

Big Lake Youth Football Board Minutes

October 6, 2013 at the Friendly Buffalo

Submitted by Secretary Carrie Hanrahan

Present at the meeting were Adam Steen, Carrie Hanrahan, Rob Stromberg, Neil Milberger, Brady Bagne, Jon Duchene, Janae Stern, Sara Forrest, Brian McKenzie, Dave Gess, and Andy Gomez.

The meeting came to order by Adam Steen at 6:10 pm. He asked for corrections to September's meeting minutes and it was Adam and Neil that met with Community Ed not Adam and Brady. He motioned to pass the minutes. Jon first, Neil second, all approved.

Rob went over the financials. There is no hurry for the state to grant us the approval of our 501 3 c. It is the same story and situation it has been in for the past year. The account balance is \$17,299.19 in the account, \$1,946.10 in the booster totaling \$19,245.29. The 8th grade ref's were paid \$15.00 per ref. Ben Norgren, Spencer Pearson, Drew Rudlong and Willam Gomez were the ref's for one Intro game. Carrie gave the checks to Andy Gomez. The 10th graders refereed one game and still need all the names to write the checks. The 9th grade referees will be paid at the end of the season. It was agreed to pay Jill Radunz our website administrator \$350.00 for another year. The check of \$800.00 was sent to the Iowa Westside Classic to cover 4th and 6th grade. We received payment for new player Jeremy Carroll to play on the 5th grade gold team.

MEA Tournament dates/times/fields were e-mailed out to all the coaches. We have some teams starting on Monday at the dome. The 8th grade parents wanted to put a tournament team together for the MEA tournament. As long as they use school equipment and insurance they can do it and pay for it themselves. They are not able to be under BLYFA and have our organization purchase their insurance.

We discussed fundraising. Heggies orders are due October 7th. Janae stressed that fundraising has to be yearlong for BLYFA to be successful. She brought to our attention that Big Lake is having an event on February 8, 2014, at Lakeside Park. The event is Get Outdoors Day. We could have a Broom "football" tournament with teacher s and coaches. Have a chili feed/spaghetti dinner/taco bar event at the Friendly Buffalo and after have the Band 50 play. Have various vendors come and sell products and we get a percentage of their profits.

Apparel-with so many problems with Jodi/All Star Embroidery we have decided that to look into other companies such as Ideal Advertising and Innstichables. Our focus is to stay local, and to keep cost down.

Other items of business discussed. We had three players that quit-Corran Phillips, Benjamin Sellner and Jack Eliason. Having 4th-6th grade teams switch to the Three Rivers League so we can compete at a local level against teams like Becker, Princeton, Zimmerman, Milaca, etc. The 7th and 8th grade teams would stay with the North Suburban League. Coach Keenan would like the players to start as early as Aug. 12th. Eventually have a school team and a tournament team at this level. Reviewed the parent/coaches code of conduct and that how we act represents the organization as a whole. The situation that occurred with the 5th grade gold team is unacceptable and there will be a coaches meeting on Tuesday after practice to review this. We also talked about having a survey to be sent out to all the parents to see how we did in 2013.

Our next meeting is November 3rd at 6pm at the Friendly Buffalo and this is the meeting where we take nominations for the board to vote on in December.