

Blaine Bengal Dugout Club Meeting

February 3rd, 2016

7:00 Room 101

Board Members:

Ernie Johnson – President

Mark Sonaglia – Vice President

Mike Laciskey – Treasurer

Wendy Chudek – Secretary

Scott Wuertz – Senior Parent

Pete Riola – Junior Parent

Deanne Miller – Sophomore Parent

Diane Mullins – Freshman Parent

Attendees: Coach Feigum, Ernie Johnson, Mark Sonaglia, Mike Laciskey, Wendy Chudek, Scott Wuertz, Pete Riola, Deanne Miller, Diane Mullins, Eric Pardo

1. Meeting minutes approval process
 - a. The board approved the following process - Once the minutes have been sent to the board for review, no response or feedback from any member after 72 hours means automatic approval.
2. Winter Clinic Update.
 - a. 19 players currently registered.
 - b. Last year there were 30 kids, so would expect at least that many, including most incoming freshman that are trying out.
 - c. The assumption is that more will register after communications and word of mouth.
 - d. Ernie will contact several past and present coaches from the traveling organization in those age groups and ask them to directly contact those kids in an effort to increase registration.
 - e. Wendy to work with Todd at Rebyl Sports for t-shirts. Ask for a few artwork samples to choose from. Blaine Baseball t-shirt, no winter clinic verbiage needed.
3. Feb. 10th PAWS meeting.
 - a. Promote clinic.
 - b. This meeting will be for all grades 9-12.
 - c. Players can pick up their pass from activities office on Friday.
 - d. Players can pick up apparel items at meeting, or will be in Coach Theisen's room after meeting.
4. First week tryout schedule, cutting players plan
 - a. Tryouts are scheduled for the week of March 21st.
 - b. Dates are posted on website calendar.
 - c. Thursday, March 24th will be final cut day.
5. Cub Foods bagging plan for Good Friday, March 25th.
 - a. Cub Foods off of 65 and Main Street
 - b. Assign to kids that have not yet bagged first.
 - c. Perhaps assign times by team?
 - d. Monday the 21st Eric will send list of all players trying out to Wendy and Deanne.
 - e. More information will be sent out closer to date.
6. VFW tournament update.
 - a. 12 confirmed teams, waiting on 2 more. (Includes 2 Blaine teams)
 - b. Can take up to 16 teams
7. Banquet
 - a. Sunday, June 5th, 2016 5:30PM Majestic Oaks
 - b. Ernie will send e-mail to Majestic Oaks to confirm date
8. Senior Night
 - a. 5/23/16 5:00 against River Falls
 - b. This event is organized by the Junior parents

9. Staff Appreciation Night
 - a. Consensus of board is not to do again this year
10. Season Kickoff Meeting
 - a. March 30th, 2016 8:00PM, in Fieldhouse
 - b. Have copies of sponsor fundraising information for distribution
11. Fundraising – Discount Cards
 - a. Kickoff: 3/29/16 at 2:40 in IMC
 - b. Checkpoint: 4/1/16, players should have 10 cards sold
 - c. Checkpoint: 4/8/16, players should have 20 cards sold
 - d. Blitz: 4/13/16 5:30 – 8:00PM all players
12. Additional fundraising ideas.
 - a. Buffalo Wild Wings – Go eat, get 10% back to the baseball organization
 - i. Table for now
 - b. Pull tabs
 - i. Pete to look into the process and requirements to see if this is an option for the baseball program. He will pull in others as needed.
 - c. Raffle at player banquet
 - i. Agreement from board that this is a good idea for the banquet.
 - ii. Revisit in upcoming meetings
13. Finance Update – player pack discussion.
 - a. Received \$9,000 in donations for batting cage, \$12,000 spent so far with \$3,000 more needed for poles and concrete.
 - b. Budget is tight this year.
 - c. Banquet has to break even this year, lost \$900 last year.
 - d. Board agrees to an increase of \$15 for player packs to cover costs of equipment
14. Other sources of revenue
 - a. Ernie approached the school district asking for an additional assistant coach as there are many times that the only district paid coach at a Varsity game is the head coach. The athletic directors have included this proposal in their 2016-17 budget however, this budget must still be approved by the school district.