

Blaine Youth Football

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order: 7:07 Jesse Called the meeting to order

II. Roll call: Shawn, Adam, Jon, Chris, Matt, Jeb, Autumn, Cory, Scott,

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting; Chris made the motion, Adam seconded, all in favor

IV. Community Member Request(s)

a) None

V. Open Issues

A. League Participation:

- (1) Kevin has indicated that he will have an expanded league beginning fall of 2024. He has secured nearby communities and anticipates more this year and there is a good chance additional communities migrate in the subsequent years. This would necessitate utilizing Lexington fields as well for the older grades.
- (2) Josh made the motion to have 7th and 8th grade participate in NMYFL going forward, Chris seconded and all in favor

B. Expansion of the Board

- (1) In order to pursue additional fund-raising opportunities the BYF Board would be required to expand to 15 voting members
- (2) Jeb made the motion to expand and Chris seconded. All in favor
- (3) We need to notify the public of the proposed changes 15 days prior
 - (i) Newsletter
 - (ii) Email blast
- (4) We have paid the fee to have the bylaws rewritten.

C. New Uniforms

- (1) Jesse brought in samples for comparison.
- (2) With new league each team will be required to have a home and an away jersey
- (3) Cost for uniforms last year was \$44
- (4) Sample from Extreme was chosen
 - (a) Reversible uniform satisfies home and away requirements.
 - (b) Material and cut were superior to other samples
 - (c) Cost will be \$55 and we were not informed of rising cost at larger sizes

- (5) Will have samples available at 7-8th camp and equipment handout to ensure size, name and number
- (6) Shawn made the motion, Adam seconded and all in favor

D. **Code of conduct** – Adam will distribute using SportsEngine

E. **Key Events/Dates**

- (1) April 1st – registration opens and early bird will last through May
- (2) Open date in May – 7th and 8th grade (mandatory) and younger grades (optional): Coaches Clinic
 - (a) Goal is to have teams running more of the high school stuff
 - (b) Learn how to better use Hudl
- (3) June 9th – equipment handout for 7th and 8th grade
 - (a) Will add pants and jerseys to process
- (4) June 11th – Summer Weights Start
- (5) June 11, 13, 18 and 20 – 7th and 8th grade Bengal Elite Development (name subject to change)
- (6) June 20th – Blaine Touchdown Club Golf Tournament
- (7) June 24th - 27th – youth camp
- (8) June 29th – Blaine Days Parade
- (9) July 16th – 18th – All grade linemen camp
- (10) July 28th – New player evaluations
- (11) August 4th – equipment handout 2pm to 8pm grades 2-6
 - (a) Will add pants and jerseys to the process
 - (b) Add one final station to finalize proper fit of helmets/shoulder pads
 - (c) Requested space upstairs to allow for try on of pants with a modicum of privacy
- (12) August 5th – non-contact practice
- (13) August 12th – Contact practices can begin

F. **Cost for participation**

- (1) Early bird \$295
- (2) Regular \$350
- (3) We have larger than normal amount of equipment being retired next year
- (4) Costs have gone up for everything else
- (5) Have to purchase reversible uniforms
- (6) Had approximately 40 families request assistance last year and we reserve the right to provide assistance again this season based upon applications and utilizing the school districts free and reduced lunch regulations
- (7) We also have the ability to allow for payment plans
 - (a) All fees should be paid prior to participation

G. **New storage**

- (1) We have been given access to room at Lexington Athletic Complex
- (2) We have been asked to keep the space organized as it is shared space
- (3) To comply, Chris motioned that we allocate up to \$1,000 to purchase shelving, Shawn seconded and all in favor
- (4) We will move all coach's equipment and items the players don't wear to the new storage space
 - (a) Board volunteers their time
 - (b) Date to be determined

H. **Blaine Youth Football Scholarship**

- (1) Adam will re-do the application and give to Matt
- (2) Total number and amount to be determined based upon number and quality of applicants

VI. **Parking Lot Items**

- a) Coaching Trainings- Move to March
- b) Late Registrations- Move to March
- c) Dinner with the Varsity Coaches- Jon and Jesse, TBD
- d) Golf Tournament Partnership with the High School- Let's get connected with the Touchdowners
- e) Blaine Gridiron Tournament – Partner with Kevin and MYAS rent the sports center – goal Showcase semifinals for 7th and 8th
 - (a) Sports Center – fields already secured by MYAS
 - (2) Create an outstanding experience
 - (a) Huge trophy
 - (b) Medals for 1-3rd
 - (c) Games under lights for championship
 - (3) Ideal number of teams – 4th through 6th tournament Add 2nd and 3rd?
 - (4) Can we work Semi-finals for 7th and 8th grade into the tournament somehow?
 - (a) No spectator charge
 - (b) Possibly under the lights
 - (5) Staffing?
 - (6) Rules
 - (a) Registered team plus 7 players
 - (7) Does this tie us to Kevin for everything before we get to choose?
 - (a) Kevin Runs tournament and Refs
 - (8) Cost for entry?
 - (9) Cost for spectators
 - (10) Food trucks?
- f) New Storage vs. Lexington vs other – would need climate control
 - a. Nate has broached providing us with land to build our own shed probably at Lexington
 - i. Approach Blaine Youth Hockey for a portion of build cost?
 - ii. Jesse has a construction owner parent on his team who would help us build at material cost
 - iii. We would utilize volunteer hours
- g) Approach Blaine Youth Hockey for grant money
 - b. Need to have specifics of what money is used for
 - c. Provided money last year
 - d. Jon volunteered to go for pitch and Dexter would go along as a board member
- h) Notify public of change to bylaws to expand board for charitable gambling
 - A. 2 weeks lead time
 - B. Jesse will send
- i) Sell Old jerseys at youth camp at the high school
- j) Bump equipment labels up to next month or two... to make faster times for fittings
- k) Should we open coaching assignments now?
 - A. To comply with mandatory coaches clinic
 - B. To minimize other issues that have arisen with

VII. Additional Topics

- a) Air casts etc. Josh will do research on equipment
 - A. Possibly ask for donation
- b) Josh emailed Nate Monahan to request access to the upstairs room at BBC for youth equipment handout
- c) \$101k in bank – accounts payable to be sent this week
- d) Football event at each grade school during carnival or Olympic Day
- e) Adam created a BYF email for everything – will forward to everyone

VIII. Next Board Meeting

March 10th, 2024 at 7:00pm; Virtual zoom meeting on the 10th

- a) Adam will set it up
- b) We will have exactly one hour to complete our agenda

IX. Adjournment Jess adjourned at 9:26