

Big Lake Youth Football Association Board Minutes

February 17, 2013 at the Friendly Buffalo

Submitted by Secretary, Carrie Hanrahan

Andy Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m. Present at the meeting-Andy Gomez, Adam Steen, Patti Bottema, Carrie Hanrahan, Neil Milberger, Brady Bagne, Rob Stromberg, Cassie Bagne, Sara Forrest, Amy Robeck, Jon Duchane, Scott Riebel, and Wilson Edwards (MN State Director) and Odell Renager (Tournament Director) from AAU. Bruce Bordwell and Janae Stern were not present.

Patti Bottema read the Treasurer's Report. There is currently \$5,213.36 in the account and \$2,230.41 in the booster. Patti motioned to approve and Neil second the Treasurer's Report. Patti reviewed the 2013 Hornet Classic Youth Football Tournament Referee and Administrative Representative Agreement.

Wilson Edwards and Odell Renager from the AAU were present at the beginning of our meeting. They will be the representatives for the referees at the Hornet Classic Football Tournament in August. Odell is asking for two referee stations-one at the 4-plex and one in between the varsity field and practice fields. Between Wilson and Odell they need one golf cart during the tournament. They will also need radios/walkie talkies to communicate with the tournament staff on any problems on the field, referee questions, etc. All referees will have one check point and the referees will walk to the appropriate field they have been assigned to. Wilson and Odell will be the only supervisors to handle situations that may arise on the fields with parents and the refs. They requested to have a contact person with the tournament staff to assist them with referee cards and to place the results on the boards. We decided it would be helpful if the BLYFA would organize this and have stickers or pre-made cards for each game with the team names, time, field, etc. for the lead ref of that field. The BLYFA would like a name list of all the referees and they all need to register before they ref. It has been decided that each referee will be paid \$35 per game and Wilson and Odell will be paid \$700 each. Wilson stressed how much he wants to work with Big Lake Football and our board every year. He gave us information on the 2013 Eastbay MN Youth Super Bowl from October 14-20 at the Mall of America Field and all Big Lake teams will only have to pay \$100 instead of \$300 per team. Wilson also gave us information on the Kevin Williams Football Camp.

Andy asked for board approval that Carrie Hanrahan be the 2nd signer on checks instead of himself. Patti motioned to have Carrie on the account, Neil second and the entire board approved it.

The non-profit taxes have been filed and certified from 2009-2012. The 501 3 C paper work was filed on February 4, 2013. Approval of By-Laws and Conflict of Interest Policy completed on January 21, 2013. Andy made a motion to post the by-laws with signatures on website.

Andy passed around and wants the approval of having a mission statement and vision. Patti motioned, Rob second, all board members approved it.

Andy spoke to John Swanson from the North Suburban League in late January. John wants BL to continue and stay in the league. John stressed players need to be from the BL school district. That will not be a problem due to the changes in our by-laws. John stressed that during play-offs Big Lake can't be in the playoff and the play in the Iowa Tournament. It is either one or the other. For the exception of the current 7th grade team, all teams will be going to Iowa instead of playing in the league playoffs. The cost is \$285 per team to play in the NSL. Andy will be the main contact for communication with the North Suburban League/John Swanson.

It's registration time! Patti worked hard on getting the registration information together. Registration will take place April 1-June 1. On line registration will allow a payment plan consisting of 2 payments. No registrations after June 14th. No refunds after July 1st. In July we would like to have a mandatory parent meeting with directors and coaches. At this time we will be handing out equipment and taking volunteer checks.

It was brought up again for board members and head coaches to pay or not pay for their children playing in the 2013 season. Head coaches would pay at registration and if he/she completes the season will receive a check back. Patti motioned to have all board members not pay for their children to play. Rob second the motion. Five voting members were in favor of NOT paying registration fees and one voting member voted no.

Other business-Concussion training is good for two years. Neil brought up that Spud Fest is in trouble and would like to know if BLYFA should give money to help that organization out. We will table that and will talk more about coaches and assistant coaches at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on March 3, 2013 at The Friendly Buffalo.