

**BFAB Meeting
November 10, 2011**

Board Members Present: Mark Wald, Dan Spriggs, Doug Snyder

Members Present: Chris Hergenrader, Randy Peterson

Open Mike Discussion: none

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 9/8, 10/13 and 11/10 meeting minutes – quorum not present, minutes will be sent out by Mark for approval via email.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President:

Gave a brief budget update. We are on track with the budget. Concern was raised that we keep enough money in savings in order to scholarship players who cannot afford the registration fee.

We discussed a possible pre-concussion testing night in the high school computer lab for boosters players. The understanding is the test is not so academic that it would preclude young players from taking it.

ACTION ITEM: Talk with Todd Niklaus. Do they offer the test for younger players?

Equipment: (Dan and Doug)

- Discussed black, integrated pants.
- Need to purchase new set of down markers and chains.
- Discussed jerseys
 - Some parents have commented that purchasing a new jersey each year is unnecessary as their child does not grow out of the jersey after a year.
 - Drawbacks to buying and holding jerseys:
 - Some players will wear the white jersey in grades 2, 3 or 4. Could buy reversible and keep jerseys on hand for something like a 3-year cycle.
 - We would have the overhead of storage and maintenance.
 - Players would not have their names on the back of the jerseys
 - After a year, some players' jerseys in still in good condition. Some jerseys are not.

ACTION ITEM: Doug will get a quote on black, integrated pants. Mark will determine the quantities for the different sizes we would need.

Fundraising: (Duane and Karen) none

Fields: (Rob) none.

Secretary/Treasurer: (Andie) none.

OLD BUSINESS

Need a policy for selecting an interim head coach during the season when there is a head coaching vacancy.

It was discussed that we could include something like this on the registration form: "In case of emergency, would you be willing to be the head coach". This would help identify candidates ahead of time.

NEW BUSINESS

Differences in opinion on when football practices should start

- Younger players tend to burn-out later in the season. The thought was that perhaps starting in late July is too early for them.
- Some coaches like starting in late July in order to do conditioning and teaching.
- Older grades (7th and 8th grade) may benefit from Coach Pinto's conditioning camp in late July. They would need to understand the camp workouts are rigorous.
- Consensus was that we should announce the official start of practices. Teams could hold optional practices before that, but players would not be expected to be there.

Central Park field

- We had complaints this year from opposing team coaches that the south side of the field is unplayable, because the baseball diamond is there.
- One St. Anthony player was injured from being tackled on the baseball dirt. Another opposing player was slightly injured earlier in the season for a similar reason.
- One idea is to have games at the high school practice field on Saturdays. However, this field does not drain well. We could not rely on that field being playable.

Board election process for next year

- Current board members to notify Mark of whether they would like to be on the board for 2012.
- Need to identify and recruit new board members.
- Would be helpful to state general expectations for board members, such as:
 - Attend 80% of the meetings

- Let people know if cannot be at the meeting.
 - Vote on issues via email if a quorum was not present at a board meeting.
- Meeting of the membership is January 19, 2012 at 7 PM. The new board will be elected at this meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8:10
Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Wald