

Big Lake Youth Football Association Board Minutes

September 9, 2012 at Mc Pete's

Treasurer's Report: \$36, 462.59 plus \$661.50(booster) total \$37, 124.09. We are still waiting to receive profit from Artzeria from the tournament. Big Lake School District will receive 20% of what we profited from registrations, gates and concessions. Patti asked where the referee cards are at from the tournament. Scott said Donny has them. Patti mentioned what she currently has for cards is not matching what Wilson has given her. Speaking of Wilson, he e-mailed Patti wanting a "bonus" for the "extra" work he and Odell have done and with both of them coming to Big Lake. As a board we agreed that Wilson and Odell don't need or deserve a bonus! We also decided as a board that we will need to have a contract between the Hornet Classic and the AAU referees which would include the amount a ref is paid/game, use of golf carts/transportation between fields, no bonuses, location for referee stand, and no alcohol on school grounds. It was motioned and voted on that A.J. Gomez, Lexi and Belle deserve a T-shirt and \$40 for all the extra volunteer hours they put into the tournament. These 3 are all children of parents who were at the tournament all weekend and took the time to help make our tournament a success.

501 3 (c) Update- WE are still a non-profit. The application for nonprofit exempt status from Minnesota sales and use tax was approved based on current facts and circumstances regarding your organization and laws in effect at the time of approval. Different circumstances, statutory changes, or subsequent court decisions could affect your nonprofit exempt status. If your sources of support, character, or method of operation change, you must let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your status. Patti's concern is that because we have never filed our taxes since 1998 and our 501c3 Non-Profit Charity status was revoked, it would interpret that as a change to our "Character" and she felt that in all likelihood this letter and our tax exempt status was no longer valid. In the letter it states that "This exemption does not apply to purchases of prepared food, soft drinks, & candy." The main agenda in attempting to quickly obtain tax exempt status was to prevent us from having to pay sales taxes on concession items for the Hornet Classic. The main items purchased were candy, soft drinks and Gatorade. So this basically became irrelevant as we would have to pay taxes on these items regardless. As the Treasurer, Patti chose to not take the risk of claiming an exemption that was questionable at best and we simply pay the taxes. In the August Board Meeting, Patti stated that she was pursuing obtaining past bank records direct from Klein Bank as her requests for these records from the former Board President Don Patnode were ignored. She stated that she required this information to be able to further pursue filing the 501c3 paperwork as it requires us to disclose our current financial information as well as financials from the last 3 years. In the September Meeting Patti informed the board that she had been successful in obtaining the bank records required to complete the paperwork for filing the 501c3 for a \$800 fee & that she would like to -make a motion to obtain the services of an independent non-profit accountant Michelle Backlund to guide her through completing the application & filing the application on our behalf for a fee of \$300-\$400 as well as retain her services to file our yearly taxes. Andy Gomez made a motion to approve CPA Michelle Backlund and pay her \$300-\$400 to include

reviewing the forms necessary and answering any questions we have about the process. Michelle works with seven small non-profit organizations. Bruce (second) the motion and all were in favor of hiring Michelle Backlund. Patti followed the favor by saying that per her discussion with Michelle she felt that she would be able to file our application and hopefully get it approved by the end of this year. Patti let the board know that Michelle did state that it was possible that we may incur some back taxes penalties and fines due to the fact that we have never filed. She would work on our behalf to minimize these.

Review of the Hornet Classic! Scott started off by saying how much he appreciated everything done and that we all did a great job. He mentioned that we still need more help on Saturday and Sunday especially a volunteer to assist with T-shirts. He did not feel we need as many volunteers on Friday night. Patti suggested we have more coordinators instead of board members doing everything. Starting January of 2013 we will discuss all of the sub-committees for the Hornet Classic such as volunteer, concessions, registration, communications, T-shirt, etc. It was determined to make the tournament more organized with teams and T-shirt orders that the registration deadline is August 1, 2013. Late fees will be charged for any late registrations for the tournament. Each team will also makes checks out to Big Lake Youth Football Association. There is not a separate account for "The Hornet Classic" or in Don Patnode's name.

Andy made a motion (Amber second) that at the beginning of each calendar year we need to review the by-laws and everything else will fall into place every other year or even/odd years.

Amber will talk to Kris Sandford if she will take pictures for our website.

The October 7, 2012, meeting will be held at Mc Pete's at 6pm.

Carrie Hanrahan

Secretary