



March Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Shawn called to order the regular meeting of Blaine Youth Football at 7:17pm on March 6, 2022 at Broadway Pizza (Blaine).

II. Roll call

The following persons were in attendance:

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

Advisory Members: Matt Smude

Community Members: none

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Scott motioned for February meeting minutes to be approved. Motion passed; February meeting minutes approved.

IV. Open issues

a) Survey results; any feedback from the coaches?

- i) Survey results sent out to coaches – As of February’s meeting, Carik, Dixon, and Wincek hadn’t responded. Any response?

- (1) No response; if they coach next season, they need to have a meeting with the Board.

b) Have we found a Volunteer Coordinator / Fundraising Coordinator?

- i) Was an email sent out to BYF membership to see if anyone is interested?

- (1) No volunteers; email hasn’t been sent to date.

c) BYF at school functions

- i) Who reached out; do any schools have carnivals/events?

- (1) (Kaeley) Sunrise won’t be doing a carnival; very hard to plan and get volunteers.

- (2) (Darrell) McKinley carnival on 4/22 - they would like BYF there to do the football toss; Chris & Scott will do carnival and will work with Darrell on details.

- (3) Adam will check with University, but most events are Coon Rapids related.

d) **Communication**

- i) SE settings need to be reviewed – where are responses going?
 - (1) Not reviewed; will discuss during April meeting.
- ii) Review of expansion of FAQs (have been updated):
 - (1) Team formation will need to be added.

e) **Scholarship Awards**

- i) Was this communicated (Darrell)? When is it, and will Rick or Shawn be presenting?
 - (1) (Darrell) Names sent to HS; check needs to be sent; will be towards the end of April and Rick will be presenting.

f) **Equipment**

- i) Have white jerseys been given to Coach Smude for HS to clean?
 - (1) Coach Smude working with Scott & Chris on returning pants and picking up jerseys.
- ii) Have jerseys been ordered?
 - (1) No - will probably need sizes M & L in tackle twill (4th-8th); disclaimer will be noted during registration that jerseys might not be available at start of season if ordered late; Jerseys will be ordered this week.
 - (2) 2nd & 3rd grade jerseys can't be ordered until we determine the league, as this affects the number of teams BYF will have (therefore affecting the number of differing main colors we need).
- iii) Has social media post been done for shoulder pads BYH donated money for?
 - (1) Still waiting on 13 (XL) shoulder pads; social media post still needs to be done.
- iv) New locks, with keys distributed?
 - (1) Yes

V. New business

a) **League Change**

- i) March 30 deadline was given to NMYFL; April meeting the decision will be made.
 - (1) Kevin wants to come to April meeting; he will reaching out to 12 communities to ask if they want to join league or do cross over games. Rick is optimistic; North Metro wanting to do 8 man for 2-3 grades. Another option for BYF is Blaine could keep 2nd-3rd grades with NMYFL and move 4th-6th grades to a different league; will be discussed at April meeting.
 - (2) Scott will reach out to Kevin on March 30 to see what progress has been made.
 - (3) Scott suggested IF we leave, we should reach out to other teams in league and let them know. All agreed.
 - (4) Kevin confirmed there will be a flag change across the league (standardized); will be similar to similar to the NFL Flag Football flags. Scott will confirm style with Kevin so we can order all new.

ii) Competitive Team in addition to BYF regular season (no cut / no play time rules)?

(1) Moved to April Moved to April (or) meeting; Shawn will draft up plans/ideas and send out to Board.

b) Team Formation

i) (Kaeley) Team Names; no team should be allowed to be the Bengals (or every team should be the Bengals).

(1) Starting with 2022 season, all teams will be named the Bengals. Shawn motioned vote; 4 ppl voted yes; all current teams grandfathered in to keep existing name. *There are currently no rules against more than one Bengals team per grade level; if current "non-Bengals" teams want to change their name, they are allowed to do so.

ii) How should 4th – 8th grade teams be formed when there is a new team?

