



BFAB Meeting
Feb 12, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

Board Present: Karen Arens, David Bolnick, Rob Evans, Rick Friebe, Chad Gillard, Dan Spriggs, Greg Mitchell

Members Present: David Deiman, Angie Carlson, Todd Nickolas

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Jan. 12, 2014 meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Rob and Greg updated website.
- Rob sent out intro email.
- Email sent to coaches about Coach Director opening.
- Rob contacted schools about Football boosters and was in the daily email.
- No updated for Equipment Directors, need to order. Recommend March for equipment clean up/refurbishment.
- Emailed Michelle about Flag Football and how to integrate into program. We heard she received the email and will respond, but didn't have time yet.
- Updated board positions document. Will update to website.
- Book Club will start with "Inside out Coaching by Joe Ehrmann"

New Business

- Year at a glance was reviewed:
- Registration dates will be May 18th - July 1st.
 - Discussion - is it too long? May want to shorten to promote registration early. Chad does have the signs.
- Policy review is being pushed back until after the Football Priorities Excessive
- Chad Gillard will be fundraiser.
- David Deiman will help with field's director.
 - **Motion was made and approved for both Fundraiser and Field's Director.**
- Fields maintenance will be discussed at the March Overall Boosters meeting.



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Flag football

We asked Coach Todd for his opinion

- Key to football in the 3rd grade is the coach. Good coach - no issue. However, he feels he may lose kids if they don't have a positive experience. If we don't have enough kids to play tackle, we should make sure they have the opportunity to play flag. Flag football will reduce injuries. Every kid can touch the football in flag. Feels good age for tackle is 5th grade.

Comments from board members

- Has experience that he can teach older kids how to tackle, experience is good, but not required.
- Karen is in favor with moving up the age group.
- Chad feels we could play flag in-house for earlier years and could transition to traveling. Recommends we create a board position for flag football so we have a consistent contact and response.
- David B believes we need to let society lead us.
- End of year survey for flag football had four 2nd grade parents respond, two recommended 3rd grade, two recommended higher grades.

Football Board Priorities:

High School Head Coach Todd was asked to attend the meeting and tell us what is important to him and his program and how we can better our program. This is a quick summary:

- Must do something fun each day.
- Each kid must get better each day.
- Want each kid to come out next year.
- Number one input to his priorities is the coach.
- Playing time is important. Should be able to have balanced playing time, but not balanced touches.
- Good coaching - coaching is being smart with where to play kids.
- Granted - everyone wants to carry the ball - there is 22 positions - best 11 are playing defense. Difficult job to spread the fun.
- Everybody wants to win - nobody wants to get beat up and loose. Will kill a program.
- What about safety - put them on offense. Put two receivers out there.

The board completed an exercise to help our board prioritize our efforts. A list of 12 or 13 items was created and then combined down to five items. An order importance was generated.

1. Player Safety
2. Positive experience
3. Skill Development / Character development
4. Player Retention/Expansion
5. Coach retention / Recruitment / Development
6. Parent Education to drive Support and Engagement



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Other Notes:

- Subcommittees are being tabled for one more month.
- Dan brought up Andover Preview and how much stress it is on the kids to play very large teams. Should bring up at the coaches meeting to talk about positive and negatives. Board discussed having our own preview for similar sized schools.
- Karen brought up need to find a league with similar numbers to our kids. Rob and Greg will continue to look.

Officer Committee Reports

President, Rob

- Iron/Mounds View wants to have a league meeting. Will Discuss Flag and 3/4th grade.

Vice-President, David

- No updates.

Coaches Director - Open

- NA

Equipment Director - Dan Spriggs & Derek Stoeckel

- Acceleration North wants to talk for 10-15 minutes.

Registration Director - Open

- NA

Fundraising Director - Chad Gillard

- NA

Fields Director - Rick Friebe

- No update

Treasure - Karen and Duane Arens

- NA

Secretary - Greg Mitchell

- No update

At Large Board Member - Rick Ballot

- NA

Action Items

- Greg reserve lunchroom for next meeting.
- Dan and Derek organize refurbishment - order supplies.
- Greg will follow up with Michelle (flag)
- Greg will contact overall boosters about book club.
- Greg will update webpage.

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 PM.