



BFAB Meeting
June 14, 2012

Board Members Present: Mark Wald and Dan Spriggs

Members Present: Randy Peterson and Tom Kuykendall

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Parent/Member Open Mike and Comment Period

There were no comments.

New Business

- Tom Kuykendall spoke about having one overall boosters website using the Sport NGIN platform
 - Boosters Basketball currently uses Sport NGIN, and they are looking to minimize their costs. A solution is to reconfigure the site to be used for all Boosters sports, and have each sport contribute a portion of the cost.
 - Each sport would have a spot at the top-level navigation: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball. Clicking on Football, would bring you to a Football page with left-side navigation links. For an example, see how Red Wing's website is set up:
<http://www.redwingathleticassociation.org>.
 - Cost is \$780/year. There would be a one-time \$450 banner redesign cost to be shared across all sports except Basketball. Basketball originally spent a considerable amount of money to set this up, and it does not make sense to charge them again for doing the re-work.
 - So, the first year cost for Football would be $(\$450/5) + (\$780/6) = \$220$. The annual cost would be \$130 starting the second year and beyond.
 - The contract for Basketball runs out in November, so Tom is hoping to get this done by September.
 - Our current football website URL,
<http://www.orgsites.com/mn/huskyfootball>, would be redirected to the Football page on the new Boosters website.
 - In terms of website configuration, a generic football account would be created. By using that account we would create whatever accounts we deem necessary for administering football's pages.
 - Sport NGIN has registration functionality which Basketball used last year. This is something we can consider for next year.



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- Tom encouraged us to consider making an annual donation to the school district to help with the cost of field maintenance. Other sports are doing this to build goodwill towards the district. It should be noted that John Hummel, the district groundskeeper, also maintains fields that are on the city's property.

Generally speaking, other community-based sports organizations are expected to pay for the cost of field maintenance and facilities. In St. Anthony we are able to keep our operating costs down, because the city and school district does not charge us for field usage.

- Purchase of Black Pants
 - In order to keep costs down, we are recommending that the board vote to purchase the TAG brand of pants as these cost \$20.99 compared to the Alleson pants which cost \$28.99.
 - We looked at a table showing the averages of pant sizes used for the last three years. The recommendation is to order sizes more towards the middle. In other words, go less on the extreme sizes such as Youth XS and Adult 2XL. We need to know from Metro what the available sizes are.

Size	Percentage
Youth XS	7%
Youth S	15%
Youth M	23%
Youth L	16%
Youth XL	13%
Youth 2XL	1%
Youth 3XL	3%
Adult M	2%
Adult L	5%
Adult XL	2%
Adult 2XL	1%
Unknown	13%

- Using Black jerseys instead of White jerseys
 - There has been a request to use black jerseys if we need to form a second team at a grade level. We are recommending we continue with white jerseys, because 1) White is part of our school colors, 2) White is easier to see under the lighting at Central Park.
- Pop Warner Football rule change
 - We discussed a recent [change that Pop Warner has made regarding player safety](#):



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Under its new rules, effective for the coming season, which starts in August, **contact will not be allowed for two-thirds of each practice** - a move prompted by research showing that most of the hardest hits in youth football occur not in games, but in practice. The organization is also forbidding all drills that involve full-speed, head-on blocking and tackling that begins with players lined up more than three yards apart, as well as head-to-head contact.

- Dan brought up a recent Virginia Tech study. Here is an excerpt on that from a [New York Times article](#):

Stefan Duma, the head of the biomedical engineering department at Virginia Tech, oversaw the research published in February that prompted Pop Warner to issue its rules changes. The study, the first of its kind for participants that young, placed sensors in the helmets of seven youth football players ages 6 to 8 during their 2011 season. Calling it a pilot, Duma expected the impacts to be too inconsequential to record.

Results showed that about 95 percent of the impacts were between 15 and 20 g's — what Duma likened to an “aggressive pillow fight.” The other 5 percent spiked to 50 to 100 g's — what Duma characterized as a “car accident.”

Duma noted that collegiate and professional football players had a low risk for concussions at 100 g's. But research has shown that the damage from concussions can be cumulative, and that the brains of younger athletes may be particularly susceptible. So Pop Warner tried to lessen the number of impacts by reducing incidents in practice, when a majority of the “car accidents” took place, according to Duma.

- We discussed other ideas to reduce the amount of contact during practice:
 - Limit the amount of time doing full contact drills. You don't a half hour of the “Oklahoma” drill.
 - Once every other practice have them hit “live”
 - Dan mentioned he has coached at the high school level where they have done drills at half-speed, used tackling dummies and have done form-tackling walk-throughs.
- Overall, there was a consensus that the Pop Warner rule makes sense. We need to be committed to the preservation of our sport. We came away with a feeling that we should adopt the Pop Warner rule as our policy. Obviously, this needs to be an ongoing discussion with the head coaches before a policy is put in place.



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Old Business

- 50-50 Helmet Program
 - Of the 77 players who stopped in to check the size of their helmet, only one needs a larger size. If a used large is not available, we are recommending that this family contribute \$25 towards the cost of a new helmet or use a reconditioned helmet.

ACTION ITEMS

- Doug to find out from Paul at Metro what the available pant sizes are. Is the cost of the TAG pants \$20.99? We assume the TAG pants are the less expensive pair. Also, does the price go up for the larger sizes? When will the pants be shipped to us? Also, make sure we can get the football helmets in as soon as we order them in July.
- Mark to send out items to vote on:
 - Black pants – TAG brand
 - Changing the football website over to Sport NGIN along with the rest of the boosters sports.
 - Charging \$25 for the 50-50 helmet program if a player's new helmet from last year does not fit and there is not a larger size.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.