



## November Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to order

Darrell called to order the regular meeting of Blaine Youth Football at 7:05pm on November 13, 2022 at Blaine Baseball Complex.

### II. Roll call

The following persons were in attendance:

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

Advisory Members: none

Community Members: none

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) October Minutes were not reviewed and/or approved. Pushed to December's meeting.

### IV. Community Member Request(s)

- a) None.

### V. Open Issues

- a) (Rick or Scott) Was communication sent to Kevin/North Metro requesting refund? (BYF's league fees were increased for more qualified refs, but league didn't follow through.)
  - i) Rick talked with Kevin at NMYFL about refund. NMYFL follows the same policy as youth hockey for referees. If a referee is absent, the referees that worked the game receive an increased amount (split missing referee's portion).
  - ii) No discussion with NMYFL about qualified referees. Blaine representatives missed the NMYFL meeting. This will need to be discussed at the Spring meeting. Additionally, Board asked to recommend to NMYFL that if only one referee shows up, the game will be rescheduled.
- b) (Darrell) Have you heard any more on MYAS taking over North Metro and Twin Cities leagues?
  - i) Darrell reported back that MYAS has talked with John Swanson (TCYFL), and at this time, John Swanson is planning to continue running the league. No discussions with NMYFL.
- c) (Rick) Is there any more to report on the complaint regarding the 6th grade Wildcats assistant coach?
  - i) Nothing additional to report. Further discussion after new Board is elected and coaching surveys are reviewed.

- d) 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. **Did Scott or Chris reach out to any vendors for more information?**
    - (1) Scott received initial quote from Xtreme Apparel. Quote for sublimated jerseys was higher than Riddell. \$50-55 for one-sided, \$60+ for two-sided. Board decided to continue to discuss with the new Board in January.
- e) 4th - 8th grade pants
  - i) **When does HS want them?**
    - (1) Confirmed with Coach Smude the high school will clean them. Scott to schedule pickup with Coach Smude.
- f) Recertifying helmets and ordering equipment over the winter
  - i) Darrell confirmed BYF can order helmets and shoulder pads; Scott & Chris will confirm price point with Riddell for helmets and pads. **Did you get quote and/or price points?**
    - (1) Scott received quotes for helmets and shoulder pads from Riddell. Need to order by November 15th to guarantee current pricing.
    - (2) Darrell motioned to spend \$15,500 (2022 surplus) on new helmets and shoulder pads; All approved, motion passed.
  - ii) Board confirmed BYF will recertify 2016 helmets once they're all returned. **How many will be recertified?**
    - (1) Scott is working with Riddell Rep to recertify 2016 helmets. Final quantity will be reported at December board meeting.

## VI. New Business

- a) Were final paychecks sent for the scoreboard/field workers?
  - i) (Darrell) Yes, scoreboard/field worker checks have been sent.
- b) Invoice for Centennial/CR/SLP? (On last year's agenda . . .)
  - i) Rick to contact SLP and Centennial about payments for scoreboard workers.
- c) How did the mentorship go this season?
  - i) Overall, it went well, mentors reached out regularly and some of the new coaches relied for input/guidance. Need to further develop the mentorship and expectations.
- d) What are we seeing on the survey? (Results will be reviewed with "new" Board in January.)
  - i) Pushed to January's meeting for the new Board.
- e) Board Member applications - When will it open and close?
  - i) Darrell will coordinate updating the board application. Plan is to open first week in December and close on December 21st.

- f) What went well this season? What improvements can we make?
  - i) Pushed to December's board meeting for full Board discussion.

## **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?
    - i) If 2nd & 3rd grades remain with 8-man football, we need to relook at the rules and request changes (Adam).

## **VIII. Additional Topics**

- a) None.

## **IX. Next Board Meeting**

December 11 at 7:00pm; Blaine Baseball Complex

## **X. Adjournment**

Shawn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Darrell