



BFAB Meeting
April 14, 2011

Board Members Present: Mark Wald, Duane Arens, Dan Spriggs, Andrea Scamehorn, Doug Snyder

Members Present: Smith Bradley (can vote, been to three meetings)

Meeting was called to order at 7:09

Open mike discussion:

*Approval of minutes from 2/17 and 3/17 meetings -
Motion made by Spriggs/Snyder – unanimously approved both.*

Officer/Committee reports:

Mark gave an update of the Booster Meeting:

- * New Secretary Michelle Helfry replaces Catherine Janey.
- * Common refund policy discussed across the sports – universal and consistent.
- * Timelines for all sports was shared – lots of crossover between the sports!
- * Discussed issues relating to sports availability/age group (Booster stops at 8th – but what to do with the VFW, U16, etc type offerings....) will be discussed next month.

Equipment:

Helmet 50/50 buying policy – the group discussed questions regarding the possible option.

- What happens if someone takes helmet, quits early, etc? Need some legal advice.
- Any other programs to consult/compare with? None known at this time.
- Schutt will give us \$10 for every old/retired helmet that we turn into them.

Discussion: we need to draft language for the policy regarding 50/50 helmet purchase option. (helmet is the Schutt Recruit Hybrid with cushioning.....) Need to make sure that we also emphasize program helmets that we keep are also safe! 50/50 benefit is having the same helmet for your child/player for the length of time that it fits him and he is in the Booster program. Stipulation is that when it doesn't fit or the player is done with Boosters, it reverts to Boosters – it is the property of the program. We would collect and store at the end of the season, numbered/named. (Note also that full purchase will also available.)

Doug/Duane made a motion that we move forward with the 50/50 purchase option for helmets for all grade levels. Mark would like to have it on the registration form. Passed unanimously. (Smith Bradley will write a policy regarding this - PDF that



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explains what this is, what we are trying to accomplish, and a notice for registration form with link to PDF)

Fundraising:

Smith Bradley passed out a catalog of items/options for fundraising. Duane talked to Twins about concessions, they need 50 folks to be trained (10 work at a time) from our group. Pay about \$10 an hour. There is a waiting list, so it is not an option this year. Sports Boosters organization should consider. Xcel is similar, but there is a waiting list to get in there too.

Fields:

No report.

Secretary Treasurer:

No report.

Old Business:

Team formation: Policy discussed. Mark provided hard copies of the draft. There was an addendum added - written on Mark's copy. Motion made by Doug/Andie - policy passed.

Budget: Mark presented the 2011 budget - also actuals from 3 years past. Motion to approve budget as distributed at meeting made by Duane/Dan. Unanimously passed.

Coaches: Nomination/Approval of head coaches (last years' coaches take priority) going forward. Motion made by Dan/Doug - unanimously passed.

T-shirts: Motion made by Mark/Doug to sell them for \$10. Design shown at previous meetings.

New Business:

Mark brought forward a request regarding using flags/flagpole to communicate practice field condition. The Football Advisory Board provided \$44 for cost of flag - (Basically, when flag is red, field condition poor/no practice. When flag raised is green, field in good shape and practice is allowed). Doug and Dan shared concerns regarding amount of use we will be allowed on the practice field. And other members of the public use it without regard to a flag color. Ultimately, it will never be in perfect shape and it is a practice field. Many others use the field informally, how to enforce? We all should be able to use., as there are few options for our teams. The discussion of the issue was tabled.

Request for a Sanding/seeding contribution.



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The committee had received a request to donate towards the sanding and seeding of the fields.

Mark moved we donate \$100 toward seeding and sanding of field, Duane seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Concerns were raised as to when the seeding will actually occur. With information we were provided, the dates would conflict with dates we would begin practices and would not be allowed to use the fields (August). We have much more limited use of the fields than other sports. If seeding occurred in June, it would help football and practices.

Background checks:

Discussion regarding background checks for coaches. Cost is \$5 through the website, coaches do it online by a date specific. It is a secondary service – the company does the actual check., we do not have to deal with SS numbers, etc. Same check that Basketball program uses.

Mark/Doug made a motion that we use this service for background checks, passed unanimously.

Check is for both Head coaches and Assistant coaches.

Liability Insurance:

Note: Come to next Sports Booster meeting for more information on this topic. (Football has largest share - \$1700 year/not in our budget yet) We need liability, a and h. Eric Bloom did the investigating – both of these go hand in hand. (1st Wednesday of May 7pm) Insurance type is consistent across programs.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20.

Action item: Smith Bradley will write up 50/50 information for website online/distribution to parents.