



BFAB Meeting  
February 21, 2013

**Board Members Present:** Mark Wald, Doug Snyder, Dan Spriggs, Jared Hoylo, Rick Friebe, Rick Ballot, Sr., Duane Arens, Greg Mitchell, Sheri Wald

**Members Present:** Todd Niklaus (High School Head Football coach)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04.

**Parent/Member Open Mike and Comment Period**

Todd Niklaus discussed the following:

1. Coaching staff change for the High School team because Luke Tressel is taking a leave of absence to help out the Hamline College Football program where he played football.
2. St. Anthony Village School signed a 3 year deal agreement with BIG ([Business Impact Group](#)). The agreement helps raise funds for different sporting activities by the BIG group providing St. Anthony logo wear via a web page. There are many benefits to the football program from this agreement:

- If the community purchases logo wear or equipment from the website, they will receive a 30% discount off the list price and the football program will receive 10%.
- The community will look unified with wearing similar logo wear.

Other items to note:

- The high school football program received a good deal on New jerseys for the varsity team this year.
  - The website can only be posted for a one month window at a time. Current plan is to post website in May and again in July or August.
  - Todd is looking into possibility of BFAB receiving some proceeds from program for youth purchases. Currently, all proceeds go to high school football program.
3. A date of August 5, 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup> was proposed for Husky Week to coincide with Village Fest.

**Officer/Committee Reports**

President – Mark Wald

- We approved the meeting minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting. These can now be posted on the website.
- Football board positions for 2013 were approved as follows:



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President	Mark Wald
Vice-President	Vacant
Equipment Director	Doug Snyder & Dan Spriggs
Fundraising Director	Smith Bradley
Fields Director	Jared Hoylo and Rick Friebe
Coaches Director	Rick Ballot, Sr.
Registrar	Derek Stoeckel
Treasurer	Duane & Karen Arens
Secretary	Greg Mitchell
Board Member	Sheri Wald

- A discussion was held about the vacant Vice-President role/future President role.
  - The board feels it's important to emphasize with coaches and parents the importance of the BFAB and actively recruit for a future President.
  - It was suggested each Youth Football team have a representative attend all meetings as a method of bringing in new volunteers. The board thought suggesting is okay but requiring is not.
  - Both Sheri and Mark Wald feel it's important for a future president to be on the board or attend multiple board meetings before signing up to be the next President.
- The football league is considering using High School football players as referees for the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade football games. A question was asked to Coach Todd if he thought any youth would be willing to referee if a small stipend was provided.
  - Coach Todd thought a number of players would consider being a referee.
  - Board members suggested extensive training was needed with the potential referees to be both fair to the high school referees and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Coaches Director – Rick Ballot, Sr.

- Attended the Glazier Riddell Coaching Clinic on Feb 15th – 17th. Derek Stoeckel also attended. Rick provided the BFAB with some notes on from the different breakout sessions highlighting some of Minnetonka's football director Roger Lenahan suggestions on how to build a great program.  
[Rick Ballot notes from Coaching Clinic.pdf](#)

Board Member – Sheri Wald

- A discussion was held about 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and the best coaching system. The discussion focused on having long term coaches loop with kids for three years (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>) or continue to have parents coach.
  - Coach Todd would be happy with either system as long as they coach with his same "hole" numbering system.



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- Board members thought it was important to have a consistent coach because kids enjoy and look forward to having the same coach.
- No decisions were made.

### Other Discussions

- A discussion about rotating players to ensure kids play multiple roles and all kids play occurred. This was partially based on Rick Ballot's notes above. This may help with player retention. No decisions were made.
- The board would like Youth football players to get into the High School Football games for free if they wear their jerseys. Last year all kids were charged to get into the game. The goal is to get the younger kids to look forward to play High School Football and show the Huskie's colors. Coach Todd is going to approach Troy Urdahl with this topic and report back to the board next month. The goal is youth football players get in free for all the games, but the board will be happy with the homecoming game.

### New Business

- The board approved Registration will be open from May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. This starts during the school year and allows enough time to organize teams before the season begins.
  - In general, youth are guaranteed in the program during this time frame.
  - After this time, registration will be allowed if the coach/team/program can accommodate an additional player. (Aligns with BFAB goal of growing the program)
- The board reviewed the January 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 updated By-laws of the BFAB. The significant updates were:
  - Change the number of board members from 9 to 13.
  - Add the newly created Registrar to Article VI. Officers.
  - *A motion to approve revisions to the By-Laws was made with the proposed changes. **Motion passed unanimously.***
- The board reviewed the Coach Selection Policy.
  - Mark Wald brought up the coach selection policy does not deal with if two former head coaches wish to progress with their team and be the head coach the following year if there is only one head coach position available. (for instance if there were two 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams last year and only enough youth to have one 5<sup>th</sup> grade team this year.) Mark believes the policy should be updated.
  - A discussion was held with the following notes:
    - The goal is to keep great coaches and be fair to all coaches and the youth.



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- Possible add a second item to “Approval of Head Coaches from the previous season” to include items to consider when deciding on a head coach: (Items recorded represent most of the items discussed)
  - Years with Program?
  - Future Availability?
  - Relationship with President, Coaches Director, and BFAB?
  - Review coaching history? (player retention, observations of the board)
- No decision was made.
- The board discussed possible dates for a coaching clinic with High School Head Coach Todd. Todd will provide available/recommended weeknights in May before the next board meeting. It should not conflict with the board meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Coach Todd stated the High School practice schedule will change this year. Fields Directors will work with Todd to learn the impact to the youth program.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00.