



BFAB Meeting
November 8, 2012

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

Members Present: Smith Bradley, Don Dvergsten

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Parent/Member Open Mike and Comment Period

There were no comments.

Officer/Committee Reports

- President – no report
- Equipment
 - Dan Spriggs reported that we have a lot of 10-11” and 11-12” shoulder pads but a smaller number of the large-sized shoulder pads. We will need to order more of the larger-sized pads.
 - Both Dan Spriggs and Doug Snyder noticed that although some of the shoulder pads have been around for a while, these still work well for providing protection.
- Fields – no report
- Coaches – no report

New Business

- Mark reviewed a presentation he gave at the St. Anthony Boosters board last night.
 - Board members noted it is quite an accomplishment to have the football program grow from 106 players in 2009 to 171 players in 2012. There is speculation that the program might grow to 200 players.
 - Decisions our board made in 2011 have led the way to this growth in enrollment.
 - We decided to guarantee all players registered before the deadline a spot on the team. Previously, players were put on a waiting list once teams reached a certain size.
 - We decided to continue offering equipment to reduce the “cost of entry” into the sport.
 - We decided to continue allowing 2nd players to play on combined 2nd/3rd grade teams that compete against all 3rd grade teams from Mounds View and Irondale.
 - The growth in enrollment means we need to be proactive in managing equipment.
 - We ordered 119 helmets last year and 43 helmets this year. We discussed whether it is worth it to recondition helmets. It will be important to research what other communities are doing. Dan Spriggs proposed that we set aside enough money each year, so that we can afford to recondition these helmets in the next couple of years.
 - All board members agreed that we need to be intentional about recruiting others to volunteer whether they serve on the board or in some other capacity.
 - One possibility is to make board meetings a little more social. Have an informal gathering with food and drinks.
 - Doug Snyder recommended that we require each grade level to have one person on the board.
 - Mark suggested we have a pre-season orientation meeting to go over the football



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program. At this meeting, we would discuss what the board does and make it know that volunteers are needed. Dan Spriggs mentioned the Central Park pavilion would be a good place for this.

- Mark highlighted some changes to board positions and responsibilities for next year.
 - New registrar position. This person will oversee the advertising and registration. Early next year we will need to decide whether we would like to continue with the current registration system with TC Web Tech, or if we should use the Sport NGIN platform.
 - We did not have a Vice-President this year. This is an important position, because this person fills in for the President.
 - Equipment Director is a big position. More than one person can be involved here. It is important we have someone dedicated to keeping the equipment room open a few days each week during August and part of September.
 - We added to Fields Director position this year with this person also ensuring the field schedules did not conflict.
 - Smith Bradley has some ideas on what to do for fundraising. Karen Arens mentioned we could sell the small footballs we purchased in 2011. These could sell for 50 cents each at equipment pick-up.
 - We would like to have the Treasurer take a more active role in budgeting.
- Board positions will be discussed and filled at our annual meeting on Jan. 17, 2013. The following have indicated they plan to continue on the board for 2013: Duane/Karen Arens, Dan Spriggs, Jared Hoylo, Sheri Wald, and Mark Wald.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mark to contact Larry Umphrey with Minneapolis Parks to see if they would like some white practice pants and pads.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.