

04/7/2025

## SVJFAN League Meeting

Call to order by Tony Conti accepted by Ashley Purvis

Welcome and Introductions by Tony Conti

Minutes reviewed from the previous meeting by Ashley Purvis

### **Treasurer's Report – Jess Stoltz**

- Balance: \$160,874.81 03/21/2025 Concessions: \$1000.00

### **UYFL Report – Jim Long /Tony Hendricks**

- No Meeting in April.

### **Cheer Report – Ashley Kelly**

- Cheer Camp Dates Confirmed: July 28 -31, 5 – 7:30 pm
- Approved Flag pom poms arrived.
- Head Coaches have been interviewed and chosen
  - Flag: **Britney Berezansky**
  - Braves: **Tiffany Lachelli**
  - Warriors: **Kristy Coyne**
  - Chiefs: **Janelle Heine**
- There was a motion by Tony Conti to accept elected coaches accepted by Jessica Stoltz.

### **Football Report – Tony Hendricks**

- The scale was dropped off at Fairbanks for recertification.
- All jerseys, pants, and shoulder pads have been inventoried.
- Coach interviews at the end of the month.

### **Facilities Update- Jarod Perschke, Joe Swingle**

- Grass seed has been purchased.

### **Registration: Tony Conti, Jess Stoltz**

**Chiefs Football: 38 Warriors Football: 41 Braves Football: 34**

**Chiefs Cheer: 20 Warriors Cheer: 24 Braves Cheer: 25**

**Flag Football: 8 Flag Cheer: 30**

### **Flag Football – Tony Hendricks**

- No updates

### **New Business:**

Kim Kaper has resigned from the corresponding secretary position. Will take nominations/interests until 4/25.

The board will appoint a person interested or nominated due to a vacancy. The position will be appointed at the May Board Meeting.

There was a motion by Jim Long to discuss the merger of the North and South Football league, accepted by Ashley Purvis

All questions were held until the end.

- The goal is to improve the organization.

- A committee was appointed from our current executive board to meet with the North league.
- Donny Barclay was appointed to the head varsity coach and is in favor of and supportive of a merger of the two football organizations.
  - One school, one community. We are all SV. Currently, the children are taught to dislike the opposing league. We would like to see unity.
  - One voice – teaching all the same skills through football/cheer.
- South football league – A member of their league is being investigated for embezzlement. Several teams are not rejoining that league. Uncertainty of the future of their league.

**Benefits** – sharing of resources, expertise, financial stability, improve the quality of the program, unify children, combining the resources into one. Creating skills for future growth. Cheer will have the opportunity to have a competitive squad. Increase in sponsorship and fundraising opportunities.

**Challenges** – Aligning different cultures, combining bylaws. Practice location. Concern for uneven representation.

**SWOT Analysis** – Improved resources, stronger financial stability, elevated program quality, unified branding, and community identity.

- We will not have to turn children away from participating.
- Playing Time – Teams will be split. The 5th quarter will continue.
- An attorney will need to be hired to assist with the merger.
- If both teams dissolve and operate under one organization, membership will vote to accept that merger.
- Registration costs will remain for 2025 for each organization. Each organization will decide how to handle any additional fees needed.

There was a motion by Jim Long to accept questions from our membership, accepted by Ashley Purvis

**What other teams have 3 teams?** Teams have not been declared and identified with the UYFL at this time.

**Is the UYFL okay with merging with SV South?** We have been transparent with the UYFL about the potential merger. Currently, there are no concerns from the UYFL.

**Are there other teams trying to join the UYFL?** UYFL is not taking other teams currently.

**What are the challenges?** – Uniforms, tryouts for cheer before season for competitive cheer, how to choose coaches – cheer coaches are already chosen. Equal representation from each league. Intermingle with the entire league. Extra time committed by the executive board. Location.

**Positives:** sharing costs of league dues, referees, and Athletic Trainers. Will walk the Ehrman Crest field with SV Athletic Director. Discussion with the Athletic Director will occur when a merger has happened.

A 10-lane track and football field are being considered at Ehrman Crest.

SV North does not have a contract with Glade Run or Evans City Field. This is a year-by-year commitment.

The Head Varsity Coach will bring in players to help with youth development.

Share offense and defense code words with our coaches.

Head Varsity Cheer – share cheer information.

**How will this benefit a 5th-quarter child?** The numbers will remain the same. We plan to have good coaching staff by combining them. With the variety of skills, there is more opportunity for reps. Will be able to practice against the other team.

**Member Comment:** Coaching on the South – wasn't the same. The child did not get playing time. The child got more playing time in the North.

**Sideline and Competitive Cheer:** Do you have to try out for sideline cheer? Ashley Kelly, No. You will have to choose between competitive or sideline for this year.

**There is a lack of support from the school district due to no affiliation with youth sports. What is Heather Lewis proposing for Ehrman Crest – playing or practice field?** This is in discussion. Hopefully, for a practice field this year. This falls more on the community; they have not provided fields for us in their growing plans.

**Siblings – will we be split?** No

**Donny Barclay** – commitment to join the two leagues together. One system with football/cheer. Will provide future success. Teaching the youth to help with the transition into higher levels.

From a member: A varsity football player expressed excitement in helping with the youth program and mentoring.

SV South league has voted to move forward in 2025 with a partnership and move forward with the letter of intent for 2026.

Jim Long motioned to vote for the 2025 South Football league to partner with the North Football league in the UYFL. Accepted by Ashley Purvis.

Majority Vote Yes – 26

No Vote – 22

Motion to adjourn made by Ashley Purvis, accepted by Jess Stoltz

