

# Blaine Youth Football

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7:00 PM

## **Board Members Present**

Shawn Robideau, Darrell Colman, Tamzyn Grant, Rick Japor, Kaeley Cazin, Tamzyn Grant, Jeanne Baker

## **Advisory Members Present**

## **Community Members Present**

## **Board Member Elections**

- 5 applications so far from Darrell, Chris Good, Scott Zappa, Mathieu Tapp, and Jesse Schwartz. Send another email? Re-share on Social??
  - Tamzyn will send out blasts this week
- Revisit process for online elections/in person voting
  - Keep ballot the same, but remove the "no" option
  - Voting window will be from 4:00-6:00
  - Analyze votes from 6:00-6:30
  - Contact new members
  - Board meeting starts at 7:00

## **Meeting Dates/Locations 2022**

We have been scheduled at BBC for all meetings **EXCEPT** July and September which have been booked at **Lexington**.

- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup>
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup>
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup>
- May 15<sup>th</sup>
- June 12<sup>th</sup>
- **July 10<sup>th</sup>**
- Aug 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Equipment Update**

- Equipment return – Anything still missing? **ALL GOOD**
- Pants cleaned?
  - High school program will clean and sort for a donation. Motion approved to spend \$500 on a donation.
- New Uniforms? Jersey colors
  - Looked at jersey options and decided on the cinched waist option for grades 2 & 3 to pilot next season.
  - Must order by Feb. 1st to receive the discounted rate
- Helmet recert
  - In process (about 160 helmets - 111 Riddell and 57 Schutt)

- NMYFL standardize flag belts?
  - Kevin is looking at belts to standardize across the league

### **League Meeting**

- Train refs
  - Possibly pay more to have adult/better-trained refs?
- No Blaine vs. Blaine - More team in league
- Playing time - Willing to give up on
- Invoice for scoreboard
  - Rick will check in with Coon Rapids, SLP, and Centennial – none have paid scoreboard fee yet
- Should Blaine get 2 votes? TBD

### **Additional League Info:**

- Kevin is “looking into” getting more organizations to join the league. Mounds View and Irondale declined.
- Possible move to 8-man football in grades 2 and 3 (Coon Rapids & SLP are open to it)

### **Communication**

- Update FAQs? Not yet
- SOPs – Tamzyn
- [blaineyouthfootballmn@gmail.com](mailto:blaineyouthfootballmn@gmail.com) Password: blainemnfootball
- Draft process

### **Team Formation**

- Anything to discuss?
  - New board should discuss this prior to registration opening

### **Scholarship**

- Application posted and shared?
  - Scholarship is posted. Deadline is end of January.

### **Fundraising**

### **Sponsorship**

### **Open Topics**

- Darrell will send Coach Survey results to commissioners to send out to coaches.
- We need to follow up with families wanting to be contacted on the survey - Rick?
- Rolling scoreboard @ Lexington seems to be missing – Need to reach out to Nate

## Monahan at the city.

- **Jeanne** send Kaely the Ham Lake Lions information.
- **Darrell** will be attending the January Blaine Hockey meeting to ask for donation for new shoulder pads (\$5,000)
- **Jen add to next agenda:**
  - January meeting – Make pro/con list and analyze alignment of mission to guide decision on staying in NMYFL or leaving.
  - Discuss with new board the option of adding SE fees into registration and setting prices for next season.
  - Add a Treasurer's Report subsection to all agendas.
- It was requested by Kaely that we have an "all-or-nothing" when it comes to using the BENGALS name for teams. New board will need to discuss this.

## **Parking Lot**

- Revisit BENGALS team name. Allow it? Make all teams the Bengals? No teams?
- Field improvements?
  - Bleachers **NO**
  - Net behind Goal Posts **Still looking into**
  - Pads on Posts **NO**
- NMYFL discuss Darrell's suggestions: possible change to playoffs/bowl games? Hybrid 1 playoff game and guaranteed Bowl Game. **Depends on if we stay in league or not**
- Implement coach mentors for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade coaches.
- Revisit playtime rules?
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade reassess how we form teams.
- FAQs – how are coaches selected
- Discuss and decide if we change leagues

## **Next Board Meeting**

January 9th 2021, BBC