

## Big Lake Youth Football Association Board Minutes

November 4, 2012 at Mc Pete's

Submitted by Secretary Carrie Hanrahan

Treasurer's Report \$10, 195.90 in the account. The lower amount is due to reimbursement to the school, purchasing new helmets and the cost of the storage space. There is \$2,571.31 in the Booster. Carrie Hanrahan read the secretary report from October's meeting.

Following the secretary report Carrie read the e-mails starting back on July 22, 2012, from Donny Patnode informing the league to not schedule 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Big Lake teams the weekend of October 26-28<sup>th</sup> for they would be playing in a tournament in West Des Moines, IA. It also stated that ALL Big Lake teams will be participating in the league play-offs but 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in the Iowa tourney October 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Due to conflict within the league Scott Riebel sent an e-mail stating informing the league again that our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade teams have already committed to playing in a tournament in Iowa so these teams will not be playing in any play-off games after Thursday. They will plan on playing in any games scheduled Monday-Thursday. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade team will not be going to this tournament so they will be participating in all playoff games.

At this meeting there were 30 parents including coaches, and board members with children on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams gathering together for answers on the structure of play-offs and tournaments. Many parents voiced their opinions on lack of communication from the board at time of registration to coaches to parent reps during the season on not being informed that their children would be playing in the play-offs the same time as the Iowa tournament. With not knowing about the play-offs and already being committed to Iowa there was hostility on the field by parents wanting to know why they were not told until it was too late. These parents gathered at this meeting to find out answers and voice their concerns and so it will not happen again in the future. The parents would like the board to have an awareness for next season and inform 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents that they will be in play-offs the same time as the Iowa tournament and let the parents decide ahead of time what they feel is more important for their child/team. It was also suggested to have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade "specific" meeting informing parents of how the season is structured with games, tournaments (Big Lake, MEA and Iowa). If there are two teams, the parents want to be informed ahead of time if there will be a tournament team which combines both teams together to make one team and some players may not see as much playing time. The majority of the parents said NO to a "tournament team" with only selected players. They also voiced that they felt the board needs to communicate better and streamline the information to coaches and parent reps. They strongly suggested coaches attend board meetings. They stressed the board should not undermine each other and we need to come together for the best interest of the BLYFA, parents and players.

Equipment Check-In an Inventory turn in November 5<sup>th</sup>. Riddell gave BLYFA boxes and dummies to store our equipment in. All grades have turned in their equipment for the exception of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and a few 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Board Position Nominations with all nominations in by November 4<sup>th</sup>.

President: Andy Gomez

Treasurer: Patty Bottema

Intro Director: Neil Milberger, Brady Bagne, Rob Stromberg

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Director: Bruce Bordwell

Concessions Director: Dave Gess

Communications/Website Director: Cassie Bagne

Volunteer Coordinator-Sara Forrest

Tournament Director: Scott Riebel and Bruce Bordwell

\*\*\*Tara Featherston is willing to volunteer wherever needed\*\*\*

Patti made a motion to have Big Lake belong to a different league. Carrie second the motion. Andy needs to set up meetings with north suburban and other area leagues.

Since time ran late, Amber made a motion to wait and review the by-laws in December and vote in January to accept the by-laws. Carrie second the motion.

Board members at this meeting were Scott Riebel, Amber Sixberry, Patti Bottema, Carrie Hanrahan, Bruce Bordwell, Andy Gomez and Adam Steen. Parents that attended the meeting were Kia Mclearen, Jodi Kendall, Tara and Steve Featherston, Jake Nelson, Janae and Chris Stern, Kelly and Jon Duchene, Theron Draeger, Kim Dailey, Rob Stromberg, Theresa Walker, Dave and Joy Gess, Neil and Shannon Milberger, Brady and Cassandra Bagne, Justin and Amy Robeck, Liz Ruddock, Sara Forrest, J.C. Thieke, Kelli Riebel. (My apologies for any name that I may have spelled incorrectly or were present and did not write your name on the attendance sheet.)