

Benzie Central Gridiron Club

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024

Location: Via Zoom

Opening

The Benzie Central Gridiron Club meeting was called to order by President Alicia Childers at 6:12 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Members Present

Alicia Childers, Karen Zickert, Jen Koscielski, Heather Bruce

Members Absent

None.

Non-Members Present

Jason Katt

Approval of Agenda

Jen Koscielski motioned to approve the agenda, which motion was seconded by Heather Bruce. All ayes, no nays.

Approval of Minutes

Alicia Childers motioned to approve the January meeting minutes, which motion was seconded by Karen Zickert. All ayes, no nays.

Treasurer's Report and Approval

Jen shared the current account balance of \$8,479.29 and the ledger balance of \$7,354.29. There is one outstanding check in the amount of \$1,125.00 to Perch Velocity. Alicia motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Heather seconded the motion. All ayes, no nays.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

Super Bowl Squares Donation

Bill Ewing provided a check in the amount of \$2,800.00 for a donation.

990N Filing (Postcard - \$50k or less)

Alicia questioned whether we can file the 990N postcard for 2023. Our gross receipts are "normally less than \$50,000"; however, for the year 2023, the gross receipts were more than \$50,000. The members will check with CPAs to determine whether we are alright filing the postcard again.

GIC By-Laws

We need to post updated By-Laws on our website (the 2022 version). We will also discuss and likely make additional updates to our By-Laws in the coming months. We discussed potential changes such as setting the month to elect new members as either May or June rather than January. We will also discuss whether to include more specific information regarding the Pop Warner program (i.e., what is the GIC role in the Pop Warner program, what is the procedure for interviewing coaches, background checks, etc.).

Pop Warner Updates (various)

Jen requested payment to Riddell in the amount of \$1,906.73 for Pop helmets for the coming year. This would pay the invoice in full. Heather motioned to pay the invoice in full to Riddell, and Alicia seconded the motion. All ayes, no nays.

Jen recently attended a meeting at the YMCA on February 18 regarding many changes coming to the Pop Warner program. There is a new Director of the program. All paperwork is now due by August 16, so sign-ups will have to be held in June or July instead of mid-August. We should consider an e-mail blast with information for online sign-ups. Equipment will be handed out at the first practice. The first week of practice will be August 19 and the first games are on September 7. The YMCA fees have also increased; the fee for football is \$65 and the fee for cheerleading is \$40. The YMCA also updated its Code of Conduct for Online/Social Media, which it requires all coaches to sign. We will send a link from the GIC Board to the Pop Warner coaches to go through the YMCA training that is required. The GIC Board will review the Code of Conduct to discuss further whether our Pop Warner Coach criteria and guidelines need to be updated accordingly. The YMCA Pop Warner coordinators are in the process of voting whether the YMCA program should leave the national "Pop Warner" program such that the program will no longer be affiliated with "Pop Warner."

Old Business

None.

Pop Warner Comments/Updates

None in addition to the above.

Varsity Coach's Comments/Updates

None.

Next meeting

Scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

