



MONTICELLO YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

November 2024 Agenda

Date: 11/20/24 at 6pm

Location: Monticello High School, enter through east entrance

Call to Order: at 6:06pm

Introductions of any visitors and Attendance: Matt Lemke, Jeremy Johanson, Kelsey Heinz, Brad Heinz, Brent Erickson, Doug Koch, Joe Kraft, Dan Peters,

Board in Attendance: Eric Farber, Kelsey Heinz, Alyson Tyson, Tony Gardner

Approval of last meetings notes:

Coach Download:

- Open session for coaches in attendance to report on how the season went

- Parent reps some teams had a parent rep but many did not.
 - What did they do that was helpful? Communication via sports engine and took admin tasks off of the coach.
 - Do we add it to registration and ask if the parent is interested in being a parent rep. Do we offer them a tshirt or reimbursement?
 - Somebody needs to be in charge or just parent reps, to tell them their duties and responsibly. A plan with what the parent rep has for duties.

- Splitting of teams that were below 34
 - 4th grade had trouble with splitting at 31
 - Some because of injuries
 - Some because of player size
 - Benefits of splitting when we are not required to
 - More playing time
 - Benefits of not splitting
 - Larger rosters if there are injuries

- If we do not split when below the 34 player requirements in North Star League what are some things we should or could do?
 - More than 2 assistant coaches
 - Should we require players to not start on both sides of the ball?
 - Yes and No both have good points that can be made
 - Have 1 coach be in charge of subbing and getting players into the game?

- 7th and 8th grade rulebooks do not have a requirement to split teams
- We left this topic at we should not have an association rule about splitting vs not and to continue the discussion as it comes up next year

- **How did using varsity playbooks go/ did you use them/ did you like the option to**
 - More training on how to run the plays, what does everything mean/terminology
 - 4th grade was not able to follow the playbook ie pulling blockers
 - Could the HS give us plays minus the pulling?
 - Not discussed at the meeting but teams could run the plays but not pull blockers
 - Grade level appropriate playbooks?
 - Progressive by grades
 - Drills by grade

- Should tournaments be included in the planned schedule for signing up vs planning rosters only a couple of weeks in advance
 - Having the same playbooks would help when 2 teams on the same grade combine to play in a tournament
 - Kids knowing they are going and this is what the deal is that you are getting into would be beneficial vs signing up and getting kids on a roster after the season has started

- Should we have written Coach/game play expectations?
 - Hard to have it exactly on paper and monitor
 - Would help to have expectations
 - Is the goal to have fun or to win? Would be nice to know before hand for the coach and then the parents
 - Currently MYFA does not have anything other than the coach's code of conduct

- Competitiveness
 - Because the 7th and 8th grade rulebooks do not have rules around playing time or the spitting of rosters, should we shift to a more competitive focus at those grades?
 - We discussed the downsides and positive parts of focusing on competitiveness vs more of an equal playing time focus that we have written into the league rules for 2-6th grades
 - The MYFA player handbook outlines the shift of playing time rules between 2-6 and 7-8th but how can we make it more known
 - There were a few families that had complaints around playing time in 7th grade
 - Doug asked what is the goal of the association? Andrew stated the MYFA vision statement that is listed below. Our mission statement is also included in the notes.
 - **MYFA Mission Statement**
 - The main focus of the Monticello Youth Football League is to provide an opportunity for our youth to develop football skills to the best of their ability. Using respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, and most of all fun, our youth shall learn valuable lessons that can be used on and off the field.

- **MYFA Vision Statement**
 - With growth and numbers, the Monticello Youth Football Association is committed to providing youth athletes to the Monticello High School Football program.
- This issue was discussed but nothing formal was voted on, Andrew said he would meet with our varsity coaches to see what their opinion on the topic is.
- Schedules
 - Some teams were not diverse
 - Repeating opponents vs playing 8 different teams

Financial update (Kelsey):

- \$17,000 in account
- All refs paid, was over budget
- Owe \$4500 for coach reimbursement
- Owe bill from the school
- TCNFL owes us \$, maybe \$2400
- Have a \$5000 CD

Equipment update (Andrew):

- Please bring your coach's bag to the meeting to turn in if you have not already
- Bag #3 and #9 are outstanding. Get with Andrew to return

Nominations for 2025 Board:

President: Andrew Kartak

VP: Damon Hessig and Joe Kraft

Treasurer: Kelsey Heinz

Secretary: Doug Koch

Coaching Coordinator: Dan Peters

Events: Alison Tyson

League and School Rep: Tony Gardner

Equipment: Brent Erickson

Webmaster: Andrew spoke with Danielle Davis about the position but she was not able to attend

Fundraising: open

VP nominees to send a paragraph to Eric by 12/4. Eric will share with the 2024 board before we vote on 2025 membership at our 12/18 meeting

December 18th is our next meeting

Adjourned at 7:30 by Andrew and seconded by Eric