

YAMF Newsletter



Yough Area Midget Football Mission Statement - To build and instill lifelong values in our football players and cheerleaders, developing leadership qualities, dedication to teamwork, discipline and self-respect in our areas youth.

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New Board Updates

A report on what your newly elected Board has been working on since officially taking over in January 2013.

New Website

Currently, information related to YAMF is being housed under the Helpful Links tab on the Sewickley Township page (www.sewickleytownship.org). Click on the Football and Cheerleading tab.

Moving forward the Board will be working with a Yough High School student to design the new YAMF site through eteamz.com. We will be able to provide an environmentally green and efficient way to communicate throughout the organization in the near future. More details to follow shortly.

Financials

The financial records were officially turned over by the prior YAMF board to Pam Molnar for an independent audit on March 9, 2013. For those of you that don't know Pam, she has been keeping the books for various community sports teams for years and was also the Treasurer of YAMF years ago. Her bookkeeping is superb and she provided

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Important Dates for 2013

These are all of the dates that are confirmed so far. Updates will be shared as they become available.

Saturday, April 20th – early sign-ups from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Bruno concession stand

Sunday, April 21st – early sign-ups from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Bruno concession stand

July 15-18th - Monday-Thursday - conditioning camp 6-8:00 p.m.

July 22nd & 23rd - Monday-Tuesday – conditioning camp 6-8:00 p.m.

July 25th & 26th - Thursday-Friday – conditioning camp 6-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24th – mandatory league coaches meeting (TBA)

Monday, July 29th – first day of practice (first 3 days no contact)

Thursday, August 1st – first day of contact

Saturday, August 10th – home scrimmage vs. ?

Saturday, August 17th – Kickoff Classic vs. Charleroi (as long as not on schedule)

Saturday/Sunday, August 24/25th – opening weekend of season

October 19/20th – first round of playoffs

October 26/27th – second round playoffs

November 2/3 – Championship

Dave Roebuck finds out when the games are in May. All home games will be Saturday and they will start at 2:00 p.m. or later if at the high school field.

us with the records that we need to budget effectively moving forward. Special thanks to Pam for taking time out of her busy schedule to review and summarize the financials for us.

The forwarded balance provided via cashier's check to the organization is \$72.84. There are still some outstanding electric bills from evening practices that utilized the lights at Bruno Field, but all other expenses have been reconciled.

Fundraising

You spoke and we listened. Feedback collected from the election ballot forms last fall has all been reviewed and we heard your message about disliking the former fundraisers. We will be collecting money through a variety of different fundraisers moving forward (see attached).

Equipment Inventory

The Board has taken inventory of all football and cheerleading equipment located at the Recreation Center and cleaned everything up and out. Our first priority is the safety for our players, so some of the football helmets will be reconditioned and new ones purchased. Based upon the amount of fundraising, we will also be looking at new and replacement uniforms for both football and cheerleading. Bids will be collected from at least three different vendors to ensure that we are getting the best price and highest quality for your money.

Support of Yough High School Field

Coach Crovak, the High School Football coach came to the March 12th meeting to get a letter supporting the NFL Grassroots Program that could potentially provide funding for new artificial turf at the high school. The life expectancy of artificial turf is approximately ten years. Our field is now eleven years old.

Also, we will be working closely with the high school coaches to make sure that our football players and cheerleaders are prepared as they move from our program into high school.

Ways To Get Involved

We can use all of the help that we can get. If you have an interest in doing more for YAMF, please email Jim Sokol President at jsokol@coenoil.com.

Areas to Volunteer

- Fundraising Committee
- Field Maintenance
- Uniform Delivery and Return
- Banquet Planning
- Concession Stand

Act 33 & 34 Clearances

The Board is committed to protecting our children.

Moving forward all coaches, assistant coaches and team moms will be required to provide copies of their Act 33 and Act 34 clearances to YAMF.

The Act 33 paperwork usually takes about 3 weeks to be returned and the form can be obtained through the Department of Public Welfare site at:

http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf

The Act 34 paperwork can be filled out electronically through the Pennsylvania State Police at:

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>.

The cost for each clearance is \$10.00.

Contact Us

We'd like to hear from you.

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