



White Bear Youth Football

August 13th, 2025 - Podvin Park

Attendance: Randy Spring, Casey Zafke, Jesse Hedinger, Aime DeWitt, Kevin Eicher, Scott Mueller, Kathy Kirkland, Rick DeWitt, Meghan Levorson, Erin Hauber, Nate Anderson

Absent: Chris Oswald

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

Approval of Minutes: July 2025

- Approved

Public Input:

- None

Officer Reports:

- **President** (Randy)
 - July Camps went well, feels like a good foundation has been laid to improve our players and our processes for July development camps in the future.
 - Association Family Meeting Review:
 - It was impressed on families that we are not tolerating poor behavior on the field and that reporting poor referee behavior will be extremely important to hold the officiating accountable this season.
 - This needs to be reported to Casey whenever something significant occurs.
 - We will need more FreeLap Speed Timers. A vote will come later on this through GroupMe.
 - Hudl Camera System is up and running and has been used by 7th and 8th grade teams. It's working really well, and it seems more coaches are using Hudl than previously.
 - Equipment storage closet has been messy this season so far. Randy sent messages to coaches asking them to guide players and be more neat about putting equipment back after practices.
 - Our Scrimmage Jamboree is on August 16th. There will be opponents from other associations and referees will be present.
 - Concessions will be open on that day. A sign-up genius went out for concession stand help and filled up in less than 24 hours.
 - U.S. Bank Game Day Experience will look a little different this year schedule-wise. There are going to be several new associations participating with us this year, as we tried to get opponents that were outside of our league.
 - Kevin got us set up with T-Mobile Wireless Internet. It's working great. We will not be sharing the wifi with spectators or families. It's an association only wifi.

- Varsity Team Lunch is 8/14.
- As we head into the start of our games this season, Casey will be sharing out a schedule so we as board members can support one another at the fields each night. We need at least one board member at Podvin each night besides Kathy being in concessions.
- **Vice President** (Casey)
 - Jerseys will be done by Sunday night.
 - Rosters and weights will be submitted to the league this week.
 - August 20th is the League Coaches meeting, and they'd like at least one coach from every team.
 - Podvin practice schedule is up in the Google Drive. This schedule reflects where teams are assigned as well as EMT staffing and board member support needs.
 - Flag Football has booked the 100-yard field for August 17th and 18th.
 - 100-yard and 80-yard fields are going to get painted for the scrimmage.
 - The city is working on fixing the lights out on the fields.
 - Lacrosse reached out to us to try and sell us their starliner paint, and we declined.
 - Coach and Team shirts are in and will be sorted and handed out. Hats have not yet shipped.
 - Northern Lids quoted us \$17 per hat to do our coach/team hats for next year.
 - Sponsorship Banners are here and ready to be hung.
 - Casey talked to the city and they are going to put a chemical down to stunt the growth of the grass so it grows slower.
- **Treasurer** (Jesse)
 - Financials emailed to all.
 - Moving the account has been put on hold until the season ends.
- **Secretary** (Aime)
 - None.

Season Photography:

- Brennan is committed to do photography for us for the following dates:
 - Unity Night (August 18th)
 - Team Picture Night (September 2nd and 10th)
 - U.S. Bank Stadium Day (September 7th)

Unity Night:

- Christina is supposed to be coordinating music for the event.
- 5 food trucks confirmed (3 food, 2 dessert), just need to decide where to have the trucks park.
 - Back by the tennis courts.
- Schedule is still in process.

Coaches Appreciation Dinner:

- Hugo American Legion is booked for September 21st, 6-9 pm.
 - Budget is \$1700 for the dinner and giveaways.

- Wiseguys quoted \$300 for dinner.
- Consider doing the raffle earlier.

Concessions Stand:

- Concessions needs a new cash register. The old one is broken and does not work for our needs anymore.
 - Motion made to budget \$2000 for a new one. **-Approved**
- Clean up after yourselves when you've been in concessions so it's ready for the next day.
- Sink and faucet need to be replaced by next year.
- Someone reached out to Kathy regarding some custom items she could make for us to sell in concessions.
- We will have Nautical Bowls and Egg Rolls at our Jamboree on Saturday.
 - We got approved to add an air fryer to concessions.
- Walkie Talkies should be added to concessions for game nights when help is needed in concessions or on the field at any point.
 - Up to 6 walkie talkies.
- Kathy needs a second person at concessions at the end of the night to count money.

Raffle:

- There are still several raffle pickets that need to be picked up. Emails have gone out to the families.
- There is a clipboard in the back room by the ticket box with a tracking sheet. Please write on here anytime you give tickets out to anyone.
 - Any envelopes returned go in the lock box labeled with a #1 on it.

Turf Tank Update:

- We are going to put some lines inside the hockey rink for warmups.

Sports Engine Rosters:

- We are able to add player numbers and scores of games.
 - Anyone with full access to a team roster, such as coaches and team managers, can do this.

Coaching Updates:

- 6th grade ran some joint practices and they went really well and created good solid bonds between teams and coaches. Communication has been great.
- 4th and 5th grade teams have shared some feedback:
 - They love the idea of the unity night.
 - There are too many different apps they need to use.
 - They would have preferred to have scrimmage at least a week later.
 - They would have liked to get together with their coaches sooner.
- 7th Grade has done some scrimmages, but need more drill work.

- 8th Grade has had a lot of coaching absences.
 - There were some concerns from a parent about one of the teams that there were not enough coaches to help out, so Scott recruited some more coaches to help out.

CPR and AED Updates:

- Training has been offered to us by a WBL Firefighter who is an instructor. He will come run through a training for anyone interested.

Meeting Adjourn – 8:05 pm