

# Blaine Youth Football

## Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to order

Kaeley called to order the regular meeting of Blaine Youth Football at 2:04pm on February 13, 2022 at BBC.

### II. Roll call

The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members: Darrell, Shawn, Tamzyn, Kaeley, Chris, Scott

Advisory Members: Matt Smude

Community Members: none

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kaeley motioned for January meeting minutes to be approved. Motion passed; January meeting minutes approved.

### IV. Open issues

- a) Survey results; any feedback from the coaches?
  - i) Survey results sent out to coaches – Carik & Dixon haven't responded. Wincek hasn't responded either.
- b) Budget for 2022
  - i) Shawn motioned to approve the 2022 budget. Motion passed; 2022 budget approved.
- c) Who will be the league reps? (Dependent upon which league we are in)
  - i) 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade league reps (TCNFL): Darrell & Chris
  - ii) 2nd - 6th grade league reps (currently NMYFL): Rick & Scott
- d) Have we found a Volunteer Coordinator / Fundraising Coordinator?
  - i) Family fun night – Tamzyn & Darrell can possibly coordinate.
  - ii) No one found yet; email will be sent out to BYF membership to see if anyone is interested.
- e) Bylaws & League Philosophy – any questions from the new members?
  - i) no
- f) BYF at school functions

- i) School carnivals & events?
  - (1) If schools are having these events, we should be involved – question PTA and reach out to Jeanne for more info.
- ii) Increase awareness to BYF in all schools in our school district?
  - (1) “Mom’s/Parent’s breakfast” was previously discussed; moved to Parking Lot / New business
- g) Communication
  - i) What is the most efficient & organized way to send out communications?
    - (1) Sports Engine account created by Tamzyn to send out emails – copies will be sent to BYF gmail. More discussion needed to understand what SE is capable of.
    - (2) All emails will be sent from one person.
    - (3) SE settings need to be reviewed – where are responses going to?
  - ii) What should be updated in the FAQs?
    - (1) How are coaches selected?
    - (2) Team Formation (new team)
    - (3) Game schedules – when do they come out
    - (4) How are Practice Fields determined? What fields, times, frequency?
    - (5) Tamzyn has been starting expansion; will review during March’s meeting.
  - iii) When / How should the draft process be communicated to the members?
    - (1) Change draft request timing to AFTER registration; LOTS of communication needs to be sent out.
    - (2) Change question (clarify option of “commitment week”)
  - iv) All Board Members have access to the Google Drive; it was organized by each year, but the “Company Information” folder contains the items that do not change from year to year.
  - v) New members now have access to BYF website; departing members have been removed.
- h) Scholarship Applications (deadline was end of January)
  - i) Give each applicant \$1000 (2 applicants); Darrell will communicate; motion passes; Rick will present if available – or will assign to VP.
- i) League Q & A (Darrell)
  - i) Forest Lake, Twin Cities North, North Metro, Metro East
  - ii) Metro East uses tackle bars
  - iii) FL only has 4 organizations (same situation as North Metro)
  - iv) TCN has more teams; more travel; 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades are combined; tiered at all grades

- v) New League possibly forming; expanded traveling team (5th-8th). \*Moved to “parking lot”.
  - vi) Competitive Team in addition to BYF regular season was brought up by Coach Smude (no cut / no play time). \*Moved to new business for March meeting.
  - vii) Kaeley motioned for Rick to give North Metro a final deadline date of March 30 to resolve the issue of Blaine v. Blaine games (more than once during the season). Motion passed; NMYFL has until March 30 to resolve this issue; if not resolved, BYF will move 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades to a different youth football league.
- j) Registration
- i) Family registered with wrong coach for 2021 season; Rick was to reach out; determined player will need to enter draft for 2022 season – How to flag during registration?
    - (1) Sports Engine is capable of flagging; this situation will also be added to FAQs.
- k) Equipment
- i) White jerseys need to be given to Coach Smude for HS to clean
  - ii) Jerseys need to be ordered this month; not allowed to “pre-pay” for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade sublimated jerseys
  - iii) Helmets for recertification were sent out
  - iv) \$4000 worth of shoulder pads were ordered from Riddell (thanks to donation from Blaine Youth Hockey) – How can we thank them?
    - (1) A social media post with pictures & a huge thank you will be done.
  - v) Change locks or redistribute keys? [Equipment Managers and President or Vice President should be the only key holders]
    - (1) Chris & Scott will pick up new locks; Equipment Managers, President, and Vice President will be only individuals with keys.

## V. New business

- a) League Change
  - i) March 30 deadline will be given to NMYFL; April meeting the decision will be made.
- b) Team Formation
  - i) How should 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams be formed?
    - (1) Per Shawn & Darrell, TCN tries matching up records (also communicated in FAQs).
  - ii) How should 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams be formed when there is a new team?
    - (1) Shawn’s suggestion; Head coach, assistant coach, (coaches’) 2 kids + 4 kids
      - (a) Further discussion of whether the maximum should be 4 or 5 “protected players” instead of 6 total.
      - (b) Shawn will resend the suggestion (with details) to all board members and it will be voted on during the March meeting.
  - iii) 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades

- (1) Further discussion needed, as teams may change if BYF changes leagues.
- iv) Are all grades “tiered” in Twin Cities North or only 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades?
  - (1) Per Shawn & Darrell, TCN tries matching up team records for all grades; the understanding is that organizations don’t create “A, B, C” type teams to be tiered.
- v) If tiered, would BYF consider creating a competitive team at grade levels where there’s interest?
  - (1) More discussion is needed; moved to new business for the March meeting.
- c) Monthly Meetings – Should we consider always having an “open” Google Meet or Zoom to allow the opportunity for more of our members to participate?
  - i) Yes; links will be created and added to BYF calendar.
- d) Sponsorship
  - i) Coach Smude suggested reaching out to TCO, as they’re the Athletic Trainers for Blaine sports now. Tamzyn will reach out.
- e) Fundraising
  - i) Nothing more to add.
- f) Communication
  - i) Key Dates – Does anything need to be updated?
    - (1) All dates need to be updated; shift ALL dates +/- 1 day with the exception of the following:
      - (a) Youth Camp - TBD
      - (b) Linemen Camp - TBD
      - (c) QB Camp - TBD
    - (2) If registration increases, Coach Smude asked if BYF’s donation to BHS (for camps) can also increase?
      - (a) Further discussion on registration cost is needed; moved to new business during the March meeting.
- g) Equipment
  - i) Tackle Twill Jersey Count – What do we want to order for 2022 season?
    - (1) Chris provided spreadsheet of jersey counts; number of jerseys to order is yet to be decided.
  - ii) What do Centennial / SLP / Coon Rapids / Andover do for jerseys?
    - (1) Per Scott, Andover uses Champro. Further discussion of future jersey vendor will be moved to the parking lot.
  - iii) Inventory (sizes & quantity) of the following items is needed:
    - (1) Practice Pants
    - (2) Integrated Pants (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades)

(3) Girdles

## **VI. Parking Lot Items**

- a) Home field change for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades?
- b) Are player shortage guidelines documented, or do they need to be?
- c) Company matches for volunteer hours & donations? (Darrell)
- d) Include SE fees in the registration price for next season?
- e) Coach mentors for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade coaches?
- f) Should playtime rules be changed?
- g) Create recommended roster sizes?

## **VII. Next Board Meeting**

- a) March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm; Blaine Baseball Complex
- b) Darrell – asking for more information from Acceleration; bring to March meeting

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Shawn adjourned the meeting at 4:15.

Minutes submitted by: Kaeley

Minutes approved by Board on 3/06/22