

## Post Falls Junior Tackle Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** October 11, 2016 – 7:30 pm

**Location:** PFHS – Library

**In Attendance:** Spencer and Laurie Sessions, Sara Rodriguez, Dan Pearse

**Visitors:** Misc parents and coaches

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Sessions at 7:02 pm.

### Guest Topics

- Any movement on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sandpoint team. Spencer said there maybe another option with St Maries.
- Thank you for the ref training. Maybe start earlier next year.
- Veteran refs walked away from jr tackle and left us short. CDA wants to pay more \$'s, we don't think that will help. CDA wants to pay more than the refs get paid to ref high school games. Spencer brought up a tiered level pay based on grade level, experience, etc.
- Nov 2 – all North Id executive bodies meeting.
  - Roger is leaving
  - Season breakdown
  - Off Season Training Refs
    - Different levels of pay
    - Classroom time
    - Pass a test to be certified
  - All leagues should be on the same page, scheduling, rules, etc.
- Thank you to the board members for being at games, fundraising, working w/CDA Jr tackle
- PF vs PF games – pros & cons, create brother hood, trust etc. But still working toward it.
- Team names – teams from 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2016 season can keep their existing names through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They can choose to change if they want to. The league asks that they stay with the orange, black, white color scheme. Starting with 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016 will be Trojan white, orange, black, gray.
- Rumor is teams will be re-drafted each year. – Partially true, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> will draft each year. Once on a 5<sup>th</sup> grade team, they stay together through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Why don't we have a "North Idaho" board to run the league instead of CDA running everything?
- Scheduling – teams with a bi-week, will teams that got a bi not have one next year? Typically, that is how it works.

### Score Board & Lights

- The high school has offered to donate their score board to the Cherry Lane field. The city is requiring the HS to put in a new structure for their new score board. We need to have an engineer to inspect the structure at Cherry Lane. If anyone knows of someone who could help, please let us know. Colin Anderson offered to help.
- Grease Monkey wants to also donate a score board. Spencer proposes to get the donated score board to Post Falls Middle School.

- Lights – can we ask Grease Monkey if they would donate for getting them fixed? We need someone to come, look, and give us a quote. Check with Avista to see if they can come out and look. – Sean Yount will follow up on this.

### **Informative Meeting**

- We are putting together an informative meeting to get information out to parents.
- Explain how the program works, run by a board, bylaws, rules, etc. Layout all the positions and the things that need to be handled.
- The goal is to get people involved and volunteering.
- Layout the needs for the league.
- Maybe get a flier sent out to team managers and have them inform their parents.

### **Spring League**

- Would love to have one team for each grade in North Idaho to make a spring league work.
- CDA is on board with this. We are going to try to get the other North Idaho leagues.

### **Coaches Meeting**

- December meeting will include a debrief with each coach.
- Start having grade level meetings with coaches.
- There has been a proposal to try to get inter-league coaches meeting to set expectations.

### **Equipment Check-In**

- Need to schedule 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade equipment check-in
- Stickers must be removed (unless it is a Trojan sticker)
- Proposals:
  - Have teams meet at the tower and turn in their equipment the same day following their game.
  - Require parent to be present for the equipment turn in

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bengals / Predators**

- Complaints from parents – both new and returning
- We need to discuss and figure out this issue so we don't have another "Saints" situation.

### **Video from a Parent**

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade game with punching taking place – a parent submitted the video to the PFJT board.
- Dir of Coaching thoughts – Penalty should probably have been thrown and the player and coach should have been talked to. CDA board members were on the playing field when the situation happened. They told our coaches that if there was a penalty the ref would have been thrown. When a parent asked if they were going to do anything, the CDA board members told them they were going to call the police.
- Spencer (President) will be at their next game to mediate any issues.

**Next Meeting**

- Tue, November 8, 2016 @ 7pm at the Post Falls High School Library (may need to reschedule as this is election day).

The meeting was closed at 9:35pm.