

## Big Lake Youth Football Association Board Minutes

October 7, 2012 at Mc Pete's

Submitted by Secretary Carrie Hanrahan

Treasurer's Report \$24,779.73 in the account plus \$4,073.40 in the Booster which includes \$2,288.40 for Available Fundraiser Balance and \$1,785.00 as Individual Fundraiser Balance. It was also noted that \$105.00 was given to the BLYFA from Michelle Remnick from Brain Freeze.

Carrie Hanrahan read the Secretary Report. After reading the minutes, I as the secretary noticed that some information was excluded from the September meeting. The following was discussed during that meeting. In preparation in 2013 the Hornet Classic Tournament should have a radio at each gate, concessions and medical. Both ends of the buses only gate need to be better supervised with a no parking zone, and tables for people to pay. Teams/coaches need to be informed prior to the tournament regarding packet pick up which includes wristbands, schedules, map and T-shirts. We determined there should be an information booth including brackets at both locations of the tournament and this would be a place where the ref cards are turned in. All of us agreed it would be beneficial to have two referee stations so the refs are not going back and forth to the fields. At the gates and throughout the school grounds signs need to be placed at the 4-plex and varsity fields signifying what grades are playing in each location. We felt it was best to keep the Varsity field for championship games only. There was a concern about awards and next year it will be better organized and there will be one person in charge of handing out trophies/medals. Patti Limbah has already volunteered to be in charge of medical next year but wants a medical booth and will have STC students assisting her. We also discussed the mini-bowl including a 10:00 a.m. start time, use of the Varsity field, the 9<sup>th</sup> graders will ref the games, have concessions and sell the leftover product from the tournament. Patti will make arrangements for the 2012 mini-bowl trophies. Patti also made a motion to give away the (unsold) white tournament T-shirts. The board all approved for them to be given away.

The October 7, 2012, meeting started off with some board members lashing out on each other. I have chosen as the secretary of this organization to not go into explicit detail in regards to the ugliness of what took place. It was extreme he/she said or he/she from a third party type of discussions for I feel it is too much to include in the minutes. In summary it boils down to lack of trust, lack of communication, lack of judgment, lack of character and lack of support. Bottom line the board needs to focus on the kids and maintaining a strong football program. The bickering, drama, and back stabbing needs to come to an end otherwise the chaos of personal issues will erupt even further and the vision of what the BLYFA program stands for could possibly suffer from all of this. As adults and volunteers of this board we need to work together as a team not against each other by moving forward for the current players, parents, our community and the future of building this program bigger and better!!

Jake Nelson has resigned from the board. This opens the opportunity for an open board position and nominations. Currently we will remain a board with one less member.

We now have a 10x30 storage unit in Big Lake at SEI mini storage, costing \$1,155.00/year. We currently don't have insurance for our equipment. It will cost \$600/year to cover all of our equipment. Patti motioned, Carrie second on the motion that the BLYFA purchase insurance through Sadler.

On October 16, Intro teams will turn in their equipment, starting with black and yellow at 5:30 p.m. followed by silver and blue at 6:00 p.m. Bruce and Carrie will be the board members that evening and Patti will e-mail the Intro parents regarding this information. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade players will turn in their equipment on a date after the Iowa tournament. If a player has an older sibling the equipment check will be with the eldest players' paperwork.

Non-Profit Update and Requirements-in order for the 501 3 ( c ) to go into effect by the end of the year, the board decided to review the by-laws on October 14<sup>th</sup>, because the by-laws need to be updated before we submit the 501 3 ( c ). Each board member needs to estimate how much time/hours they dedicate to the board and a summary of what their board position is.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will play in the MEA and Iowa tournament. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will only play in the MEA tournament. The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders will only play in the Iowa Tournament. We need to find out if Sadler insurance will cover our players at the tournament in Iowa. Scott Riebel will call Brad from the school to ask if BL makes playoffs if they can play at the High School under the lights.

The mini-bowl is underway with Black and Blue playing each other and Silver and Yellow. There will not be a concessions and all left over tournament food will be taken to Iowa. Scott will talk to Charlie on being the videographer.

Iowa Tournament-7<sup>th</sup> Grade staying at the Sleep Inn, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and ½ the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at the Wild Wood Lodge and the other ½ of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and all of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are staying at the Hampton. Need to know how many families are coming for each team to have a pizza party on Friday night.

Our next meeting will be held on November 4, 2012, at Mc Pete's at 6:00 p.m.