

Blaine Youth Football

November Meeting Agenda

Notice was provided

- **Call to Order:** Jessie called meeting to order at 7:03
- **Presidents opening remarks:** Greg will be assuming Billy's final year beginning January 1st when the term is up.
- **Roll Call:** Greg, Autumn, Chris, Josh, Jessie, Deanna, Maria, Adam, Shawn, Cory, Smude, Scott, Maggie, Brad, Matt Moore arrived at 8:27, Tom and Melissa Jaeger (parents)
- **Confirmation of a quorum:** confirmed
- **Changes or approval of last meetings minutes:** Motioned by Shawn, seconded by Greg, all in favor
- **President's report:** BYFC overview. Generated almost \$40,000 NOI \$12,400. Owe \$4170 for our portion of fields, etc. Calculated in NOI. Met with MYAS. Hoping to have 60 teams next year. Moving to new fields
- **Treasurer's report:** Jeb provided via email
- **Gambling report:** Maggie provided a legal gambling report
 - **Motion to approve Octobers Gambling report, Dee seconds, all in favor**
 - **Switched e-tab provider**
 - **Run the most popular game**
 - **Larger vender**
 - **They do much more advertising**
 - **Switched paper tabs to them as well**
 - **Pizza Pub and Prime**
 - **8 boxes**
 - **12 e-tabs**
- **The lawful Gambling report for the month of August was provided, and a summary given by Maggie Kirkpatrick.**

- Motion to approve the lawful gambling report for the month of August was made and passed unanimously.
- Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose reports for September 2024 were available, reviewed, and highlighted by Maggie Kirkpatrick.
- Motion to approve the Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose report for September 2024 was made and passed unanimously.

- Blaine Youth Football Classic Recap
 - What worked:
 - had several board members volunteer and who worked all weekend.
 - Teams that came had a great time – no negative feedback.
 - Team from Green Bay is bringing more teams. Trying to get teams from Iowa.
 - What to change:
 - Ordered too much apparel – if weather was colder we would have sold more sweatshirts. T-shirts sold well
 - We won't add year to apparel next order
 - Try a fan zone
 - Add a block party
 - Concessions trucks ran out of food on day 1
 - If we get a split on food truck revenue we will give it to MYAS as they only made \$3000 on the tournament
 - We will need 50-60 volunteers
 - Will increase the fee to opt out of volunteer hours
 - Should be able to field enough at that point?
 - Sportsman ship award?
 - More clear info on who's on which field etc.
 - Adjust the combine to make it more usable
 - Get more sponsors!
 - Put bracelets on people at gate
 - They were passing through the fence, etc.
 - Jumping the fence as well
 - Movable scoreboards
 - MYAS asked that host should do the chains

- We disagree
 - We could possibly use high school players as volunteers
 - Radios to coordinate with each other
 - We will offer a 9 man division for 3rd and 4th
 - We will do bigger, better trophies
 - Online rosters turned in before the tournament
 - Admissions fee always divisible by 5
 - We will have 30 players from your community on a team
 - Work on next tournament in march
- Old Business
 - League for next season: Met with NMYF on Monday
 - Email to associations for hosted dinner
 - Andover, SLP, Rogers, Anoka, Forest Lake, North Branch, Champlin, Centennial
 - We would develop our own league from flag through 8th
 - Jason Strausser from Andover – word is Andover High School is forcing them to leave TCNFL
 - We need to figure out how we handle adding associations, etc.
 - How are decisions made
 - How are games put together
 - Flipping teams from one division to another mid season
 - Get appropriate levels of competition
 - Early in 2025 we need to have a discussion around redrafting
 - REGISTRATION
 - Discuss team formation again in January
 - For Next month motion and vote in December
 - Need to determine cost for registration
 - Need to determine volunteer
 - Total opportunities for volunteering listed
 - Cost to buy out
 - Amount of time

- Move to February and end in July to solidify teams by July?
 - Need to promote flag especially, more on Facebook
 - Team formation – moved to January
 - especially 2nd grade
 - What roster issues require board vote
 - What can grade level commissioners solve on their own
 - Need vote from last month
 - Once rosters are posted it is no longer a commissioner decision it becomes a board decision
 - Absolutely no trading of draft picks or players
 - Need to amend anything?
 - We have to do a better job getting commissioners involved
 - should it be mandatory to meet with grade level coaches
 - Getting coaches is primary
 - Do we start to compensate coaches?
 - Mentoring program for new coaches
 - Do youth coaches get involved with summer skills camp at high school?
 - Do we have youth run varsity concepts at a certain point
- Jaeger’s report on youth association and process via state football
 - Equidraft each year
 - Players play with other players
 - Coaches coach with other coaches
- Upcoming Board vote
 - Not more than 60 days and not less than 10
 - Jesse will discuss with attorneys to clarify completely how
 - Adam has info on
 - We need to truly define rolls one of which should be SportsEngine manager
 - Commissioners
 - Gambling
 - Fund raising

- Executive rolls are already detailed
 - Do people apply to run for a specific position
- Action Items
 - Add a coaches checklist especially for new but including all coaches
 - Emergency preparedness plan needs to be updated, posted and handed out
 - Microsoft accounts
 - Outlook accounts for everyone
 - Share through sharepoint
 - Use teams
 - Non-profit cost is \$3 per user (\$45/mo) for everyone to have it
 - We will roll out after new vote and roles begin in January
 - Jesse motions to approve the spending, Greg seconds, all in favor
- Autumn
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Currently 15 board members
 - Currently 9 assigned rolls
 - Roles are defined and waiting to be assigned
 - Have ideas for next meeting
- Shawn
 - How did we end up spending \$17,000 on apparel for tournament
 - Will the meeting with other associations cost more than \$1,000
 - Board needs to vote on any expenditure above \$1,000
- Adam
 - Website is being updated
 - Look at it and provide feedback to assist in new look, etc.
- Smude
 - Congratulations on state tournament
 - Thanks for the pasta feed
 - Got a \$6,000 check from BYF – assume that is for youth camp
 - That came out to be \$12 per kid.

- Was supposed to be \$30 per kid
- **Scott**
 - How did we spend as much as we did on the pasta feed?
 - Cory doesn't believe what was provided was worth the cost
 - Concern over the "partnership"
 - Equipment standpoint
 - 1 coach with 1 item outstanding
 - Need to replace 120 helmets
 - Need to replace pants at some point
 - Need to replace a lot of shoulder pads as well
 - He will get quotes
 - Classic and speed flex helmets
 - Shoulder pads – order more of what we ordered last year
 - He'll get quotes on pants from Ridell and Dickey
- **Maria**
 - Got branding irons in \$257
- **Comments, announcements and other business**
 - **Youth Camp**
 - In the past, High School Ran it, charged for it, etc.
 - BYF increased signup cost by \$30
 - We write a check for \$30 each kid no matter what
 - Is that what we paid this year?
- **Confirmation of next meeting date, time and location: December 15th, 7pm at PPP?**
- **Adjournment: Jesse adjourned at 9:15**