

**Post Falls Junior Tackle  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** January 17, 2017

**Location:** PFHS – Library

**In Attendance (Board):** Spencer and Laurie Sessions, Sara Rodriguez, Jessica Cargile, Tiegé Arman, Angela Sullivan,

**Visitors:** Keeley Vandever, Dale Cargile, Travis Ostlund, Dan Pearse, various parents

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Sessions at 7:01 pm.

**Recap**

- Interleague meeting at CDA was held last week – Sandpoint, Coeur D’Alene and Post Falls were present.
  - Officials for games is the key issue. Officials are needed for games to happen.
    - There will be referee trainings with Roger in March April and May. These will be 2 hour trainings which will be geared toward high school certification and participants will need to make all three meetings, then in June will can go to Border League and 7 on 7 to officiate, and finally they can take the test to certify to referee games. Each league needs to have people willing to get trained. Only those who have had this training can be paid to officiate games. Post Falls has a few people interested but we are looking for more.
      - Training will be free, and participants must be 16 years or older to officiate games. (15 for Fitz league).
    - As we gain officials, refs from Coeur D’Alene will ref in Post Falls, and vice versa. This has been agreed on to remove the bias.
  - Sandpoint is starting a new league and is looking to have night games under lights to make it possible for multiple teams to play. Schedules will be coordinated going forward. Coeur D’Alene is donating 150 helmets to help start up the Sandpoint program.

- Post Falls important priorities include getting lights established because this opens up a number of scheduling possibilities between all leagues. This will require more investment from the league.
- Leagues discussed unifying rules that will benefit the growth of all teams in all leagues. Another meeting will be held on 2/7 to discuss this with all leagues. Overarching rules will relate to topics such as player suspension, PATs, running the clock, revision of the mercy rule, MPRs etc. Having some standard rules between leagues will eliminate some problems between leagues. Coeur D'Alene has stated interest in resolving issues with Post Falls teams in order to allow all teams to play each other.
- Post Falls will be having a board member at the fields in Coeur D'Alene for every game in order to avoid some of the potential for conflict.

### **North Idaho Football League**

- Discussion was held at the interleague meeting about the possibility of an overseeing league. CDA was opposed, citing that even at interleague meetings attendance is inconsistent. In other conversations, other leagues do show interest in the idea.
- Sara is working on establishing a North Idaho Football Website that will house schedules, standings, etc. so that they don't have to be held at CDA website. This will allow all leagues to interface and be up to date with each other.
  - Meeting minutes can be uploaded
  - Serves as a common platform for communication for all leagues

### **Lights**

- We have a new contact to be able to investigate the options for repairing lighting at Cherry Lane. Past possibilities have not panned out.
- These lights have not been turned on in 15 years or so. There is potential that the lightning storm a few years ago damaged the equipment and so a licensed professional is needed to evaluate the status.

### **Sideline Behavior**

- Code of conduct will be updated with sideline conduct agreements that will be a zero tolerance policy. Parents will be expected to follow the expectations laid out and more emphasis will be put on this in parent meetings before the season this year. Ideally, a board member will attend these meetings.
- Coaches will be responsible for ensuring parents understand, and that the policies are followed. Meeting individually or in small groups, the board will ensure that coaches are trained properly. The board will vet coaches before the season begins to try to make sure priorities are geared toward the good of the sport and sportsmanship, not only toward winning games.

### **Financial Update**

- 2016 Books – profit of over 17,000
- Cash on hand 21,521.00
- Almost 25K spent on equipment this year
- Recommended an increase in registration fees of \$5-10 each year to keep up with increasing expenses.
- Refs were paid out of cash from concession money most of the time.
- Taxes: with a 3 year average over 50K, we will have to file complete tax return (within the next 2 years we will need a CPA that can do our taxes due to revenue increasing)
- In the future, we could potentially split into two organizations - form a PFJT Booster Club in order to keep revenue down inside each organization.

**Last year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade players should be reminded to sign up for Freshmen Football Camp in order to be up to speed.**

### **Spring League**

- Only one person has responded about Spring Football, we need to know how much interest there would be. If we run this through us, there are a few advantages.

### **Fundraising Update**

- Fundraising will need help this year.
- We may change to a beef jerky fundraiser this year.
- Triple Play fundraiser potentially could happen earlier in the year.
- We need more managers involved in fundraising this year.
- Suggestion was made to look into Knudsten for fundraising (raffle) possibilities

### **Tech Soup**

- Google account being set up by Sara that will allow a Google account for the league, with specific league emails and the potential for donations to the organization (technology).

### **Equipment**

- Ordered 100 helmets this last week, we have 75 left and all our helmets will be under 3 years old.
- This year we may look into sourcing with Zenith to help with the fit for some kids, who don't fit well in Riddell helmets.
- Long term, we will have to start turning over shoulder pad inventory.
- Eagle project is on track to revamp equipment storage.

### **Next Meeting**

- We will meet on 2/15 for a short general meeting, followed by an executive meeting to discuss
  - Bylaws, etc.
  - Registration – dates and fees, recruiting, etc.
  - Equipment checkout
  - Coaches meeting protocol
  - Zero tolerance policy / code of conduct
  - BBQ Date

The meeting was closed at 8:38pm.