

Blaine Youth Football

August 12th, 2018
BBC Football Shed, 7:14pm until 9:35pm

Board Members Present

Ken Downey, Eric Hargrove, John Daniels, Bill Shaughnessy, Jennifer Kinney, Jody Lindquist, Darrell Colman, Scott Holtzleicher,

Advisory Members Present

Ben Geisler, Heather Erickson

Community Members Present

2 of Lyons Assistant Coaches

Interview Kids for Field Set up

- Heard from 6 potential hires. Cade Downey, Paul Hargrove, Drake Archer, Noah Surma, Ron Provost, and Cole Thompson. Will put them all on the list to contact in a few weeks for open shifts. Eric will be the point person, Darrell will set up shifts on sign up genius or other (DIBS)?

Smashroutes

- Scott discussed video game learning program that helps kids learn plays/routes specific to your team. \$10 per kid per season. \$20 advanced data analysis. Link on website that you can try out. Willing to work with us for a trial period. Is someone following up on this?

Practice Fields

- 7/8th graders having some issues with field availability. Discussed possibly reserving Roosevelt and Northdale for next season (already reserved this season). HS will not allow youth practices on their fields. BBC is not ideal as it is a game field. Striping Machine is available if coaches want. Paint is about \$25. Readdress at May 2019 meeting.

2nd Grade team formation

- Next year, Work on getting initial rosters out 1 week earlier so coaches have time to secure assistant coaches before the coaches meeting. (put on agenda for June?) Geography more important than team #s at that age. Keep kids together from the same schools if possible. More than one person should be doing team formation/registration person & commissioner? Take equipment from registration person (jen will take equipment?)

End of Season Tournament

- Still a possibility, would be only Blaine teams. Readdress at End of September? Readdress again next year (May/June)

Equipment Update

- \$250 due from SLP for helmets. Ken will f/u
- Pants & Jerseys next weekend (Sunday 4-6, hand out 6-7)
- Discussed getting integrated pants. Consensus was that the older kids didn't like them as much as the girdles because the pads were stiffer and as they get older they don't

use practice pants anymore because there isn't much contact during practice. Keep process the same.

- Look into selling mouthguards next year. And maybe practice pants. Make a 1 stop shop for parents.
- Chinstraps – look into getting new ones if needed (something to check during shed cleaning next year)
- 6 kids left for equipment pickup. Last pickup will be Sunday during pants/jerseys pickup. Jody to send an email.

Registration

- All money collected.

Flag

- Get email out sooner next year. More communication to keep Coaches in the loop about Upcoming Dates.

Coaches

- Still some missing certifications for assistant coaches. Approved coaches must have lanyards at field to coach by scrimmages on 8/22. Eric can print lanyards and we will give them out to approved coaches only. Email from Bill to coaches letting them know all coaches must be certified by kick off or they will not be allowed on the field. Give out lanyards at kickoff.
- All Flag coaches are secured.
- Code of Conduct OK per board members.
- Jen – Team Managers. Do most teams have them? Something to bring up at next years coaches meeting or send an email? I am willing to help a parent get started with what to do. Table to later meeting.

Kickoff/Youth Night

- Kickoff is the 8/22.
- John and Ken will create schedule by Friday 8/17. 4th-8th grade only.
- Heather will send them # of teams by grade.
- 7 fields available per Coach Geisler. Better if we can start at 5 vs. 4:30.
- Save the Date email will be 4:30-9:00pm. Jen will send. Check with Heather if she has something prepared for HS. Vendors: Acapulco, Jet Pizza, Subway, Kettlecorn, Big Dipper, Blaine HS Football Attire and BYF sunglasses. Copy of email to board.
- Eric will make field signs, bring pylons or cones to mark end zones.
- Officials? Bill will check.
- Didn't discuss Youth Night – 8/30

Pictures

- Lifetouch Tues, 9/11 and Sat, 9/15 -8:30-2:30. Jen will double check on room reservation. Volunteers?

Sponsorship Contact

- Nothing new.

Fundraising

- Bowlero – discuss at a later meeting.

- Kickoff – sunglasses will be sold by BHS. Give them a % of sales. How much? Bill will check with Luke to see if they will let us sell at Baseball Uniform night.
- Chipotle – \$137.31 vs. \$150 last year. Lower % this year.
- Canes **Discuss at next meeting**
- Dick's weekend keep same weekend
- BWW – HS has standing fundraiser (mention TEAM A) Promote to our group? What % goes back to HS? Is it just Football or BHS as a whole?
- Urban Creations – fundraiser for 1 week. Email/facebook to our player families. 20% of sales come back to us. She takes all orders and payments. Orders picked up by Jen, then picked up by families. Go forward with it. Jen will handle.
- Heggies Jody, Jen will be at shed on Thursday from 6-8 to collect orders.
- **Accept credit cards going forward. Eric will check into paypal account.**
- **Sportpacks with BYF logo – Jody will bring next meeting to show. Maybe sell, maybe give away at golf tournament. Circle back May/June**

North Metro/TCYFL

- Next meeting on Wednesday. Schedule by the 25th?
- Spoke to community members about Basketball tryout schedule. He is on the Basketball board. Bill reached out and hasn't gotten a response. He will ask president to contact Bill.
- Refs – Kevin should be reaching out to Coach Geisler to send out Ref opportunities to HS kids.

Field Improvements

- Scoreboard for Lexington fields? **Will be ready by Season Start. No charge to use, but Refs will be in charge of taking out remote to provide to coach. Parent volunteers ok to run scoreboard. We will collect all revenue from advertising.**
- Bleachers at BBC **Table until next meeting**
- Net behind field goal at bbc, pads on posts **table until next meeting**

Open Topics

- TCYFL – no more meetings scheduled. Schedule should come out the week before games begin.
- Reiterated Board members attending games.
- 9/9 meeting – meet outside until 8pm.
- **Concussion Baseline Testing – Jen will send info to board and discuss at next meeting.**
- **Youth Camp – Coach wants to change timing so that ALL kids are at the same time and we could then start a little later. 6-7:30? Put on agenda for next May/June**
- **Need a check to Coach Geisler for Youth Camp. Does Eric have info he needs?**
- **Eval Night – make sure we have enough stickers next year. Need Parents to stay back.**
- **Dick's Cash from purchases for Bowlero. Buy Wagon for Shed - JEN**

Next Board Meeting

- Sept 8th 2018
- Outside at BBC - Meeting Room available at 8PM