



BFAB Meeting  
April 10, 2014

**Board Members Present:** Chad Gillard, Rick Ballot, Rick Friebe, Paul Mountain, Greg Mitchell, Derek Stoeckel, Matt Lund, Dan Spriggs, Sheri Wald, Mark Wald

**Members Present:** Rob Evans

The monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 20, 2014 were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS/LAST MONTH'S ACTION ITEMS**

Greg

The equipment pick-up on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> will be in the gym because the multipurpose room was already reserved.

Derek

We can use the USA Football logo on our registration page. Every coach needs to be heads-up certified. Coaches will need to pay the \$5 to sign up and will be reimbursed by Boosters football. The high school is also going to do heads-up. Heads-up training includes concussion awareness, hydration, safety, and equipment fitting. Greg will sign up on the USA Football website as a commissioner and will nominate Derek as safety coach.

Rick

The city is seeding the C2 field. Split seeding starts at end of April. Then, the field will be fertilized and re-seeded. The city will be putting "No Use" signs up on C2. At this point our understanding is that C2 will not be available for use this fall. We need to know as soon as possible if we will not be able to play games, so that the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade league can make plans. We also discussed the possibility of having a 60-yard field on C1. If so, we could still have 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade games at Central Park. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade games could be played on Saturdays on the varsity practice field as long as the high school does not need this field on Saturdays.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dugout Covers**

Baseball is adding dugout covers on C2 and C3. Also, the first base C2 dugout will be extended 20 feet for storage. *Mark made a motion to pay \$50 to baseball to help defray the cost of dugout covers. Derek seconded.* We did not budget for this, and our planned expenses this season are greater than expected income. **We decided to table a decision on this until the end of the football season.**

**USA Football equipment grant**

Mark discussed how each year USA Football awards grant money towards football equipment. With our implementing Heads-Up this season, we could use grant money to pay for the cost of half round tackling dummies. The deadline for grant submissions is 11:59 pm EDT on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Our goal is to finalize the application by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We discussed various reasons why we feel we deserve a grant.

- We are implementing Heads-Up and need the proper equipment.
- A generous portion of our revenue goes towards providing players with equipment and giving out scholarships.
- Compared to other programs in the area, our registration fees are lower.

Greg agreed take point on our applying. He will reach out to other board members for help in editing the essays required in the application.



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**Board policy on playing up a grade**

We have lower numbers for next year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade team. This group typically has low numbers for other sports as well. We think we will have enough players to field a 6<sup>th</sup> grade team this fall, but we need carefully watch the registration numbers in case we need to take action in order to add more players to the team.

One possible action is to allow players from the younger grade to play up a grade. League policy requires parental consent for this. At this point we do not have a policy on whether or not players are allowed to play up.

**OFFICER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice-President, Greg

No report

Coaches Directors, Rick and Matt

Rick has a goal to have more clarity over the definition of playing time. He will be seeking out head coach input on that. We discussed what fair playing time means. There is a concern over the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade league rule not being followed as closely as stated. Each player needs to be in a third of all the plays. Dan suggested the coaches' directors have a couple mid-year check-ins with the coaches. Rick Friebe mentioned that it works well when a coach is specifically making sure players get in. We stressed communication with parents when their child does not want to play. Rick wants to cover this with coaches the next time we have a coaches meeting.

Registrar, Chad

We clarified that the family maximum for registration is \$300, which now seems a bit low since we increased the registration to \$160. *Derek motioned to have a family maximum of \$400. Matt seconded.* \$400 is 2.5 times the registration fee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Regarding scholarships, we will continue with having families pay a minimum of \$10 towards the cost of registration. Greg noted that we spend a minimum of \$50 per child. We will encourage scholarship families to pay at least \$50 to help cover costs.

Equipment, Dan and Derek

We will purchase equipment as needed. We will not do any ordering at this point until we know what our registration numbers are.

Secretary, Mark

Mark asked a question about flag football and tackle football flyers. These will be separate flyers. There was a recommendation to have a spot on the sign-up form for people to indicate if they are willing to volunteer to organize flag football.

**Action Items**

Greg

- Sign up on USA football as a commissioner and nominate Derek as player safety coach.
- Take point on the Equipment grant. Find out when we would be award the grant if our application were to be accepted.
- Email families about upcoming registration

Chad

- Continue on designing Puppy Pound logo for flag football.
- Continue with creating a flyer for tackle football.
- Connect with Derek on how to distribute flyers at the schools.



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Rick and Paul

- Check in on field availability for C2 this fall. See if C1 could be a back-up for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade games. See if the varsity practice field could be a backup for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade games.
- Provide list of head coaches in May for board to approve

Mark

- Email Greg the addresses from last year's families
- Email Chad list of people who had yard signs two years ago.

Derek

- Will attend the May 7<sup>th</sup> Boosters board meeting as our representative

Motion to adjourn at 8:25.