



## May Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order

Shawn called to order the regular meeting of Blaine Youth Football at 7:06pm on May 15, 2022 at BBC.

### II. Roll Call

The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members: Rick Japor, Shawn Robideau, Darrell Colman, Kaeley Cazin, Adam Byam, Tamzyn Grant, Scott Zappa, Chris Good

Advisory Members: Matt Smude

Community Members:

### III. Approval of Minutes

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

### IV. Open Issues

- a) Did you reach out to TCO (Tamzyn)?
  - i) Requested sponsorship for 50 kits . . . Awaiting approval; should be end of month.
- b) University of Northwestern football camp July 18-21 - Did Shawn send to Tamzyn to send out?
  - i) Shawn will send to Tamzyn to send out; will also send to Darrell to post to website.
- c) Darrell had further discussions with Acceleration North, and they are willing to offer discounts if 30+ Blaine Youth athletes are interested in a training session. An email was sent to members on 4/27/22 to complete a survey by May 2. **Was there enough interest?**
  - i) (Darrell) Email went out . . . Have about 30 kids
- d) Have jerseys been ordered?
  - i) Yes - tackle twill have been ordered (4th - 8th)
  - ii) Pants, girdles, practice pants also ordered
- e) When will we be doing the social media post for shoulder pads (thanking BYH for their donation)?
  - i) Scott & Chris will get photo to Tamzyn this week for social media post

- ii) Tamzyn will also post HS scholarship winners
- f) Are cross-over games confirmed with Kevin (North Metro) and John (Twin Cities North)?
  - i) (Rick) Confirmed as in we will be playing them in 5th-6th; details for 4th grade are still being worked out. Unsure of dates at this time. (Darrell) John confirmed also.
- g) Did Kevin send exact information on flag belts so we can order?
  - i) No. Scott will be reaching out to Kevin for details.
- h) What will the team minimum/maximum be for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams now that we are changing to 8-man?
  - i) Minimum: 13; Shawn motioned for minimum to be 13. Motion passed, all approved.
  - ii) Maximum: Minimum x 2 minus 1 (also dependent upon having enough qualified coaches)
- i) Do we know the dollar amount of the USA Football grant?
  - i) (Darrell) \$500
  - ii) (Scott) We will be ordering shoulder pads with the money. (Rick) Full \$500 to be used for shoulder pads and BYF to pay for shipping.
- j) Competitive Team in addition to BYF regular season (no cut / no play time rules)?
  - i) Did you (Shawn) draft up plans/ideas? \*Shawn will draft for Board to vote on next meeting.
  - ii) “Extra competitive football” - Shawn will draft ground rules; BYF will support King of the Grid Iron; BYF will choose coach if multiple coaches are interested for same grade level; only one team per grade level this year to pilot the idea (if enough interest at that grade level); money & rostering will be done by coach
  - iii) (Darrell) BYF will send out an email survey in August to the membership for interest.

## V. New Business

- a) (Kaeley) Request from parent due to special family situation
  - i) Shawn motioned to approve special request; Motion passed, all approved.
    - (1) Rick requested further vetting with mom and coaches at grade level as part of the approval.
      - (a) Further discussion amongst Board members (after meeting) determined Grade Commissioner should be asking any additional information
- b) (Tamzyn) Requests for financial assistance for registration
  - i) Two kids requested assistance; both were approved after Registrar (Tamzyn) spoke with Treasurer (Darrell).
  - ii) Rick stated the Registrar (Tamzyn) is allowed to approve “free & reduced” scholarships, but hardship scholarship requests need to be forwarded and approved by President (Rick) and Vice President (Shawn).
- c) Date and time for equipment handout?
  - i) Moved to Parking lot
- d) Mandatory Coaches Clinic? Date and time?
  - i) July 31

- e) Evaluation
  - i) July 31
- f) O-lineman Camp
  - i) Coach Smude asked if BYF will help sponsor shirts for the camp.
  - ii) BYF agreed and will wait for Coach Smude to create design; Rick will look for sponsors; Darrell will look for additional vendors to consider.
- g) Golf outing?
  - i) July 22/23 - BYF sponsors a hole
  - ii) Who is going? Details?
- h) Are we setting up a table for "Donation / Trade / Swap" again? If so, email should be sent out.
  - i) Yes; notice will be sent out to membership (including last season's 8th grade families)
- i) Bowlero status? Other fundraisers?
  - i) Tamzyn will reach out to see if they have the space available
- j) (Rick) Who is interested in being in the Blaine parade? \*Blaine Festival Volunteer Committee will be contacting us on or around June 10.
  - i) June 25 @ noon
  - ii) Rick driving truck
  - iii) Rick requested Darrell to turn on DIBS in Sports Engine to encourage sign up from the membership.
- k) (Rick) Will BYF allow athletes to "play up", or do they need to play for their grade?
  - i) No; all agreed playing up a grade level would not be allowed.
  - ii) Adam will create macro for Excel to cross reference and flag mismatches for these situations and any other.
- l) (Rick) League fees will be changing based on feedback of needing better officiating. More discussion needed.
  - i) NMYFL has partnered with Trusted Officials to help with ref training, recruitment and retention. 5th & 6th grades will be a 3-man system; 4th grade will be 2-man.
- m) (Rick) North Metro Showcase host sites. More discussion needed.
  - i) Blaine will not be hosting.
- n) (Coach Smude) Blaine HS is requesting Sunday dates for HS turf use
  - i) Shawn will choose dates
- o) (Rick) Important dates from NMYFL:
  - i) 8/01 - Team registration due; Any host game request due; Championship Sunday host awarded \*Centennial looking at hosting (Blaine possibly backup)
  - ii) 8/07 - Grade level coaches meeting (2 coaches/ reps needed from each team): 5th-6th - 6:30 @ Lexington, 2nd-6th first year coaches - 7:30 @ Lexington

- iii) 8/08 - Grade level coaches meeting (2 coaches/ reps needed from each team): 2nd-3rd - 6:30 @ Lexington, 4th - 7:30 @ Lexington
- iv) 8/22 - 5th-6th schedules posted
- v) 8/28 - 4th-5th schedules posted (is this supposed to be 3rd & 4th?)
- vi) 8/31 - 2nd & K-1 schedules posted
- vii) 8/29 - 8/31 - First games for 5th & 6th
- viii) 9/07 - 9/09 - First games for 3rd & 4th
- ix) 9/10 - First weekend of games
- x) 10/15 - 10/16 - Bowl games

## VI. Parking Lot Items

- a) Would BYF consider creating a competitive team (during season) for 7th and 8th grades? (Twin Cities North is “tiered”, whereas North Metro is not.)
- b) “Parent’s breakfast” was previously discussed . . . Thoughts?
- c) Change vendors for jerseys?
- d) Home field change for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades? TAKE OFF
- e) Painting BBC fields? Darrell will negotiate price to see if this is something BYF will do again
- f) Coach mentors for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade coaches? Shawn will take lead
- g) Should playtime rules be changed? If anyone feels strongly, write it up and we will discuss

## VII. Additional Topics

- a) (Rick, Darrell, Shawn) Coach Tom, from Wincek’s team last season, verbally said he would be applying to coach 7th grade.
- b) (Rick, Darrell, Shawn) Two other verbals for coaching applications; no grades noted.
- c) (Darrell) Are we doing postcards for Kindergartners?
  - i) Yes; Darrell & Tamzyn will complete.
- d) (Darrell) Finances are looking good.

## VIII. Next Board Meeting

- a) June 12 at 7:00pm; Blaine Baseball Complex

## IX. Adjournment

Shawn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:31pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kaeley