

# White Bear Youth Football



**January 7, 2026 - Vadnais Heights Holiday Inn Meeting Room**

**Attendance:** Randy Spring, Casey Zafke, Jesse Hedinger, Aime DeWitt, Kevin Eicher, Scott Mueller, Rick DeWitt, Meghan Levorson

**Absent:** Kathy Kirkland, Nate Anderson, Erin Hauber

**Call to Order:** 6:37 pm

**Approval of Minutes:** No December meeting minutes, end of year celebration dinner.

**Public Input:**

- None

**Officer Reports:**

- **President (Randy)**
  - Head Coach thank you cards/gifts were distributed. They were well received.
  - 2025 Head/Assistant Coach certification fees were reimbursed.
  - End of year party was a lot of fun.
    - Gift cards were given to those board members who could not attend.
  - Randy met with Coach Bartlett regarding season prep, meeting went well and he expressed he really enjoyed helping coach with us last season.
    - He loved a lot of the things we did last season like Unity Night and wants them to continue.
  - Randy and Casey attended the End of Season MEYFL Board Meeting. Some highlighted topics:
    - There was conversation regarding conduct among coaches, players, referees, and fans.
    - Conversation was had about the Rattlers and the poor conduct that is frequently displayed at games, and that some teams are not interested in playing them because of it. There was also discussion about the fact that many of the Rattlers players are not enrolled within their district, and the expectation that we provide addresses to the league for our players to prove they are residents.
    - Player ejection protocol was discussed, and the need for better accountability and information when situations occur involving an ejection.
  - 2025 WBYF Survey Results are in and will be shared with the board post-meeting. The feedback was positive overall. We will discuss it more thoroughly in February.
  - Training Haus has a “Line of Scrimmage” training program and Randy met with them to find out information about hosting a Player Skill Development camp for our players. There is also an opportunity to host a QB camp. These could be a great opportunities to invest in our player development.

- **Vice President** (Casey)
  - Casey has been working on details and pricing for 2026 Jersey production. More info should be available before the February meeting so we can have discussions about it and put it to a vote.
  - Gear Grid is a company that designs shelving, and we got a quote for having better shelving added at Podvin.
  - Casey put together an expectations and role responsibilities document.
    - We are looking to add a Director of Team Operations role. Lesley, a parent of a 7th grader, is potentially interested in filling this role and will attend the February meeting as a member of the public.
  - The Code of Conduct was a moderate success, but there are some flaws and areas for improvement.
- **Treasurer** (Jesse)
  - Financials emailed to all.
    - Currently standing at \$114,00 in the account.
  - Jesse has a meeting with a Tax Preparation Professional for our 2025 taxes.
  - We will be moving our account to Lake Elmo Bank this year.
- **Secretary** (Aime)
  - None

### 2026 Proposed Budget:

- 2026 Projected Budget is as follows:
  - \$141,500 in Projected Total Revenue
  - \$47,400 in Player Expenses this season
  - \$60,200 in League Expenses
  - \$50,700 in Facilities Expenses
  - \$7,400 in Board Expenses
  - \$6,000 in Raffle Expenses
- New items this budget would include:
  - Spring Player Development camps.
  - Shelving at Podvin.
  - \$7500/year for an upgraded subscription for a mounted camera system on the 100 yard field and a second portable camera like we utilized last year, plus adding an account for all of our teams instead of just hosting one shared account for all.
    - Additional equipment needed for player development, potentiall a sled.
- We are considering changes to the End of Season Team Party funds for 2026.
- Look at beginning an 8th Grade send-off tradition.

### 2026 Sponsorships:

- Moving up the sponsorship deadline date would allow us to complete sponsorship shirts more timely. Discuss this in February.

## **2026 Board of Director Roles:**

- Brand New Roles for 2026:
  - Varsity Football Liaison
  - Director of Team Operations
- Meghan will be taking on the Special Events Coordinator role.
- We are still seeking someone to take on the Sponsorship Director, but Meghan will continue it if we can't find someone.

## **February Agenda Items:**

- WBYF Scholarship Application Process and Deadline
- Review 2025 Survey Results
- Finalize 2026 WBYF Calendar
- Delegate Sponsorship connections
- Connect with WB Lacrosse on continued concession collaboration
- Promote and plan for Head Coach applications and interviews
- Promote and plan for Off Season Spring Skill Development Training
- Jersey production
- 8th Grade team ideas

**Meeting Adjourn – 8:01 pm**

## **1/10/26 Post-meeting GroupMe Vote:**

- A proposed 2026 WBYF Budget was shared during the January 7th meeting and then emailed to all board members for review.
  - A vote was cast via GroupMe on January 10, 2026 to approve this budget. The budget was approved with a vote of 9 yes and 0 no.