

## **BFAB Meeting**

July 7, 2011

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

**Members Present:** Randy Peterson (voting member), Steve Christoff (voting member), Jon Lynch, Bo Curtis

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Open mike discussion:** None

### **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President:** (Mark) gave a budget update. At the end of the year, we expect to have a balance near \$1,000.

**Equipment** – (Doug, Dan).

Equipment pick-up is July 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Doug has contacted Metro Athletic Supply. They will have someone there to help with the new helmet fittings. The Metro person will have sample helmets to try on. The helmets are in-stock, so the turnaround time from fitting to receiving the helmets should be quick. There are no shipping costs for the helmets.
- Doug suggested having a pre-meeting to go over how equipment pick-up will be run.
- Doug, Dan and Mark will meet in the equipment room to inventory football equipment such as first aid kits, footballs, etc. This will be done prior to July 14<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed the possible purchase of Shock Doctor mouth guards. Jon Lynch is an employee at Shock Doctor, and he said that they have a new sales representative for the Minnesota area. Shock Doctor partners with Metro Athletic Supply as a retailer of their products. We are not sure of the cost of mouth guards, but there would be a team discount. Part of the budget for equipment includes mouth guards at \$6 per player.

**Action items:**

- Mark will schedule a pre-meeting with coaches/board members for going over equipment pick-up.
- Mark will schedule a time to meet at the equipment room with Doug and Dan.
- Mark, Dan or Doug to work with Jon on getting pricing on Shock Doctor mouth guards.

**Fundraising:** (Karen and Duane).

The Village Fest activities will take place at Central Park on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We have a booth from 11 AM until we want to finish. We discussed the cost/benefits of selling window “clingies”, t-shirts and foam footballs at the booth. **Mark made a motion** to purchase a quantity of 150 seven-inch foam footballs along with a \$30 set-up fee for a total cost of \$442.50. Doug seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

We are still looking into possible sponsorship for the football program. Potential sponsors are:

- IHOP. Karen has left a message with them, but has not received a return call.
- Wal-Mart. With a month’s notice, they often will donate in-store credit on purchases. We could use this to purchase first aid supplies, etc.
- Applebee’s may donate gift certificates we could raffle off.
- Carrier is a company Randy Peterson does business with.

Activities at the booth have been finalized:

- We will sell t-shirts we purchased in January for \$10.
- We will sell the foam footballs for \$4.
- We are holding a football toss. The cost is \$2 for a try. The prize is a foam football.
- We will be raffling off one autographed Ben Lieber football, and we will have a silent auction for another.
- Karen distributed a sign-up sheet for two-hour slots. One person to handle the football toss and two people to handle sales.

**Action items:**

- Duane/Karen to contact IHOP, Wal-Mart and Applebees.
- Randy Peterson to contact Carrier.
- Karen to contact Melissa Nelson and/or Helen Siggelkow about getting the football toss “board” used at the Wilshire Park Fun Fest.
- Mark to contact Todd Niklaus about leading the football players in the parade and about whether the high school is doing a football toss.
- Mark to ask if a coach or two would be interested in leading football players in the parade.
- Duane to submit the \$10 application for marching in the parade. The deadline is July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Karen to order the foam footballs.

We tabled discussion on a fall fundraiser of ordering spirit wear from Tahoe Sportswear. Karen has contacted Steve Green from the high school parents’ group to coordinate an order from both Boosters football and the high school parents. She has not heard back from Steve.

**Fields:** no update

**Secretary Treasurer:** no update

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Review and Approve draft of Player/Parent Handbook.**

Mark discussed changes to the draft handbook, so that parents are aware of the board’s vision to be more inclusive in having players on teams. This led into discussion over the proposed “Playing Time” section in the handbook. Mark had forwarded this section to Boosters president, Tom Kuykendall. Tom made some changes to this. Everyone present agreed that reasonable playing time for football is different from other sports and that Tom’s wording reflects that. Doug suggested we add in “or players reluctant to play at a specific position” to the “Lack of depth chart at specific positions” bullet point. ***Doug made a motion*** to incorporate Tom’s playing time revision into the player/parent handbook with the addition of “or players reluctant to play at a specific position”. Sheri seconded this motion. The *motion carried unanimously*. The board and coaches present agreed that this playing time wording will be reviewed and discussed at a board meeting at the end of the season.

**Review and Approve draft of Code of Ethics for Coaches**

Discussion on this was tabled. Approval for this will need to occur via email.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Go-ahead to form additional teams at grades 2/3 and 4**

We have 31 players registered for both the grade 2/3 and 4 teams. **Mark made a motion** to form two teams at each level: grade 2/3 and 4. Sheri seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

### **Nomination of head coaches**

Mark gave a brief summary of the two people interested in coaching a 2/3 and 4<sup>th</sup> grade team. Dan mentioned it's important that coaches of these young players need to keep it fun for the players, so they will want to come back next year.

**Mark made a motion** to approve of Antonio Johnson as head coach for the 2/3 grade team. Doug seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

**Mark made a motion** to approve of Todd Franks as head coach for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team. Doug seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

### **Coaches training via Positive Coaching Alliance.**

Board members were interested in hearing more about this. A Skype call with a representative will be arranged for a future board meeting.

### **USA Coaching Clinic – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Both head and assistant coaches can sign up and submit a reimbursement request to Mark.

### **Action items**

- Mark to send all coaches a link to the USA coaching clinic

### **Status of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team**

We had five players register with an additional three who would play if there was a team. We made several efforts to engage this group to play again this year: coaches met with kids at the middle school cafeteria; emails were sent out to all prospective players; Doug Snyder called each of the families on this list; and a final call email was sent out for parents to respond by July 9<sup>th</sup> if they were interested in playing.

Eight players are not enough to form a team. **Sheri made a motion** for the St. Anthony Sports Boosters Football Program to not sponsor an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team this year. The board regrets having to make this decision and encourages those who signed up to play again when the opportunity happens. We are investigating the possibility of having these 8<sup>th</sup> graders play down a grade with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Doug seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

It should be noted that this grade has had low numbers all along. Last year was an exception in that several players came back after not playing in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They had a difficult season last year in not being competitive against the other teams. We

discussed the need to have a parent meeting at the end of the season in the event a team has a difficult season again.

**Head coaching change for next year**

With the possibility of Rick Herschbach helping out at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year, he is positioned to take over this team as head coach next year. The board wanted to assure Steve Christoff, the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade coach, that he would have a head coaching position for his youngest son's 2/3 grade team next year. **Mark made a motion** to approve of Steve Christoff as head coach of the 2/3 team for the 2012 season. Karen seconded this motion. The *motion carried unanimously*.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Wald