



BFAB Meeting
April 11th, 2013

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

Members Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. A quorum was met with 8 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 March 14th board meeting. These can now be posted on the website.
- It is the desire of the group to have a “To Do List” on future minutes to remind the group of decisions or tasks that were discussed relating to the future and not finalized or completed. An example of this is the Parents Informational Meeting to be held when the season begins.

Equipment – Doug Snyder and Dan Spriggs

- An email was received offering 60% off new helmets that have been stored 1-2 years. (This will affect the number of years the helmets may be used). The helmets are Rawlings brand, similar to our current helmets, Schutt.
- Dan is looking into the need and may order based on need.
- Re-conditioning of football shoulder pads was successful. Additional parts need to be ordered to finish the process.

Fields – Rick Friebe

- High School practice field will not be available the first two weeks. (It may be available between practices 9:30 till 11:45 am and 6:00 till 8:15 am)
- 7th and 8th grade will have to be on C2 or possibly part of C3.
- Wilshire Park will not be available after baseball because it will be reseeded.
- Options:
 - Youngest kids may need to play offsite?
 - Can the younger players split a field?
 - Lines can be painted in other parks?
- No decision is needed at this time.



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Coaches Director – Rick Ballot, Sr.

- Coaches meeting to be held April 16th.
- Agenda to be emailed out.
- Most coaches have confirmed (except 1)
- A few coaching positions are open
 - 2nd and 3rd grade
 - Prefer 2nd grade parents to coach.
 - 4th grade
 - 8th grade
 - Randy Peterson was the past 8th grade coach. The question was asked if he remains the 8th grade coach, would he be considered a new coach because he didn't previously coach the 7th grade team?
 - The coaching selection process is not specific about this.
 - Rick Ballot Sr. will contact last year's 7th grade assistant coach to ask if he is interested. If more than one coach is interested, will start interview process as defined in Coaching Selection Process.

Registrar – Derek Stoeckel

- Numbers are the key to a good football program
- A discussion was held about how to grow the program with the following options discussed.
 - How to get kids to invite their friends?
 - Go to baseball and recruit?
 - Possible shirts?
- No decisions were made.

Treasurer –Karen Arens

- An early budget was passed out and discussed.
 - Cost of registration website will be removed from the Registration Income line.
 - The budget for equipment is down this year based on past purchases.
 - Cost of Andover Football Preview line will be updated based on predicted number of teams.
 - Do we need to advertise in the HS Football program?
- The budget will need to be approved in the May meeting.

Old Business

- Equipment pickup dates:
 - Mark Wald proposed Monday, July 22nd and Monday, July 29th.
 - Most parents pick up the first day. Will need all the help possible.



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- A discussion occurred requesting the pickup dates not be on two Mondays. If the community center is available, Mark will attempt to schedule for Tuesday, July 23th instead of the 22nd.
- During equipment pickup, the players are weighed. Rick Ballot, Sr. wants to provide Pound/Red Strip t-shirts to players who fit this category to help with retention.
- Football Season/Starting Date
 - A number of comments from parents have been the football season is too long.
 - Mark Wald feels strongly not to start the week of the 22nd not to interfere with other sports and to not extend the season.
 - Historically, practice starts 1 week before Husky week (August 5th-8th). Usually, the older kids do not start in July.
 - Difficult to break 2nd and 3rd grade teams without skills assessment. Husky week may be difficult for first year players if they participate in Husky week without knowing their specific coach.
 - Possible starting dates for 2nd and 3rd graders
 - First practice on Saturday Aug 3rd and have a separate practice the first day or two of Husky week, then participate in Husky week.
 - First practice on Monday Aug 5th. Again, have a separate practice the first two days of Husky week before participating in Husky week.
 - Skills will be assessed during the Husky week.
 - The board recommends the 2nd and 3rd grade season start on or after August 3rd.
 - Start date for older kids will coincide with Husky week.

NEW BUSINESS

- Code of Ethics for Coaches was reviewed
 - Dan Spriggs asked "What is proper safety techniques? Do we have a standard?"
 - A discussion occurred with the following topics discussed.
 - Parents assume we teach proper safety techniques.
 - Proper safety techniques change as the players grow.
 - Can Coach Todd provide instruction?
 - Can we email or provide videos or links to trusted websites to coaches?
 - Funds are available to buy videos.
 - Should we ask the Head Coaches their techniques?
 - Should the BFAB refer to football as a violent sport or a full contact?
(Board feels full contact is appropriate)



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- The board agreed no changes were needed to the Code of Ethics for Coaches. A number of action items (documented in Action Items) were agreed on about proper safety techniques.
- Scholarships were discussed.
 - Mark Wald stated most other sports covered scholarships as a 50/50 or 60%
 - Football current policy or practice is to ask parents – Please pay as much as you are able. BFAB takes the word of parents and does not require proof of income.
 - A separate form should be completed per player, not per family
 - The registration website is able to provide one time use codes to provide discounts.
 - *A Motion was made by Derek Stoeckel (2nd by Karen Arens) to require a \$10 minimum. **Motion passed unanimously.***
- Maximum family cost
 - Basketball limits the family maximum cost to \$300.
 - *A Motion was made by Mark Wald (2nd by Derek Stoeckel) to create a football family maximum cost of \$325.*
 - A discussion occurred about the cost. The original motion was amended have a max value of \$300. *New motion reads “create a football family maximum cost of \$300.” **Motion passed unanimously.***
- Registration Forms
 - Do we need a registration form with the new registration engine?
 - The new system can provide coupon codes for scholarships.
 - Do all parents have an electronic payment method (Credit Card) to register online?
 - BFAB recommends all players be entered into registration engine either with coupon code or manual entry.
 - If no registration form, a flyer is need to provide to kids with registration information on it. (Derek Stoeckel took action item)
- Yard Signs
 - New yard signs need to be ordered with the correct website link.
 - Old signs say SAboosters.com
 - New signs to say SAboosters.org
 - The rest of the sign to remain the same
 - New signs will be ordered by Mark Wald. Signs cost about \$70 for 12.
 - Derek Stoeckel will help determine sign location placement.

ACTION ITEMS

- Rick Ballot Sr. to talk with Coach Todd about having some of the larger high school football players present for weigh in to provide encouragement to Red Strip players.



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- Sheri to provide T-shirt ordering contact information for ordering T-shirts for Red Strip players.
- Rick Ballot Sr. to request Coach Todd discusses proper safety techniques during coaches meeting.
- Rick Ballot Sr. to provide links or update website to provide proper safety techniques videos or links in the Coaches Corner.
- Mark Wald will modify the current scholarship form to reflect the \$10 minimum.
- Mark Wald to send Registration form/flyers to Derek Stockel
- Derek Stockel to new Football Flyer for kid's backpack.
- Mark Wald to order new signs to advertise football registration.
- Rick Ballot Sr. to talk with last year's 8th grade assistant coach to determine interest in being head 8th grade coach.
- Karen Arens to review past T-shirt orders and prepare to order more shirts if "Huge Sale" occurs.
- Rick Ballot Sr. to determine number and size of new coaches' shirts will be needed.
- Mark Wald to provide cost of Website fee to Karen to be included in budget.
- Dan or Doug needs to order more supplies for reconditioning shoulder pads.

To Do List:

- Parents Information Meeting at the beginning of the season.
- Approve football budget in May.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm by Karen Arens (2nd by Derek Stoeckel)