

# Post Falls Junior Tackle Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** September 8, 2015 – 7:10 pm

**Location:** PFHS – Library

**In Attendance:** Jason Hildreth, Sara Rodriguez, Dan Pearse, Amanda Pecor, Marla Hulce, Laurie and Spencer Sessions, Roy McKenzie

**Team Managers:** Lisa Brown, Heidi Yount (here for Annette Clark), Tiege Arman, Rachel Auble, Stacie Ward, Sheri Nowlan, Courtney Myers

**Visitors:** Jen Fox, various other parents

The meeting was called to order by Jason Hildreth at 7:11 pm

## August Recap

- Practice fields are squared away
- Fields were preliminarily lined

## Cheer

- Needs to talk to Dan about the pom poms
- Shirts arrived today – Jason to call
- Sweatshirts will be ordered tomorrow
- Coaching changes to discuss with Jason and Sara
- Plan on doing some fundraising.
- Need a bigger place for practicing next year
- Not going to enroll kindergarteners – it is proving to be too much for them this year

## Financial Update

- No report for this meeting
- Had an anonymous donation of \$5k
- Paypal takes time
- >\$15k has been spent on helmets and shoulder pads
- Anything we net in concessions should be profit for the season
- Have the potential to be \$5k above where we started this year
- Recommend credit card processing system and get rid of paypal
  - Motion to spend \$50 (one-time fee) to get the capability to process credit cards
  - Seconded by Jason
  - Passed
- Have the swiper, stay with the cash boxes

## Games Update

- Score board is working at the middle school
- Need to test Mullan Trail score board – only time clock (need a firmware update) – score will need to be kept on the sidelines
- Schedules are finalized. May be a couple of changes – Cherry Lane games may compress so there isn't a gap.
- Lines will be touched up this week.
- All games on Sep 12 moved from the middle school to the high school.
- Cherry Lane Parking
  - email to Speed about parking on the gravel by the bus garage
  - Parking on Cherry Lane – park east of the daycare

- Field Workers – We have one and a part-timer
  - Need at least a couple more high school kids – responsible for clocks, setup and clean up. Get paid \$10/day. Needs to be responsible. Get food from concessions
  - Send name and numbers to Jason
- Home team has responsible for chain crew (3 people)
- Get MPR's submitted to Roy by the end of game day
- Last team on the field help clean up the field (yard markers, chains, etc)
- Make sure coaches stay until last kid has been picked up
- All teams need to clean up after themselves following your game, then go have your team debrief meeting
- Sara to check on schedules with Speed
- 10 practices in before they are eligible for first game

### **Registration Update**

- Is closed, except 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Concessions**

- Water – has been fixed
- Having scheduling issues getting volunteers to sign up
  - 5 teams have not given any volunteer list
  - Cheer will get a list of volunteers to Marla
  - Scholarship list to Marla
  - Need a way to get the trailer to Post Falls Middle School each weekend
    - License on the trailer is needed
    - Jen Fox will ask Chad if he can come-up with something
  - Jason is giving Marla his keys so she can get in the concession key
  - Would like to order Gatorade in bulk – approved

### **Coach Update**

- Coach's boxes – Hurricanes don't have one
- If you are missing any pieces, let Jason know
- Greg to look into first aid kits – get 6

### **Fields**

- Last team there needs to make sure all sheds and gates are locked

### **Team Manager Update**

- Team Books – Laurie to do one last look on Wed and Thu this week (Monday for 3/4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Grades –
  - Positive and pro-active with grades
  - If you notice a kid that has low grades, encourage them to get their grades up. Next year it will be important
  - Propose: Last game of season, all kids with a 3.8 or higher give them a certificate and something like a \$5 to the donut dugout.
    - Grade is 3.8
    - Sara to work on a workbook for converting grades to a GPA
    - \$200 to spend on gift cards
  - Need to come up with something before next board meeting because 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade last game is before the next board meeting

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Issue**

- One team is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bears. They have scrimmaged the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Predators twice
  - During the Saturday jamboree, there were two different sets of rules
  - Scrimmaged again last week on Friday. They filmed the practices
    - They had kids kicked after the play was dead
    - There was mass chaos on the Predators team – coaches yelling at coaches,
    - Roy met with the coach and was attacked
    - Accused the Bears of cheating
  - Predators are stating they are going to forfeit the game on Friday. Because they think it is an unsafe environment
  - Parent Feedback
    - Equally played on both sides
    - Rule disputes were brought up in front of the kids and they shouldn't have done that
      - Telling kids the other team is cheating because of the rule dispute
    - Coach was not there for the Friday scrimmage
    - Hadn't heard about the possibility of a forfeit
    - Didn't see anything malicious on Friday
    - Let the kids play and teach them
    - Kids love the coaches
  - Concern is we have 2 parents that are close to removing their kids from the team
  - What do we do moving forward? The teams play on Saturday
    - Dan and Jason will be on both sidelines on Saturday's game to observe
    - Need to provide some "coaching the coach" by people outside the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams
  - Moving forward, we need to work together and be Post Falls – we need to play classy football
  - At the high school level, it is difficult to bring the kids together as freshmen if they come to the high school as rivals. Each grade should be practicing together. To grow together
  - Talk to your parents – nip negative stuff tonight

**Important Dates**

- Team Photo Schedules have been sent out and updated on the website calendar. Teams need to be lined up and ready at their start time
- First games Sept 12 (for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – Equipment turn in for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade

**Announcements**

- November, Jason is stepping down from his position in PFJT&C. November will be his last meeting. Would like to still be part of it to help if needed (i.e., coaching, coaches board, etc.). In November, we need to see if we can get a new person into the President's position so we can start planning for the next year.
- Recommend opening up more board positions to allow more participation.
- Need to update league by-laws

**Next Meeting**

- Tues, October 13, 2015 @ 7pm at the HS Library
- New positions options so we can possibly nominate people at the November meeting

The meeting was closed at 8:55pm.