

Minutes from March 4, 2012 BLYFA Board Meeting held at Mc Pete's

The meeting started off with discussing dates of registration as April 21 from 9am-1pm at Independence Community Ed. Room. April 22 from 1-4pm and April 23 from 5-8pm at the Friendly Buffalo. Online registration will not be offered. Scott would like all coaches and board members to be at registration. Amber Sixberry handed out the 2012 BLYFA 2012 Important Information, the forms that will be submitted to Paula for the BL Community Ed book, Flyers, Registration Forms, Waiver, Equipment Checklist, and Care and Treatment of Uniforms. We reviewed the forms for corrections, additions, signatures, etc. Amber will make the appropriate corrections and copies will be made to be put in the packets. We will put the packets together at April's meeting.

Registration will be advertised on the Klein Bank Marquis, Big Lake Marquis and flyers will be distributed at the school. It was decided to not have it in the newspaper.

It was voted on and passed by all board members that they and coaches who have children in the program will receive free registration less the \$20 per child insurance fee and will be responsible for purchasing uniforms. The board will vote if assistant coaches will get a 50% discount.

For those that need financial assistance the scholarship deadline is April 6th. They will be responsible for the \$20 insurance fee and uniforms. The BLYFA is not asking for bank statements or pay stubs but rather having it based on "good faith" of scholarships submitted.

It was determined registration prices will remain the same as they were in 2011.

It was also determined that only 4 hours per family will be required per family. They will have the option at registration to pay \$75.00 and buy out of their volunteer time or choose a volunteer option on their registration form. Volunteering was highly discussed on ways to stress the importance of it for our program and that the only dates they are committed to the entire season is during the Hornet Classic and how important it is to have everyone involved no matter what grade the player is in. If the 4 hours are not completed the volunteer check will be deposited. The board is really trying to find ways on how to get everyone involved the weekend of August 24th-26th.

Apparel/Spirit wear was discussed to either keep our current provider Jodi or to seek into other companies. Wilson Edwards the MN AAU Football Director gave suggestions on other companies that offer apparel at a discount. Patty Bottema and Scott Riebel will look into it and meet with this company during the week. Carrie Hanrahan stressed that even though Jodi has great prices that we need to make sure she is dedicated and committed to complete our orders. Scott, Carrie, Patty and Amber will meet with Jodi on March 8th at Trails to reach an agreement on what to offer on line, uniforms, tournament T-shirts, etc.

Summer Football Camp with Thad Thumbolson was mentioned. Scott needs to reach out to him again to see if Thad is willing to offer different rates based on grade level and if Thad is willing to accept a deposit at registration and final payment in June.

The Hornet Classic is set for August 24-26th. Scott Riebel nominated Donny Patnode as the Tournament Director. The board all voted yes for Donny to be the Hornet Classic Tournament Director. Scott brought up concessions and keeping it in house or contract through Coborns or an outside vendor and we make a percentage of the sales. We felt as a board that Coborns or an outside vendor would be too expensive and/or we would not make enough of a profit. We will continue to look into options and possibilities. Scott brought up having The Friendly Buffalo as the location for registration sign-ups for teams.

Scott looked into weight lifting opportunities for the 8th grade team during the summer twice a week. Anytime Fitness said no and will check at the school and other places.

Scott was approached by Michelle the ice cream truck driver offered to come to football games and possibly the Hornet Classic and we would get a 20% profit. The board liked the idea of her at Intro games and possibly some of the 4-8th grade games earlier in the season. If a competitor such as Schwan's is at the tournament then she won't be able to sell too.

April 1, 2012 will be the next meeting held at Mc Pete's at 6pm.