

2014 AYF/AYC Leadership Meeting

02/07 – 02/09/2014

Nashville, Tennessee

The National Leadership Meeting was called to order by President Joe Galat; Joe expressed his appreciation for the 60 plus leaders in attendance from California to New York and all states in-between.

Joe explained that Coaches Training is our number one priority, and the emphasis on player safety and concussion awareness. Reports and presentations by John Sadler of John Sadler Sports and Recreation Insurance, Rikki Kinsfather reported on Fundraisers, Grants, Social Media and AYF/AYC Collegiate Days, Shannon Shy reported on membership and recruitment efforts and membership renewal, Craig Karahuta reported on the 2013 National Cheer Championships, the new venue for 2014, break out session with the Regional Cheer Directors and Coaches will include growth, Education and safety.

Joe Galat presented the 2013 National Awards.

Some of our National Vendors made presentations they included Tackle Sure, Lifetouch Sports, Wilson Sporting Goods, Team Leader, Epic Brands, PlayAYF and our National Trophy Vendor, AAA Wholesale Trophies, Project 10 Challenge (a fund raiser for leagues) also presented information to the leaders.

A trip to the “Mountain” for lunch and tour of the grounds of a proposed all sports site “The Refuge”

Dee Grayer spoke on the state of AYF football including Championships, hotel curfews, Safety, Sportsmanship, Full participation, Leadership, Integrity, Respect and Response. Dee along with Mark Tyrrell spoke about National Championship bracketing, how it works and the consequences when teams pull out at the last minute, the All American changes were discussed, the changes have been approved by the AYF Executive Board of Directors, and changes will be in the 2014 rule book.

Elizabeth Bray reminded everyone about the AYF/AYC social media that can be accessed it includes Face book, Twitter, You Tube, etc. We were reminded that April 1st is the first date to register flag, football and cheer teams for the 2014 season. Rule books, medallions and trophies for the National Championships were discussed and the importance of proper paperwork when coming to the National Championships.

The meeting was adjourned on Sunday 02/09 at 11:30 am by Joe Galat, he wished everyone safe travels going home and a big thank you for attending the meeting.