

Blaine Youth Football

Board Meeting Minutes
April 6th 2014 6:06 PM at BHS Field House

Board Members Present

Ken Downey, Troy Steinmetz, Brian Koste, Darrell Colman, Scott Sandberg, Jim Ristow, Eric Hargrove, and Heather Erickson

Advisory Members Present

Tom Develice, Jason Byers and Jessica Villa

Secretary Report

- Minutes approved from 3/23
- April 13th 7 – 9 BBC Monthly Meeting - May 11th Monthly Meeting – change to May 4th location TBA

Treasurer Report

- Acquiring Bank account
 - o All paper work has been acquired
 - o Eric and Ken will go this week to finalize set up of the account
- 501(3c) status
 - o We have federal employee identification number
 - o Good standing with the state of MN
 - o All progress is moving ahead
- League insurance company
 - o Sadler will cost us and extra \$25 per team
 - o Eric now recommends going with USA Football
 - o Discussion, Voted and accepted acquiring league insurance
 - Accepted by a vote of 7- 0
 - Eric to go ahead and acquire league insurance once we have funds available
 - Thru USA Football
 - Highest deductable
 - Rider to cover board members
 - Rider to cover equipment
 - Policy to start effective June 15th

Report from Coach Develice

- Update on March Clinic
 - o This Sunday numbers were down - Probably due to weather
 - o Still very positive about turn out
- HS Camp Registration Flyer
 - o Tom offered to let us place a registration sticker on the flyer the summer camp flyer that will be handed out next week at the youth clinic
 - o Heather has volunteered to put stickers on flyers during camp
- Home BHS Football Games
 - o Tom offered BYF a booth location on the grass area at the end of the field outside the fence
 - o We can have a pop-up with all of our sponsors from hanging from them
 - o Good area to advertise and gain more sponsors
 - o Possibly have some the Papa Murphy's peel a deal there – need to discuss

Registrations Planning

- Discuss and finalize registration
 - o See Key Dates above
 - o *Action items:*
 - *Will return to this after formation meeting - 8th Graders camp*
 - *Recommended that 8th graders be at camp*
- Address displaced SLP players
 - o Will be defined by what high school will you be going to??
 - o Might be in our best interest to send out an email blast to these families before registration
- Discuss and Finalize Registration signs
 - o First wave of signs out this week
 - o Second wave out the week of May 5th
- Update on NGIN Registration page
 - o Jessica has first drafts in to NGIN
- How do we connect with Home Schoolers
 - o *Action Item*
 - *Eric will contact the Prokops*

League Planning

- Key Dates 2014
 - o Discussed, voted and accepted key dates below
 - o Accepted by a vote of 7 – 0
 - o May 5th Registration Opens for 2nd thru 8th Grades with Early Bird Registration (Jersey Day – wear your jersey to school) - \$200 2nd thru 6th, \$230 7th & 8th
 - o May 5th Registration Opens for K/1st Flag – \$80 for Flag,
 - o June 15th Close of early bird for 2nd thru 8th, registration goes up \$20
 - o July 5th Close of 2nd wave fees for 2nd thru 8th, registration goes up \$20
 - o July 14th Close of Football registration for 2nd thru 8th
 - o August 1st Close of Early Bird Flag K/1st Registration – registration goes up \$20
 - o August 14th Close of K/1st Flag Registration
- Passing League for summer – Player Development
 - o Still in the planning stages by Darrell
 - o 2 Sundays in June and 2 Sundays in July
 - o 1 hour 15 min long
 - o \$25 per player with a \$10 donation going to the high school if we can use their fields
 - If not \$10 would have to go to the city to use fields
- *Action Items*
 - o *Moved to Future meeting*
 - *Do we have a BYF Kick off Day??*
 - *Scrimmage Sunday*
 - *Wellefast tournament Conflict??*
 - *Promotions/advertising at the middle schools*
 - *Define and finalize Grade Commissioner Roles*