(1) Shawn's suggestion; Head coach, assistant coach, (coaches') 2 kids + 4 kids

(a) Shawn resent the suggestion (with details) to all board members; 4, 5, or 6 "protected players"? Shawn motioned for a vote; four members voted for 5 protected players, two members voted for 4 protected players; vote passed to protect 5 total players (including children of Head Coach and 1 Assistant Coach).

(b) New rule will be implemented when there is a new team (enough registered players that a new team needs to be formed) OR if a team returns less than 5 players.

(c) Shawn will write up communication to be sent to 2021 season coaches, and another one to BYF community.

iii) How should 2nd – 3rd grade teams be formed?

(1) Further discussion needed, as teams may change if BYF changes leagues; moved to April meeting.

iv) Are all grades "tiered" in Twin Cities North or only 7th-8th grades? If tiered, would BYF consider creating a competitive team at grade levels where there's interest?

(1) Further discussion needed; moved to April meeting.

c) Monthly Meetings

i) Have the Google Meet links been created and added to calendar?

(1) Appears so?

d) Sponsorship

i) Did you reach out to TCO (Tamzyn)?

(1) Tamzyn not present at meeting; moved to April meeting.

ii) Partnerships with local businesses?

(1) The Lab (Shawn)

(a) The Lab wants to give a discount to Blaine players for upcoming training sessions. Do we want to email our membership and/or post on FB? Shawn motioned to email the membership and post on FB; all voted yes. *Antwan (from The Lab) will generate two informational emails for BYF to distribute; one

to all members which will include opportunities for spring and summer (with discount codes) and another to be sent to the coaches for team opportunities.

(2) My 7 on 7; do we want to advertise this outside opportunity?

(a) Shawn motioned for BYF to not advertise; motion passed - all voted in favor of no correspondence/advertisement sent to membership.

(3) University of Northwestern football camp July 18-21 (Shawn)

(a) Matt Moore (Head Coach) wants to give discount to Blaine players. Shawn motioned to email our membership and/or post on FB; motion passed - all in favor of sending out email and posting on FB (brochure provided to Shawn). *Matt Moore requested we wait until March 22 to send/post.

(4) Acceleration (Darrell)

(a) Moved to April meeting; HS needs to determine if it's worth promoting due to costs increasing.

(5) Blaine HS Weight Room (Coach Smude)

(a) Suggested BYF should promote these training sessions first and foremost; all were in agreement - BYF will email/post whenever these opportunities arise.

e) Communication

i) Should we increase registration?

(1) Shawn motioned to increase registration to \$285 and early bird registration to \$255 (all grades); motion passed - all in favor to increase registration.

(a) If registration increases, can we increase donation to BHS Football (for camps)? Currently \$25/kid.

(i) Shawn motioned to increase donation to \$30/kid; motion passed - all in favor to increase donation.

ii) Key Dates were updated with the exception of the below. Do we have dates yet?

(a) Youth Camp - TBD

(b) Linemen Camp - TBD

(c) QB Camp - TBD

(i) Coach Smude will be finalizing dates of all camps in the next 1-2 weeks.

f) Equipment

i) Inventory (sizes & quantity) of the following items is needed:

(1) Practice Pants

(2) Integrated Pants (2nd-3rd grades)

(3) Girdles

(a) Final inventory of all items (after 2021 season) hasn't been completed yet.

VI. Additional Questions / Comments / Concerns

- a) (Shawn) Is registration ready?
 - i) Darrell confirmed it's ready, but would prefer multiple Board members to test it and confirm it's working properly.

VII. Parking Lot Items

- a) "Mom's/Parent's breakfast" was previously discussed . . . Thoughts?
- b) New League possibly forming; expanded traveling team (5th-8th).
- c) Change vendors for jerseys?
- d) Home field change for 7th-8th grades?
- e) Are player shortage guidelines documented, or do they need to be?
- f) Company matches for volunteer hours & donations? (Darrell)
- g) Include SE fees in the registration price for next season?
- h) Coach mentors for 2nd grade coaches?
- i) Should playtime rules be changed?
- j) Create recommended roster sizes?

VIII. Next Board Meeting

- a) April 10 at 7:00pm; Blaine Baseball Complex

IX. Adjournment

Kaeley adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kaeley

Minutes approved by: Name