [No answer]

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- ★ Executive Session run down was given
- ★ Board members state they have issues with the mystery cash
- ★ Ida will be the go-between person for the Board & Mike Simard for the allegations

- 8:56pm Motion to approve Revised October Minutes
 - Approved
- Treasurer's Report presented
- Fundraising update presented
- Nationals Update presented
- Mats are at CGS- need to move back to the pod
 - Motion to allow MHSVC to use 3 panels of MPW mats for winter cheer games
 - Approved
- All coaches need to go through the coaching panel to be "voted in" as head coach. Just because someone has been head coach does not mean they will continue to be. Everyone must interview
- Banquets- January 12th & 26th at the VFW
 - CASH ONLY event (entry & "bar"-includes soft drinks)
 - Raffle baskets- have Totos & Raising Canes on hand

- ★ Executive Board Voting-in
 - Vice President: Ida Cruz
 - Treasurer: Joleen Knox
 - Interim Secretary: Cesy Oliverio
 - Athletic Director: Patrick Shaughnessy

- ★ New Business
 - PJ- Thank you. Staying on as a coach & Board member
 - Sheri- Thank you & goodbye. Will be around to help, but will not be on the board anymore
 - Hut cleanup- need to find a good day