Equipment Report

- Jersey's will be sent to the cleaners
 - o Martinizing Dry Cleaning/Perry Chapman - \$1.50 per jersey
 - o After equipment split on 4/18
 - o Payment will be due after registration
 - o Discussed, voted and accepted via email 8 - 0
- First aid kit
 - o Discussed, voted and accepted to purchase 1 new first aid kit per team
 - o Accepted by a vote of 7 - 0
 - o Will reuse the bag from these kits in following years
 - o We will replenish kits with recommendations from Brian Koste and Jason Byers
 - o We will also purchase extra ice packs to have to give to teams thru the season
- Footballs
 - o Discussed, voted and accepted to purchase new footballs
 - o Accepted by a vote of 7 - 0
 - o 2 new balls per team
 - o Cost of new footballs is \$17.50
- 2 – 6 Grade Pants
 - o Discussed, voted and accepted to use Rawlings Integrated Navy Blue pants
 - o Accepted by a vote of 7 - 0
 - o Cost for pants \$16 - \$23
 - o All extras ordered will be usable in future years
 - o Pants will not be returned
- 7 – 8 Grade Pants
 - o Navy with white and Columbia blue stripes on sides
 - o Non – integrated, slide in pads
 - o Option of purchasing own girdle or using supplied slide in pads
 - o Cost is \$33 per pant
 - o Pants will be returned
 - o *Action Item*
 - *Darrell to check if we can get pants and pads for \$40*
- Update and Discussion on Jerseys
 - o Discussion Via email
 - o Ordering new double sided jerseys
 - o 10% overage for additional sizes
- Equipment Split with SLP
 - o April 18th 2:00 at Equipment Shed
 - o Request for Board/Coach Volunteers to help with split
 - o Scott to continue communications and arrangements with SLP on Equipment spit
 - o *Action Items*
 - *Watch for emails from Scott about discussion and decisions needing to be made*

Fundraiser Options

- Velocity Training Day
 - o Great success - Will be getting a check for \$930
 - o 44 players attended
- Sponsorship levels
 - o *Action Items*
 - *Brian, Jim and Eric to finalize levels*
 - *Email out draft this week*
 - *Make sure to have our Federal ID number on letter*
 - *On website, list of businesses that we have solicited so we do not double up*
- New Fundraiser Options
 - o Jessica - Peel a Deal cards from Papa Murphy's
 - We pay \$1 per card
 - Sell for \$5 per card
 - Over \$40 in savings on card
 - Minimum order is 100 cards
 - We will sell them at equipment handout, scrimmage Sunday and other events
 - Discussed, voted and accepted to purchase 200 cards
 - Accepted by a vote of 7 - 0
 - o Heather – Maui Wowi at garage sale
 - Research Maui Wowi Fundraiser option at garage sale May 17th and 18th
 - Discussed, voted and accepted Heather to go ahead with this option
 - Accepted by a vote of 7 – 0
 - o Jim – Beverage Sales at their garage sale
 - Jim and Nichole to purchase beverages to sell at garage sale
 - All money made after cost will go to BYF
 - Discussed, voted and accepted Jim to go ahead with this option
 - Accepted by a vote of 7 – 0
 - o Jim – Chanticler Pizza
 - Bring freezer truck to Equipment night to sell pizza's as a fundraiser
 - o Consumer Cards
 - Buffalo Wild Wings
 - 1 card per family – present card BYF will get a % of sales as a donation
 - Check all other options for consumer cards
 - Make a list on website for families to see
 - o Acceleration
 - Possibly interested in doing a training fundraiser for BYF
 - *Action items*
 - *Jim to make contact with Curt from Acceleration*
- Pull tab Options
 - o *Action Items*
 - *Darrell and Jessica to draft letter to Blainebrooke*
 - *Scott and Jessica to investigate gaming license for pull tabs*
 - *Talk with people at Blaine Hockey*
 - *LONG TERM GOAL*

League Communication

- Parade Participation
 - o New footballs - \$1.40 each
 - o Can we make footballs we have work
 - Eric will see what he can do with old footballs
 - o Trailer and driver
 - o June 28th 10 am until 2 pm
 - o Continue discussion at future meeting
- School Carnivals
 - o Report from Johnsville carnival
 - Great success
 - Talked with 4 potential coaches
 - Talked to people who didn't know about the split
 - Got feedback
 - o Madison Carnival 4/24/14
 - Who will be here??
 - o McKinley Carnival 4/11/14
 - Darrell to be there
 - o University Carnival 5/8/14
 - Most kids will go to Coon Rapids may need to look into this closer next year
- Flyers for schools
 - o Action items
 - Jessica to get application for community ed
 - Darrell to send old flyer to Eric
 - Eric to rework flyers

Open Action items

- Update D1 and D2 Concessions building
 - o Is a city building but was "given" to the soccer club
 - o Is this something we want to push or pursue??
 - o Jessica will continue to investigate and initiate conversations
- Update on TCNYFL
 - o North Suburban Football
 - o Brian to continue to investigate
- Moved to future meeting
 - o Update of use of lighted practice fields for late fall practice – outfields
 - o Coaches Application