

Blaine Youth Football

April 11th, 2021

7:07 – 9:10pm

Blaine Baseball Complex

GOOGLE MEET: <https://meet.google.com/cxr-kbgj-piq>

Board Members Present

Jennifer Kinney (googlemeet), Shawn Robideau, Rick Japor, Jeanne Baker, Tamzyn Grant, Jordan Dixon, Kaeley Cazin (googlemeet)

Advisory Members Present

Matt Smude

Community Members Present

Key Dates

- Dates are out on the website
 - Dick's Week/Weekend – confirmed 2 weekends 7/31 and 8/7
 - Family Fun Night – tentative date Thursday, 8/12, 6-9pm
 - Do we have dates yet for the Lineman and QB Camps
 - Picture Dates confirmed: Sept 14th and 18th. Times are selected by each coach. Last year on contract with Sportsline.
- TBD Dates/times/locations:
 - Need Time for 7/8th grade equipment hand out- 7/19
 - **Need to decide this.**
 - Need Location for Mandatory Coach Clinic - 7/25
 - **Need to find a space to hold this.**
 - Still pending: Chipotle, Heggies – Jeanne will set up
 - BHS: Need dates and Cost for QB/Lineman Camp
 - **QB Camp = July 21-23, Grades 2-8, \$60**
 - **Lineman Camp = July 20-22, cost TBD**
 - **Possibly a WR camp**

Registration

- Registration open on 4/5.
 - How many so far? **57**
 - Is there a report we can pull regarding girdles ordered and donations? **Yes**
- Jeanne questions:
 - Private School/homeschool due to Covid – don't have free/reduced paperwork since all lunches are free to all students this year. Did we give them discount last year? Can they contact previous school? Can we ask for income documentation?
 - **Give reduced price fee if needed, even without documentation this year. For past players, we will look at previous years' discount.**
 - Mason Smith – Mom passed away. Doesn't have free/reduced lunch paperwork. Grandma looking for scholarship.

- **We will use donations from families to cover this**
- Early Bird Date ends 5/7, Registration Close is 6/22. LATE fee after that? Reopen on case by case basis?
 - **No late fees**
- Flyers
 - Dropped at schools? **Done**
- Postcards
 - Tamzyn created postcard. Need approval from District and send order to Print Central.
 - request labels and mail? JEN **No approval needed. Sent off... in progress.**
- Signs? **Signs are up!**

Draft Policy Discussion

- Discuss potential changes to draft – Darrell/Shawn
 - **Darrell is sending his proposal out**

Coaches

- Have commissioners started contacting previous coaches? **Some have. The rest will.**
- Coach Application is live. Any applications yet? **17 applications in.**
- Did we send out poll about coach bags? **Yes. We will resend it. Coaches didn't receive it?**
- Cannot reserve Middle school fields until mid-July
- Coach uniforms? **Give teams a \$100 stipend to use.**

Parade

- Signed up for Parade – do we want to put this on our key dates even though it is not our event? **No**
- They did donate \$1500 to BYF 2 years ago.
 - Rick – did you ask Eric about the float? **Not yet**

Golf Outing

- Golf Tournament – July 16th – do we want this on our key dates? **Yes**
 - Need to sign up to sponsor a hole
 - As we get closer, we need to decide if we will have representatives manning our hole and giving away prizes & selling raffle tickets. If so, need to have raffle tickets finalized and printed by then. \$500 visa card for one of the prizes? Vikings Tickets? **Buy two. Tamzyn will talk with ETS and Adam Thielen FIRST!**
 - Tamzyn - Did we let ETS know this was an opportunity for them if they want to sponsor their own hole?
 - **Coach Smude is getting final details about the tourney this week.**

Equipment

- Jen sent list to Kaeley and Jordan. Any f/u done on missing equipment? **Jordan collected some**
- Pants need to be put away? **Do same time as shed cleaning**
- Jerseys ordered? **Yes**
- Shed Cleaning date? **End of April or May. Kaeley will send out a poll on dates.**
- Practice Pants – do we want to offer for sale at equipment hand-out? **Yes. Ordering 200 pair.**
- Shoulder Pads

- Do we need to order any? **TBD after recert.**
- Recertification – HS volunteers?
- Helmet Recert status? **In progress**
- Lock on shed? New Shed? Any status on these things? **New lighting may help deter break-ins.**

Fundraising

- Snap-Raise – Jen/Jeanne will get set up. Can do it all online. After Registration closes we will send out info.
- Bowlero – **August 12th. Let's move forward with this.**
 - Jen working with them to figure out how this will look this year, as their total capacity is still capped at 250 and 75 for the lounge. Bowlero proposal only allows for us to have 150 and only 60 in the lounge. Last time we sold 124 arcade cards which is probably # of kids, but didn't count adults. Also, prices went up considerably so still negotiating that. Thoughts on having families pre-register?
 - Ham Lake Lions meeting is at Ham Lake Lanes on Tuesday, 4/13 7pm. Jeanne will attend.
 - Donation letters should go out this week. **In shared drive**
 - Who will help with the email and online donation requests?
 - Anyone can personally request donations. Jen will send everyone the letter so they can print and distribute as needed.
 - Raffle Ticket – Need to determine what our prizes will be.
- Chipotle/Heggies – Jeanne will set up
Chipotle is finalized - August 2nd from 5-9pm
Heggie's is almost finalized. Double-checking dates and waiting for Heggie's response. We will launch on August 9th. Likely delivery on Sept. 13th.

Sponsorship

- ETS Zoom Call and sign ups – Tamzyn
 - **BYF Camp will be held on-site at ETS. Need to set up dates.**
- Sponsorship proposal
 - TCO - **Doctor at Championship games. Will request for 40 first aid kits.**
 - Signage

Budget

- Darrell - 15 minutes (can table to May if going late)

Open Topics

- HS Scholarship – Review applications and decide on winners. How will we notify winners? Scholarship Banquet? Print Large Check? **Jeanne and Rick will look over. Possibly do \$500 for some and \$250 for others.**
- Mom's Breakfast? **Shawn will call Broadway Pizza**
- FAQs on website? education through social media? **Tamzyn will work on this**
- North Metro/North Suburban League updates?
 - **Centennial is joining flag football league**
 - **Aquatore - Games on Saturdays and Mondays**

Parking Lot

- Portable Scoreboards. Need to let coaches know they are there?
- Field improvements? Bleachers, Net behind Goal Posts, Pads on Posts
- Possibly make Lex Fields home fields for 7/8th and have younger grades play at BBC?
- Player shortage guidelines

- 7/8th grade more ice packs/better first aid kits
- Equipment swap/donation table. BATBA had a buy/sell page
- Work with NMYFL to coordinate Hockey Tryouts with Playoffs/Bowl Games
- NMYFL discuss Darrell's suggestions: possible change to playoffs/bowl games? Hybrid 1 playoff game and guaranteed Bowl Game.
- Donation to BHS Football? Also Blaine Parks.
- Discuss Company matches for Volunteer hours and donations – Darrell
- Get Coaches info on Hudl

***Possibly look at entering 3rd graders into draft**

*** There will be a middle school weight program. T/TH for 1-1.5 hours. Coach Smude.**

Next Board Meeting

- May 9th - 7pm, BBC Meeting Room