



## October Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to order

Tamzyn called to order the regular meeting of Blaine Youth Football at 7:04pm on October 9, 2022 at Blaine Baseball Complex.

### II. Roll call

The following persons were in attendance:

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

Advisory Members: none

Community Members: Sharneice

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) August Minutes - Adam motioned for August meeting minutes to be approved. Motion passed; August meeting minutes approved.
- b) September Minutes - Adam motioned for September meeting minutes to be approved. Motion passed; September meeting minutes approved.

### IV. Community Member Request(s)

- a) Sharneice (community member and parent of player) - Attended to discuss ideas for a cheer and/or dance team to be at BYF games.
  - i) She would like to create a dance/cheer team for BYF; unsure how to get started, but is willing to lead it and/or partner with another organization or HS team (to then partner with BYF).
  - ii) (Rick) BYF will get HS dance & cheer contacts for Sharneice to see if they want to partner. Rick will reach out to HS dance team. Tamzyn sent cheer contact info to Sharneice.

### V. Open Issues

- a) Painting BBC fields? (June meeting: Darrell getting quotes. July meeting: Ken & Eric will have quotes by the end of July.) **Did Darrell receive a quote?**
  - i) August Meeting: Ken waiting to hear from Eric; no quote yet
  - ii) (Darrell) No quote received - no longer being considered
- b) Emergency Plan for USA Football - **(Darrell) Was this completed and sent to coaches?**
  - i) **Sent to coaches**

- c) Jerseys - Motion was made and approved "to keep the same jerseys for next year". **Motion needs to be clarified. (All grades jerseys, 2nd-3rd grades, 4th-8th grades?)**
  - i) **Motion was to keep tackle twill jerseys for 4th-8th grades and reorder 2nd-3rd grades jerseys from Ideal Advertising for 2023 season . . .** Discussion of trying sublimated jerseys for 2nd-3rd grades since BYF wasn't able to try them during 2022 season. Will review again at November meeting after more information is gathered.
- d) (Rick) Code of Conduct - Any suggestions, comments, concerns?
  - i) No suggestions, comments, concerns; Rick will publish on website with coaches and parents Code of Conduct.
- e) What was the final determination with the Osseo crossover games? Did any grades participate?
  - i) 4th and 5th grades had games, Kevin stopped the rest of games - (Rick) Was told League doesn't want to be associated with organization.

## VI. New Business

- a) U of MN Youth Football Day 10/29 - Are we "promoting"?
  - i) Yes; reminder will be sent via email and/or social media.
- b) Board Members' terms ending this year; when do we post and request applicants?
  - i) After football season
- c) Equipment Return Date
  - i) (Scott & Chris) Thursday, 10/27 and Thursday 11/10 6:00pm - 8:00pm
  - ii) Coaches returning all equipment will receive \$125; Shawn motioned for all head coaches who are in good standing and return ALL equipment to receive \$125. Motion passed, all approved.
- d) 4th - 8th grade pants; will HS clean again?
  - i) Coach Smude confirmed they would.
- e) Are we recertifying helmets over the winter? Ordering new?
  - i) Board agreed we should; (Scott) Riddell representative noted if we wanted to purchase any new helmets or shoulder pads, or recertify helmets, should be ordered ASAP.
  - ii) Darrell confirmed BYF can order helmets and shoulder pads; Scott & Chris will confirm price point with Riddell for helmets and pads.
  - iii) Board confirmed BYF will recertify 2016 helmets once they're all returned.
- f) End of year survey? Do we want to change/update questions and when are we sending?
  - i) (Rick) Board members are to review survey questions and bring any suggestions by **10/16**.
  - ii) Darrell will send out **10/17** . . . Survey will close **11/12**.
- g) Trophies or medals for Flag Football?
  - i) (Rick) 2022 season, they were purchased from Crown - medals with year; Flag Commissioner to order from Crown again.

- h) Did all Coaches & Ass't Coaches complete all certifications? How can this be done more timely?
  - i) (Darrell) No - all tackle head coaches did, 3 tackle assistant coaches did NOT turn in applications or complete certifications, not all flag coaches (but many flag coaches didn't know they were going to be coaching or assistant coaching)
  - ii) BYF will add requirements on website, and remind coaches that it's a multi-step process (unable to be completed with only the application).

## VII. Parking Lot Items

- a) 2023 Season:
  - i) Discussion on there being a division within TC North league for northern Metro teams . . .
  - ii) "Mom's/Parent's breakfast" was previously discussed . . . Thoughts?
    - (1) Darrell and Rick suggested we change to "Football Open House" night for football skills and information; recruiting coaches & players at same time.
  - iii) Change vendors for jerseys?
  - iv) When should sublimated jerseys be ordered to receive in time?
  - v) Should playtime rules be changed?
  - vi) Should we add skill assessments for each grade?

## VIII. Additional Topics

- a) (Scott) Would like to see BYF playing different organizations; the crossover games during 2022 season weren't enough. How have all the newer teams been doing this year?
  - i) (All Board Members) We should be requesting a refund due to North Metro not fulfilling referee requirements. Rick & Scott will be asking Kevin/North Metro.
- b) (Tamzyn) What can we share with members about off-season training? (Rick & Darrell) Anything not competing with BYF; try to limit emails (no spamming the membership), and add disclaimer that it's for informational purposes only.
- c) (Darrell) MYAS is looking at taking over North Metro and Twin Cities leagues.
- d) (Kaeley) Will create a living document to track coaches/parents that are suspended by league and/or BYF (for future tracking purposes). BYF Gmail will include a folder for supporting documentation of any incidents.
- e) (Adam) If we stick with 8-man football for 2nd & 3rd grades, we need to relook at the rules and request changes.
- f) (Shawn & Rick) 3rd grade Junkyard Dawgs parents didn't agree with the head coach's 2 game suspension because the referee was terrible. It was explained the league suspended the coach for one game and BYF suspended the coach for a second game because he broke the Code of Conduct he signed. Coach was understanding and agreed it was appropriate. Parents were asked to attend the BYF meeting to discuss further (no parents attended).
- g) (Shawn) Requesting stipends for 3 non-parent coaches; Shawn motioned to give non-parent coaches \$500 as long as all are in good standing and ALL equipment is returned. Motion passed; All approved. (This is in lieu of the \$125 parent coaches will receive.)
- h) (Rick) Received phone call complaint regarding 6th grade Wildcats assistant coach. Complaint will be investigated, and then more discussion to occur with Board members.

## **IX. Next Board Meeting**

November 13 at 7:00pm; Blaine Baseball Complex

## **X. Adjournment**

Darrell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kaeley