

Big Lake Youth Football Board Minutes

January 6, 2014 at the Friendly Buffalo

Submitted by Secretary Carrie Hanrahan

Present at the first meeting of 2014 that came to order at 6:05 pm was Neil Milberger, Brady Bagne, Carrie Hanrahan, Kim Dailey, Jon Duchene, Becky Guenther, Kia McLearen, Pete Wesley, Craig Browen, Noel Krebs, Kyle Fagen, Amy Robeck, Shannon Milberger, Patti Bottema and Amy Schuman.

The meeting started with an open vote to elect a new Intro Director and a new Volunteer Coordinator. Craig Browen won over Kyle Fagen and Kia McLearen won over Sara Forrest. Rob Stromberg resigned from being the 7th/8th grade coordinator. This position will be on hold until the board, school coaches, and parents of 7th and 8th grade meet to discuss either keeping association football or to move these kids to school ball instead. The meeting will be held at Mc Pete's on January 26th at Mc Pete's.

Janae Stern our Fundraiser/Event Coordinator was not present but the board discussed the upcoming Football Family Fun Day/Vendor Fair in her absence. We decided as a board that the original date of Feb. 1st would be not allow enough time to have a successful event. We all agreed we should have ample amount of time to strategically plan the menu, cost, activities, vendors, donations/prizes, and what to charge to attend the event that would include dinner. Collectively we agreed under the age of 5 for free, 5-10 years old charge \$5.00 and 11 and up charge \$10pp. Other ideas would be to charge as a family or to purchase tickets in advance for a lower cost. Other items we discussed as a board to bring in football camp representatives, National Guard, bring in a food shelf donation, raffle bikes, signed Vikings football or poster. Jon motioned when the time comes to print flyers regarding the event the board covers the cost of that. Brady seconds the motion and the board approved for elementary distribution when the time comes. We all agreed to move forward with this a fundraising committee needs to be formed to execute this.

At the December meeting Neil, Brady and Jon informed us about their meeting with the Three Rivers League. Again this was brought the attention of the board to discuss the difference of the league we currently participate in (North Suburban League) to the Three Rivers. Differences include playing on 80 yard fields which are shorter and narrower compared to 100 yard fields we currently play on. End Zone for TRL is 5 yards compared to 10 yards. TRL weight limitations for ball handlers are at a 10 pound less difference than we are playing at now. TRL requires us to find our own refs, they only play eight games, and they offer a two tier playoff. They currently charge \$600 but the fees will increase. Collectively as a board we made the decision to stay with the North Suburban League.

By-Law Changes and voting rights was the next topic of discussion. Kim Dailey motioned that all board positions have the right to vote on board issues at meetings. Patti Bottema seconds the motion; all voted and approved the motion. The discussion of parent/guardian voting rights was also discussed. In order to vote for a board position or be nominated for a position a parent or legal guardian of a player must have attended two regular scheduled monthly board meetings that are held between January through November. Kim motioned for this to go into effect immediately and Brady seconds Kim's motion. The board passed the motion. By-law committee has been formed to include Amy Schuman to head it and Kim, Brady, Neil, Patti and Jon will also be on the committee.

Other items of discussion were having the opportunity to offer flag football for K-1 grade through the association instead of community education. We will table this to February's meeting. Neil brought up Glazer training for coaches to attend a full weekend of training in Bloomington. The cost is \$500 for the entire coaching staff which can also include the BL middle/high school staff. Neil will go to Coach Keenan to see if he is willing to split the cost of the clinic. Brady motioned for the Board to pay for our coaches to attend the coaches' clinic, Jon seconds the motion and the board passed. Kim Dailey brought up if BLYFA can belong to BLYFAA instead for the hopes to remove our association out of the situation we are in as a non-profit organization. This is extremely detailed and we will need to evaluate everything that is involved including our status and if there is anything being done to go forth with the state granting us our 501 3 c rights to run as a non-profit.

The next meeting will be held at the Friendly Buffalo on Sunday, February 2, at 3pm upstairs.

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