



BFAB Meeting
November 11th, 2013

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

Members Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. A quorum was met with 8 board members present.

Parent/Member Open Mike and Comment Period

- A presentation was done for Youth Rugby by Libby, Katie, and Tom Lavin.
 - Minnesota Youth Rugby Association is growing in the Twin Cities and looking to add teams. (Part of USA Rugby)
 - Goal is to start a middle school team (6-8th grade boys/girls)
 - Teams would need 10-15 players
 - Propose Wednesday night
 - Spring sport (May/June)
 - Totino Grace and Mounds View both have clubs now.
 - Goal: ask for informal support from St. Anthony Football Board.
 - Mark Wald suggested they contact Jeff Halet who recently started a club for trap shooting.
- Introductions were done because a number of new parents attended.

Officer/Committee Reports

President – Mark Wald

- The board meeting minutes from October 10^h were approved.
- Due to holiday schedules, there will be no December Board meeting.

Equipment – Dan Spriggs and Doug Snyder

- Preliminary assessment indicates we may need to buy additional pants and maybe some pads for the 2014 season.
- Mark will provide Dan and Doug with a count of current equipment
- Based on current count and anticipated usage, Doug and Dan will provide Karen with a recommendation as to 2014 equipment budget, which board will review in January.
- Dan and Doug will also make recommendation on how often we should be buying new pants to replace damaged.

Special recognition was given to Doug Snyder for his above-and-beyond work on behalf of the Youth Football Program over the past several years. His efforts – both official and unofficial – have improved our program and set the stage for the future of football in St. Anthony. Thank you for your dedication to development and well-being of St. Anthony's kids, Doug!



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Fields – Jared Hoylo and Rick Friebe

- By Spring, need to make sure C2 middle lights are working properly – need to include a reminder during our March meeting.
- Poor condition of C2 field needs to be addressed. Rick and Jared will work with Gary Goldsmith from the Boosters and the soccer coach to discuss.

Coaches Director – Rick Ballot, Sr.

- Post-season coaches meeting had about 50% turnout. Thanks to Solar Arts building for hosting event.
- Parent survey has been sent, awaiting responses.
- Rick and Mark will determine how results will be distributed to and/or reviewed with coaches.
- Overall, we had a great group of coaches this year at all grade levels. Sincere thanks to all who volunteered their time to coach the kids!

Registrar – Derek Stoeckel

- No update, but Derek would like to be part of the budget sub-committee, particularly as it relates to determination of fees to be charged in 2014

Treasurer – Duane and Karen Arens

- We are spending slightly more than the program took in this year.
 - We are still under budget, however, thanks to a surplus from last year.
 - Karen will assemble a subcommittee to review preliminary budget to Board in January.
 - Final budget will be approved during February board meeting.

Fundraising – Open

- Mark suggested the Football Board organize 20 parents/family volunteers to work the basketball tournament in the spring. In so doing, the Football Boosters would be eligible for a cut of the registration fees from that tournament.

Old Business

- Mark Wald made a motion to change the bylaws to offer tackle football for grades 3 thru 8th grade next year (removing 2nd grade). The motion was seconded by Rick.
 - Questions:
 - Currently ten 2nd graders. Will enough kids be present to form a 3rd grade team? Typically, more 3rd graders play football than 2nd graders. The general feel is yes, there would be enough kids to support a 3rd grade team next year.
 - What do other clubs do? Other teams in league only allow 3rd graders. This makes it difficult for 2nd graders to complete because of the size difference.



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- Will this affect income? Yes, however most costs are based on number of teams and number of players. (The board will need consider the reduced income for next year's season when the budget is put together.)
 - Reduced expenses: Less teams means less referee fees, etc.
 - Increased expenses: Advertising costs remain the same.
- What does High School Football Coach Todd think? He does not support 2nd grade football.
 - The motion was unanimously approved to change the by-laws. Mark Wald will update the by-laws and post.
- Mark Wald made a motion to offer flag football for 1st and 2nd graders next year. The motion was seconded by Karen.
 - Questions:
 - Are there other flag programs around? Yes, New Brighton Parks and Recreation has a program where the kids practice on Saturday morning for an hour, then play a game.
 - What would the costs be? An estimated cost was put together of \$35-40. This is in line with most community sports.
 - When would they play? Probably Saturday mornings for 6 weeks during the normal football season.
 - Do we have fields to support? The board feels yes.
 - What would the rules be? The rules have not been determined.
 - Will we create a board position? Maybe.
 - Should a subcommittee evaluate and put together a proposal? Yes, Mark Wald will lead with the help of Rick Ballot Sr. and Duane Arens.
 - The motion was tabled until the subcommittee puts together a proposal.
- Greg M quickly covered the subcommittee for reducing the president's role. He handed out a proposed Board Position Suggested Duties, which more evenly allocates responsibilities across multiple board members. These will be posted on the website with small edits and improvements. No vote is required because this is not part of the by-laws.
 - The monthly tasks spreadsheet is being updated to the reflect changes.
 - Assignment of newly-defined roles will take place during the January meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ACTION ITEMS

- Next Board Meeting – January 16th, 7:00 pm. Agenda Items:
 - Results from Flag Football sub-committee (Mark)
 - Preliminary Budget Review (Karen)



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- Fundraising Planning – Basketball Tournament volunteering, business sponsorships, etc. (Full Board)
- “Heads Up” Football program – next steps
- Mark Wald to lead a committee on starting Flag Football – Present at next board meeting.
- Mark Wald to provide pointers to Tom Lavin before he approaches the All Sports Boosters Board.
- A subcommittee for the 2014 budget will be formed in January – Karen A.
- Mark will provided Doug and Dan an updated inventory of equipment.
- Doug and Dan will provide Karen with estimated equipment budget for 2014.
- Greg will add reminder/agenda item in March meeting to ensure field lights have been fixed by the city before summer.

Email Motion(s)

- None

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm.