

**Granite State Football Winter Meeting Minutes
2/16/09**

Present:

All Programs except Bedford

Agenda:

Expansion
Scheduling
Upper Valley
Jamboree – clarification
Beating up on weaker teams
Trophies
Start times for playoffs
Draw areas
Roster of Varsity players

Expansion/scheduling:

How to handle the expansion of the League? There is a need to maintain an even playing field, limit excessive travel, and add more teams in playoffs.

GSFL wants to keep an even number of teams 14 or 12. GSFL was notified that Bedford is out - Milford is out both going back to AYF. Winnisquam is interested in joining but would put the GSFL to a 13 team league. The Members decided that we will need to postpone the addition of Winnisquam for a year and attempt to grow to 14 teams next season.

**A 12 team proposal with 2 divisions 6 teams each top 3 teams make playoffs.
APPROVED**

We covered how the ranking system was developed. It was the TOTAL WINS for both levels plus 2 for each year a team has made it in the playoffs (3 year history). Rankings are below.

Vote for east/west north /south – 11 to 1 East/West divisions established

WEST

1	Kea	14
2	Har	13
3	Mon	9
4	Bow	6
5	JS	4
6	UV	1

EAST

1	Con	19
2	Pem	13
3	Gil	12
4	Lac	11
5	Hol	4
6	New	4

Playoffs 6 teams to 3 each

Upper Valley issues: – Program being revamped falling completely under Ray. He has made some changes and is in place to move forward. He feels they are in a very good position for a strong year. **This issue is closed**

Jamboree/Monadnock: Playing Varsity players in Jamboree – the Coach has been removed and issue resolved. Concord has brought up a constant issue of moving Varsity players to Jamboree. The host of Jamboree and Coaches need to provide open communication on who is eligible to play. **The Jamboree issue with Monadnock is closed.**

Beating up on weaker teams: PROPOSAL - If a team beats another by 50+ the HC is suspended for next league game – possible appeal. UV is concerned about over regulation and we should look for communication between coaches - let teams play rather than imposing penalties. **Rule voted down – Verbal agreement** that coaches will communicate during the game. If this becomes a problem the Board will act. Coaches should use 30 points advantage as a guideline to shutdown the offense – run between the tackles. This is a guideline.

Trophies: In years past 50 dollars per team to purchase Champ trophies (2) and individual trophies. Propose just TEAM trophies no individual – decision Banner for Champion no trophies – 25 per team is new fee for teams. Bonnie is retiring – please make payments to: **Dave Levesque (Concord is taking over) 192 Airport Rd, Concord NH 03301**

Start time for playoffs: 11AM earliest start – latest 6PM start other issues need to be worked out between teams and board

Draw areas: if anyone has a kid from a known town/location contact coach to discuss.

Roster of Varsity players: Coaches need to provide roster of both teams highlighting swing players.

Preseason rules: Per the NHIAA 2008/09 Coaches Handbook: Practice is not to be held earlier than Aug 12th. No contact for the first 3 (three) practice days – helmets and shoulder pads are allowed. Please note there is NO reference to amount of practice hours listed in this manual.

Clinics are ok as long as they are open to public – Concord concerned about overly ramping up for middle school. All programs can advertise camps on GSFL website must provide Len Poole (Pembroke) with digital flyer or write up.

2009 Jamboree: Pembroke offers to host – no objections. Pembroke will provide information.

Board Vacancy: Bonnie Tisdale stepping down from GSFL Board. The topic of term limits put out for discussion. All members are satisfied to keep the board as is and fill the vacancy. Dave Levesque from Concord volunteered for the spot – no objections.

2009 Board

Kearsarge

Pembroke

Bow

Gilford

Concord

2009 Playoffs: Hartford is not going to be able to play in playoffs for 09 State of VT rules. Motion made that if Hartford qualifies for playoffs the next best record regardless of division replaces Hartford.

Next meeting July 20th Concord at the Law School – 7 PM