

White Bear Youth Football



January 8th, 2025 - Holiday Inn, Vadnais Heights

Attendance: Kevin Eicher, Jesse Hedinger, Kathy Kirkland, Scott Mueller, Nate Anderson, Chris Oswald, Casey Zafke, Aime DeWitt, Rick DeWitt, Meghan Levorson, Erin Hauber

Absent: Randy Spring

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Approval of Minutes: December 2024

- **Approved**

Public Input: None

Officer Reports:

- **President (Randy via Casey)**
 - Randy set up a meeting with Bartlett and Meghan on January 27th and they are working on another meeting with Kevin and Casey to discuss the 2025 Calendar.
 - TV at Podvin was taken down for the winter and is put away, and pest control is in place.
 - Nate will be taking on the USA Football connection and serve as SportsEngine Coordinator. He would also like to work closely with the coaches.
- **Vice President (Casey)**
 - Still waiting on a call back from Youth Lacrosse regarding concessions collaboration.
- **Treasurer (Jesse)**
 - Brian is putting together the year end report and will email it out to wrap up last year. Going forward Jesse will prepare it.
 - Quickbooks has been ordered. We can have up to 3 users (Jesse, Randy, and...?).
 - Taxes have been passed on to the tax preparer.
 - \$101,631 in the account currently. There are a couple checks outstanding that have not been cashed from the account yet.
 - \$500 owed to us by Manitou
 - \$282 to Lacrosse for paint.
 - \$1665.20 to Tom for paint.
 - Some raffle checks are still uncashed.
- **Secretary (Aime)**
 - Nothing to report.

GroupMe Vote For New Board Member:

- After an informative email from Erin Hauber introducing himself and sharing his experience and desire to join the board, a vote was done via GroupMe to approve Erin as a new board member as we start 2025.
 - Vote was unanimously *YES*, making Erin Hauber our newest member!

WBYF Coach to Association Survey Data:

- All board members should read thoroughly over the next month so we can dig in next month and use this data to steer any planning moving forward.
- There were many responses regarding:
 - Strong desire to see more offseason player development opportunities.
 - The lack of competitiveness and mismatch of WBL teams against other associations within the league, and concerns that they have A/B teams that create unfair advantages.

WBYF 2024 Scholarship Info:

- We give 2 \$500 scholarships each year to high school players that require an application from the players themselves.
 - Motion made to increase these scholarships to \$1000.
 - *Motion Approved*

Offseason Programming:

- Getting time in the dome would be a great way to create some offseason programming.
- Acceleration North is moving into WBL, and Kevin is going to try and work on a connection with them offering a deal to our families for player development.

Potential Calendar Dates:

- The following are potential dates that still need to be finalized:
 - Registration open: March 31st
 - Early bird would end June 8th, late registration opens June 9th.
 - Registration close June 29th
 - 7th/8th July 21s-24th evaluations without pads.
 - Emphasize to parents that these are NOT try-outs.
 - July 26th form 4th-6th grade teams.
 - July 28th-July 31st Bear Booster Camp
 - August 4th Mandatory parent meeting
 - Raffle tickets handed out
 - Youth Night will be the first Varsity game

Next Month Agenda Items

- Brainstorm ideas to incentivize coaches.
- Consider any calendar items that need to be added to the 2025 calendar.

Meeting Adjourn – 7:22 pm