

January 2023 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Shawn called to order the regular meeting of Blaine Youth Football at 7:04pm on January 8th, 2023, at BBC.

II. Roll call

The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members: Shawn, Darrell, Chris, Scott, and Adam

Advisory Members: Matt Smude

New Board Members: Jesse Schwartz, Greg Bauman, Rick Japor (Re-elected), and Jebedia Kuseke

Community Members: Corey Dexter and Tamzyn Grant

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Shawn motioned for December meeting minutes to be approved. Motion passed; December meeting minutes approved.

IV. Community Member Request(s)

- a) Corey Dexter- Requested to Volunteer as a Non-Voting Board Member and oversee Flag Football

V. Open Issues

- a) Board member elections
 - i) Election Procedures
 - ii) Voting 4-6pm online – send email and post on FB when voting window is open.
 - iii) Counting Votes – Darrell, Shawn, Chris (About 15 minutes)
 - iv) Jesse Schwartz was the only one over 50%. Voted for the next 3 vote getters to also join the board. Greg Baumann, Rick Japor, and Jebediah Kuseske were voted in.
- b) Announcing of Elected Members – Tamzyn to post new members on website, Board contacted new members to have them join meeting.
- c) Election/designation of positions
 - i) President – Chris
 - ii) Vice President – Rick

- iii) Secretary – Jesse
- iv) Treasurer – Darrell

- d) Commissioners
 - i) (a) Flag - Cory
 - ii) (b) 2nd Grade – Adam
 - iii) (c) 3rd Grade - Greg
 - iv) (d) 4th Grade – Jesse
 - v) (e) 5th Grade - Jebediah
 - vi) (f) 6th Grade - Scott
 - vii) (g) 7th Grade - Darrell
 - viii) (h) 8th Grade – Noah

- e) Equipment - Scott (Chris and Jebediah to assist)

- f) Registration - Adam

- g) Website/Facebook – To be discussed at February’s meeting

- h) Fundraising - To be discussed at February’s meeting

- i) Sponsorship - To be discussed at February’s meeting

- j) Advisory • Coach Development – Need to define further

- k) League reps
 - i) North Metro – Shawn and Greg
 - ii) North Suburban – Darrell and Jebediah

- l) Volunteer Coordinator - To be discussed at February’s meeting

- m) Communications - To be discussed at February’s meeting

- n) (Rick) Did you hear back from SLP and Centennial about payments for scoreboard workers?
 - i) Yes, Darrell already received email from SLP.

- o) What went well this season? What improvements can we make? (Pushed to January meeting to discuss with new board members; briefly discussed during December meeting.)

- p) (Darrell) Did you discuss the scholarship application with the HS?
 - i) ACTION – Darrell to create 2023 BYF scholarship registration form.
 - ii) Board set Deadline for February 3rd.

- iii) Goal is to email to Matt Smude by Wednesday, January 11th .

VI. New Business

- a) Send out Code of Conduct for Board Members
- b) Possible Non-Voting Board Member Positions
 - i) Marketing/Sponsorships- Jon Maring
 - ii) Marketing/Social Media/ Webmaster- Autumn Maring
- c) Sponsorship Opportunities
 - i) Discussed by Jon Maring
 - ii) Blaine Youth Football Golf Tournament
- d) Open House with the High School discussed
 - i) May seems ideal, but we need to find a date
- e) Flag Football improvements to drive numbers and better the experience
 - i) Corey Dexter brought some items up
 - (1) Review his thoughts on this

VII. Parking Lot Items

- a) Board Member Voting Changes
 - i) Increase length of voting window
 - ii) Adjust the percentage of votes needed to qualify
- b) Discussion on there being a division within the TC North league for northern Metro teams . . .
- c) "Mom's/Parent's breakfast" was previously discussed . . . Thoughts?
 - i) Darrell and Rick suggested we change to "Football Open House" night for football skills and information.
- d) Recruiting coaches & players at same time
- e) Change vendors for jerseys?
 - i) Jesse and Scott can work together on finding the best solution
 - ii) Xtreme Apparel states they can have any quantity of jersey ready for the start of the season
 - (1) Xtreme Apparel would like to become the official vendor for Blaine Youth Football
 - (a) Create Webstore
 - (b) Team Discounts
 - (c) Program Rebates/Kickbacks
 - (2) When should sublimated, jerseys be ordered to receive in time?

- f) Should playtime rules be changed?
- g) Should we add skill assessments for each grade?
- h) If 2nd & 3rd grades remain with 8-man football, we need to relook at the rules and request changes (Adam)
- i) Discuss qualified referees with NMYFL; and request if only one referee shows up, the game will be rescheduled
- j) Discuss complaint regarding 6th grade Wildcats assistant coach with new Board, along with survey results
- k) Coaching Reviews
 - i) When should Coordinators follow up with Coaches?
 - l) Forecasting for quantity of teams needed in 2023
 - i) Review the “New Team” Formation to ensure that everyone is on the same page

VIII. Additional Topics

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IX. Next Board Meeting

February 5th at 7:00pm; at Willy McCoy's in Andover

X. Adjournment

Adam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jesse