

Attendees:

- Brad Sanders
- Dave Dexter
- Jess Zwart
- Laurie Wold
- Doug Driver
- Eric Simmons
- Abbey Pullman
- Frank Serna
- Jon Behrens
- Marty Cavegn
- Mike Mock
- Nick Quesnell
- Jesse Westlund
- Jeremy Nelson
- Heather Jacobson
- Coach Mike Diggins

7th grade football concerns:

- Board had received some parent concerns that the 7th grade player skillset was not evenly distributed amongst all the 7th grade teams. This led to one team being more inexperienced and unable to compete in the current league with their peers.
- Board had offered to coordinate practices between all three 7th grade teams to ensure all the teams could practice together so kids could learn different skills from different coaches. There was a gap in communication resulting in those practices not taking place.
- Need to assess the skill level of each 7th and 8th grade team prior to the beginning of the season to gauge which league level the teams should compete in. All Centennial teams have historically competed at the highest level and it was not clear that the league had multiple competitive levels. The issue exists as the league needs to know in the spring which level teams are at, but teams are formed until July. For the team in question, last year the team had a record of 6-3. Regardless of knowing whether there was a competitive league or not, this team would have likely been entered into the competitive league solely based on their previous record. It's almost impossible to predict how a team would do.
- A couple parents expressed concerns on the draft. The board shared benchmarking that had been completed prior to the season to identify best practices around player drafts.
- Parents had expressed concerns that they are unaware of volunteer opportunities. The CYFA board is very small and in the past year, a number of parents offered to help, however, they did not deliver and it resulted in additional work load and scramble from the board. The board confirmed that there is a need for more parent volunteers and engagement.
- There was miscommunication around additional games only being counted as a scrimmage and not a game. The board clarified that the scrimmage could indeed be counted as a game. This was added to the official schedule.
- Parents highlighted the success of the 8th grade season and liked how Coach Diggins helped evaluate the teams that had potential skillset gaps and the coaches worked together to trade players to offset.

Future Considerations | Next Steps

- 7/8 grade teams identified as non-competitive
 - Ask coaches to assess the skill level of their team prior to the start of the season to identify whether to play in the competitive league or not.
 - Identify a reporting process for coaches to flag any teams they identify as non-competitive once the season starts so the league can be notified and schedule modified as possible.
- All 7th grade teams practice together at the beginning of the season, like 8th grade
- Coaches of competitive teams need to reach out to non-competitive teams to see if they need help or assistance, scrimmage, etc.
- Additional Board Volunteers
 - Evaluate whether additional positions are warranted and amend the bylaws
 - Commissioner for each grade to help identify non-competitive teams
 - Apparel – someone to help with design, etc.
 - Combine Owner: week long mandatory practice with evaluations and players identified that is required for coaches/players to attend prior to the draft; kids can get to know other coaches vice versa
- Implement a survey that is required for parents to complete during the registration process with the following questions to help with drafting
 - Height, weight, skill level experience, etc.

Next board meeting on Nov 1st at 7pm at Lucy's. The reservation has been confirmed.