

White Bear Youth Football



May 14th, 2025 - White Bear Lake Area H.S., Health Ed Room #1021

Attendance: Randy Spring, Casey Zafke, Jesse Hedinger, Aime DeWitt, Kevin Eicher, Scott Mueller, Meghan Levorson, Nate Anderson

Absent: Rick DeWitt, Chris Oswald, Erin Hauber, Kathy Kirkland

Call to Order 6:35 pm

Approval of Minutes: April 2025

- **Approved**

Public Input:

- None

Officer Reports:

- **President** (Randy)
 - MEYFL Meeting:
 - League is not interested in partnering with MYAS (Going to be called Gopher State FB League.)
 - Referee accountability was discussed and will be a bigger focus by the league this year.
 - MEYFL is going to start up a Girls' Flag Football league, and Matt Riebow will help head it up.
 - They are considering the idea of post-MEA games, but we can black those dates out.
 - Head coaches have all been sent info to start USA Football certification.
 - Lauricas Field is already booked for the dates we need for 6-8th grade evaluations, but Price Field is available for \$300.
 - Motion made to approve rental of Price Field for \$300. -**Approved**
 - Rick found somewhere selling football socks and suggested it might be something we could offer. More info on this at another time.
- **Vice President** (Casey)
 - Everyone needs to submit their contact info and position on the board to Casey for tax purposes.
 - Paint striper sold for \$2000.
 - BSN has a jersey they created that can be produced faster. This is something we can look into for next year.
 - Soccer asked to use our fields this fall, but we cannot have our fields in use by anything but football during our season.
 - An agreement is in place allowing them to use right now.
- **Treasurer** (Jesse)
 - Financials emailed to all.

- We will be transferring our banking account from Premier Bank to Lake Elmo Bank.
 - Randy, Kevin, Casey, Kathy, and Jesse have access to the current account, and will continue to have access.
- Jesse will put together a Venmo account for us to use in our concessions.
- **Secretary (Aime)**
 - None

Early Bird Registration:

- 77 registrations so far.
 - Randy will send out emails weekly as the Early Bird Closing comes.
- There are quite a bit more requests for scholarships right now than we had last year, so it seems important to have a more formal process for taking and considering requests for scholarships.
 - Randy created a google form where people can explain their circumstances.
 - May 28th, scholarship decisions will go out to those who have requested.

Sponsorships:

- Deadline for sponsorships is June 14th. We still have some potential sponsors to reach out to.

Unity Night:

- Randy and Meghan met with Bartlett about doing Unity Night.
 - August 18th, 5-7 pm at the WBLHS Stadium Turf and West Side Turf.
 - All WBYF teams practice with varsity players designated to specific youth teams.
 - Ideas for the event:
 - Food trucks
 - Jersey announcements
 - Poster signings by the Varsity seniors. Brennan could take a group photo of the seniors to make into posters for the youth players.
 - Motion made to approve a budget allowance of up to \$750 to pay Brennan to take a photo and cover the cost of printing posters. **-Approved**

Good Neighbor Days Cleanup:

- June 7-8
 - We have 5 shifts scheduled that need 8-10 youth with a minimum of 2 adults.
 - This will bring in \$800-\$1000 for the association.

Manitou Days Parade:

- White Bear Youth Football and White Bear Varsity will walk together in the Manitou Days Parade June 20th 5:30-8:00 pm.
 - We are providing mini footballs to throw out. Varsity is throwing candy.

Raffle:

- Gambling License form is filled out and will be taken to the city to get approval in the next week. \$100 check was written to the state to pay for the license. Once this is taken care of raffle tickets will be ordered.
- Aime will check at Podvin to see if there are enough envelopes and supplies for packing up raffle packets this year.

AED:

- The Hugo Fire Department donated the funds for us to purchase an AED last year, but we never got around to purchasing it before the year ended. This needs to get ordered.

HUDL Cameras:

- HUDL offers a subscription of streaming service and Auto-Capture Football Cameras that would allow us to record and livestream any practices or games at Podvin.
 - The cameras cost \$3000, livestream costs \$1000. They have offered to give us the livestream service this year for free.
 - Randy and Casey will be setting up a meeting with them to learn more about it.

Internet at Podvin:

- Chris looked into what it would take to get Starlink installed at Podvin to have internet access. They say it works in any weather. This is a break down of cost:
 - The standard kit to get the equipment needed is \$349.00. This gives you an antenna that can be mounted anywhere.
 - \$100 Demand surcharge.
 - \$120 a month gets over 100 mb speed.
- We still need to look into T-Mobile and other options to compare cost.

Concessions Stand Preparations:

- Lacrosse needs to be contacted to finalize concession stand prep for their tournament.

Senior Scholarships:

- We recently awarded \$1000 scholarships to 2 Senior Varsity football players- Max Delforg and Teegan Bartok. Social media posts will go out to announce these to the community, but Randy met with them to award them the scholarships.

Meeting Adjourn – 8:03 pm