



BFAB Meeting
March 14th, 2013

Board Members Present: Mark Wald, Doug Snyder, Dan Spriggs, Rick Friebe, Rick Ballot, Sr., Karen Arens, Derek Stoeckel, Greg Mitchell

Members Present: Steve Christoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:08. A quorum was met with 7 board members present.

Parent/Member Open Mike and Comment Period

No parents or open comments noted.

Officer/Committee Reports

President – Mark Wald

- We approved the meeting minutes from the Feb 21st board meeting. These can now be posted on the website.
- Thomas Kuykendall – SASB President (Overall St. Anthony Boosters President) is discussing “How to get a new president?” Comments are welcome.
- The Athletic and Parent Advisor Counsel (supported by the District School Board) is working on defining “How to bring in a new sport into the district? Comments are welcome.
- The St. Anthony Diamond Club is partnering with Baseball and has proposed updates to Field C2. Currently, a “snow fence” is used for the outfield fence. The proposal is to put in a temporary fence that will be removed when the season is over.
 - BFAB supports the proposal if the fence base adapter places are buried below the surface and are covered with dirt/grass during the football season for safety.
 - Steve Christoff said he was available to discuss/provide a drawing if required.
- Gary Goldsmith is discussing how to improve the grass on the soccer fields.
- Youth will get into the Homecoming football game if they wear their jerseys this year. Special thanks to Coach Todd for talking with Troy Urdahl.
- Results are in from last year’s Coaches survey. General highlights:
 - 81 returned surveys out of about 170 participants.
 - Every coach received a score of at least 4 out of 5.
 - Some parents commented on the end of the year tournament. Feeling the comments are from the younger players and the length of the season.
 - Proposed a “Parents Meeting” before the season to head off unknowns with parents and help explain the program.



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Equipment – Doug Snyder and Dan Spriggs

- We have about 250 shoulder pads.
 - Suggest we replace a number of straps and lace locks and pre-tape some of the straps to prevent buckles from coming off.
 - *A motion was made was made to purchase need supplies for shoulder pads. **Motion passed unanimously.***
 - Looking into possible reconditioning of pads
 - Suggested Parents and Pizza night to re-condition instead of paying for the service.
 - Enough board members volunteer and felt coaches would help instead of organizing parents to help.
 - The group decided on April 4th from 6:30 til 8:30 pm.
- We are in good shape for helmets
 - Will continue to do 50/50 for helmets, but only on special request.
 - Recommend saving yearly for new helmets
 - Since 50/50 was very successful in past years, no action was taken.
- A discussion was held about practice pants.
 - Practice pants help extend the life of game pants.
 - Board does not feel coaches be required to enforce the use of practice pants.
 - Three options were discussed:
 1. Budget money for practice pants
 2. Do nothing
 3. Suggest/encourage parents purchase practice pants, but do not enforce.
 - Informal decision to support the 3rd option.
 - Suggestion to get “Metro” to be present selling practice pants during equipment pickup.
- Still need to look into new game footballs and ensure practice footballs are the same size.
 - From Oct 11th, 2012 meeting minutes:
 - 2nd/3rd and 4th use the Junior size ball
 - 5th – 8th use the Youth size ball

Coaches Director – Rick Ballot, Sr.

- Suggest Parents meeting in July
 - Central Park
 - Possible Ice Cream Social
 - Board informally approved
- A discussion held about coaching. Included in the discussion were the following topics



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- What to do if 2 teams merged to 1 team the following year - No decisions were made
- Steve Christoff recommends finding a 2nd grade coach to eventually become the head 3rd grade coach.
- Bill Ballot wants to coach at least till 5th grade with Randy and Kurt.
- Steve Christoff recommends keeping 6th, 7th, and 8th grade head coaches in a rotation for coaching consistency.
- High School Head Coach Todd provided 10 dates that would work for the spring coaches meeting. The board informally agreed on April 16th.
 - Meeting to include concussion training.

Registrar – Stoeckel

- Derek plans to meet with Mark to discuss registration process.

Treasurer –Karen Arens

- Duane and Karen plan to meet with Mark to come up to speed on finances.

Old Business

Old business was skipped to conserve time.

New Business

- Football registration
 - Football is currently powered by TCwebtech.com
 - Parents have difficulty using the web software
 - A number of transactions do not go through and need tracking down by the board. This is time consuming and can be uncomfortable calling parents.
 - Basketball switched to the Sport NGIN platform
 - Sport NGIN platform has not seen the same issues.
 - Takes Credit Cards or Paypal
 - Very easy reporting page to extract list of register youth.
 - Scholarship can be made available with code.
 - Annual cost of platform is approximately \$600 more than TCwebtech. Cost would decrease if all St. Anthony teams would use platform.
 - Mark suggests we move to Sport NGIN platform to reduce board members time.
 - Informal decision to not accept cash unless no other option.



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- A motion was made by Mark Wald to switch to Sport NGIN platform and was seconded by Derek. A discussion occurred with the following notes:
 - Cost verse the amount of time required.
 - The increase in cost increase is an annual cost.
 - There are funds available to this year without raising registration fee of \$135.
- **Motion to use Sport NGIN platform passed 6 to 1.**
- Start of the football season
 - Husky Week will be August 5th – 8th
 - A date for equipment pickup occurred with possible dates of July 22nd or 29th. No date was agreed on. Decision needs to be made during the month to ensure community center is available.
 - A discussion was held about when to start the season. The discussion included:
 - A number of parents think the season is too long.
 - Overall with baseball is difficult for parents.
 - First football scrimmages are approximately 3 weeks after Huskie Week, difficult to organize team during in only 3 weeks.
 - Very difficult for new 2nd and 3rd grade coaches
 - Last year, 2nd and 3rd graders had skill assessment before Husky Week.
 - Huskie week is difficult for rookies (especially for 2nd graders)
 - Possibly hold “Rookie Camp” on Monday during Husky Week
 - No decisions were made.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mark Wald to reserve a Community Center Room for reconditioning of should pads and send out an email to coaches.
- Karen or Duane to setup a specific football account with Paul from Metro. They will use their own address, not the community centers address.
- Rick to communicate date to Coach Todd and setup Spring Coaches Meeting
- Mark to setup meeting with Derek in the next two weeks to discuss registration process.
- Mark to setup meeting with Duane & Karen Arens to discuss Treasury information.
- Mark to communicate Football is going with Sport NGIN platform with other St. Anthony Booster Associations our decision and suggests others convert for cost savings and consistency.

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm.