

# Blaine Youth Football

Board Meeting Minutes  
March 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 7:45 PM at Blaine City Hall

## **Board Members Present**

Ken Downey, Troy Steinmetz, Brian Koste, Darrell Colman, Scott Sandberg, Jim Ristow, Eric Hargrove, and Heather Erickson

## **Community Members Present**

Jessica Villa, Tom Develice Amy Maurers, Mark Bryant, Bryan Erickson

## **Agenda Items**

### Board Position Elections

- Ken Downey and Brian Koste were nominated as board President
  - o Ken Downey elected President by the board members – Ken Downey received 6 votes Brian received 2 votes
- Brian Koste and Scott Sandburg were nominated as board Vice President
  - o Brian Koste elected Vice President by board members –Brian Koste received 6 votes and Scott received 2 votes
- Eric Hargrove was nominated and elected Treasurer
- Heather Erickson was nominated and elected Secretary
- Scott Sandburg, Darrell Colman, Troy Steinmetz and Jim Ristow will be Members at Large
- Tom Develice was appointed Advisory Board Member

### Term Years Defined

- President and Secretary will be 2 year terms
- Vice President and Treasurer will be 1 year terms
- Darrell and Scott - board position will be 1 year terms
- Jim and Troy - board positions will be 2 year terms

### Next Board Meeting

- Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 BBC

## Fundraising

- Research viable options for raising funds to help supplement Blaine Youth Football registration fees
- Pull tabs at Blainebrook and Ham Lake Lanes were mentioned by Darrell
- Restaurant give back night/months mentioned by Jessica
- Employer matching from some companies
- Blaine area businesses
- Sponsors – advertisements
- Velocity Training Days – Darrel has info - \$20 per athlete for 1 hour of training and Velocity makes a donation back to your organization
- Jim Ristow has been assigned to this, with support from board members and Jessica and Amy

## TCNYFL Representative

- Make contact with TCNYFL to be the Blaine representative for game scheduling and building a relationship with that organization
- Brian Koste has been assigned to represent Blaine Youth Football

## Presidents Goals/Ideas for Blaine Youth Football

- Establish budget and figure out where we are with the money standings
- Figure out equipment needs and splitting with Spring Lake Park
- Establish registration fees
- Focus on what is best for the kids
- Establish uniform – jerseys and pants
- Establish website

## Team and Coaches Development and High School Relations

- Troy Steinmetz and Scott Sandberg are assigned to this
- Youth clinics
- Troy mentioned that he would like to see a donation made back to the high school program Ken along with other board members stated that we can not commit to a donation at this time with the lack of funds for the organization but will reconsider in the future
- In the past 8<sup>th</sup> graders have not paid for football camp in the summer – the board should consider changing this in the future

## Uniforms and Equipment

- What are the league needs for equipment and uniforms for the 2014 season
- New helmets
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade helmets
- Shoulder Pads are low
- Pants and Jersey's
- Recertification of Helmets – cost \$3000 per year – about every 3 years
- New regulations for youth helmets coming out – weight limit on helmet
- Need to get an estimate of costs for each item
- Figure out how much of the budget is going towards new items
- Need to commit money every year for new pads and helmets – out with the old in with the new
- Obtain information about costs for uniforms this year
- Obtain information about cost for helmets and pads

## Preliminary Budget

- Come up with a preliminary budget for 2014
- Costs from last year
- New costs this year
- How are we going to allocate funds

## Volunteers

- How are we going to get volunteers
- Committee Members
- Grade level directors
- Fundraising events

### **Action Items for Next Meeting**

- Initial Budget
- Quotes for equipment: Jerseys, pants, helmets and pads
- Website set up
- League Insurance
- PO Box Set up
- Bank Account Set up
- Fundraising options
- Set up commissioner and director roles
- Volunteers – fees?? Hours?? People
- Coordinate play safety program
- Contact TCNYFL and establish Blaine representation
- Blaine youth Clinic coordinator in March
- Other Blaine clinic creation/organization
- Public relations in schools (carnivals and open houses)
- Advertising
- Signs
- Start up 501 (3C) approval process
- Order First Aid Kits
- Order Footballs
- Resolve registration cost concerns (5% for cc, scholarships, donations)

### **Action Items for Future Meetings**

- Officiating
- Team Formation model
- Clocks on the fields
- Field and city management