

BFAB Special Meeting
June 12, 2011

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

Members Present: Smith Bradley, Trent Nelson, Steve Christoff, Chris Hergenrader, Rod Rabine, Randy Peterson, Rick Herschbach, Bill Ballot

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

A. Boundaries between coaches and board members

The football board is responsible for setting policy around the formation of teams and team size. The board provides support for the coaches but does not tell them how they should coach. Coaches are responsible for coaching. A question was raised about whether a coach can be removed, and the answer is yes. Refer to the SASB Coaches Guidelines document, [http://saboosters.com/uploads/2011%20Boosters%20Coaches%20Guidelines\[2\].pdf](http://saboosters.com/uploads/2011%20Boosters%20Coaches%20Guidelines[2].pdf).

B. Agreement over how the board and coaches together determine team size both now and in subsequent years

The second motion that was passed in this meeting eliminates a maximum number of players that can be on a team. If it is necessary to put a “cap” on team size in the future, we will need a consensus from the board and coaches on how to determine who will be on the team. In the past with football, spots are reserved for those who sign up first. Another possibility is to hold a tryout.

Team size for 9-player teams was discussed. We decided that it is not feasible to put an exact number on when a team should be split in two, because of the uncertainty of whether there will be enough coaches for both teams.

C. Given the board’s vision to include as many players as feasible, determine:

- Concrete solutions for coaches to deal with playing time with large teams.
- Strategy on how to present playing time expectations to parents.

The “Safety of Play” section on the football registration form was read aloud. This gives coaches a rationale for decisions made about playing time. Furthermore, there are other considerations a coach makes when deciding when to put players in a game. These include: 1) Player safety, 2) Player development, 3) Team interest and enjoyment of the sport, and 4) A reasonable chance for the team to win.

At the June 9 meeting, the board passed a resolution to adopt a handbook for parents and players. This handbook will be amended to include the paragraph above. This will also be included on the 2012 football registration form in the “Waiver, Rules and Guidelines Acknowledgement” section.

We discussed whether it makes sense for a board member to attend that first meeting with coaches, players and parents. The board member would be there to explain the philosophy behind including all who register. We will leave this up to the coaches.

D. Agreement with:

- 1) What we tell players on the waiting list for 5th and 6th grade
- 2) What we do about any others who register.

Mark Wald/Doug Snyder made a motion to repeal the resolution that carried in the June 9 meeting, "to include players onto 11-player teams until a limit of 30 is reached". *Motion carries unanimously.*

Mark Wald/Doug Snyder made a motion to allow all registrants up until the June 30 deadline. *If a player registers after that date, individual team coaches may allow additional players on their teams with the approval of the BFAB President. Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.