

## **Post Falls Junior Tackle Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** March 12, 2019

**Location:** PFHS – Library

**In Attendance (Board):** Spencer and Laurie Sessions, Sara Rodriguez, Nick and Mackenzie, Genetone, Angela Sullivan, Keeley, Angie Rutherford

**Visitors:** Spokane Coaches, Matt Ludwig, Mike Scholes

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Sessions at 7:00 pm.

### **Financial Update:**

- Income: \$5,450.50 (~\$5k came from Nick's company – Yeah! Thanks!)
- No expenses this year.

### **Equipment:**

- Middle School field
  - Park and Rec men's league will begin using it in about 30 days.
  - Sprinkler system has been fixed.
  - Need to air-rate and re-seed.
  - Spencer to call the City and ask for \$ to assist with fixing the field.
- We have money set aside for a shed. We need to get approval from the school district.
- Helmets:
  - Reconditioning all the helmets that need it would cost \$14k. Allen has been contacted to come out and look at the helmets.
    - 2017 Riddell helmets (100 helmets) need re-certified.
    - 2016 Xenith helmets (115 helmets) reconditioned
    - \$25/helmet to re-certify and \$35/helmet to recondition
  - Recommendation:
    - Purchase 50 new helmets
    - Re-certify 86 of the Xenith helmets
  - Motion made and seconded.
- The high school has agreed to buy our JV pads that we didn't use. They will pay us what we paid for them (\$4,200).

### **Spokane Group Visitors:**

- Want to join North Idaho football.
- Wanting to get away from the age/eight matrix. Want to be somewhere that their efforts are focused on the boys and not the "noise".
- Like that we are transparent about our money and the structure we have.
- Want build the program and culture.
- Have 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade athletes and want to fit in (30-40 boys at this time).
- Various discussion on our program.
- If approved, they would be under Post Falls Jr Tackle and be a "Post Falls" team.

### **Presidents Update:**

- Decision was made to have an "umbrella" over North Idaho Jr Tackle. We will develop a website that links to each individual organization. Scheduling, scores, etc.
- No extra governing body.

**Registration:**

- CDA raised their fees - \$100 for 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade and \$150 for 5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Propose to raise our 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade to \$100. – Motioned, seconded, approved.
- Leave Cheer at \$75.
- After early bird date (TBD), fees will raise \$50.

**Referee Shortage:**

- This is an issue for all leagues.
- We need some additional adults. If you know anyone interested, have them contact Spencer.
- We will get training sessions put together for the folks we have interested.

**Coaching Update:**

- CDA coach's clinic occurred last month. We had 7 coaches attend. We had more participants than the high school. Good clinic.
- Staffing:
  - We have one whole in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Cory Gentry has started a new job.
  - Overall looking good. We have gentlemen with no kids in the program that want to coach.
  - Annual coaches meeting – Late July (tentative). Lining up a coach from Whitworth to do a session on creating an environment for teams, and defensive and offensive schedules.

**Draft:**

- Proposed change to the Draft Policy:
  - 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade split by board member each year
  - Draft 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade (in 2019, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> will draft)
  - Current (2019 season) 8<sup>th</sup> will be grandfathered in for 2019
  - Team Size:
    - Max 22/team for 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade
    - 20-22 minimum/team for 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade
    - The Executive Board can adjust these if circumstances warrant.
  - Head coaches only at draft
  - Hold a pre-draft meeting with coaches to set the expectations
  - Parents have the option to request new team (i.e., give them the option to have their kid re-drafted). They need to bring
- Bring draft of the policy for final review and comment at the April meeting.

**Board Positions:**

- Continue to send out communications trying to recruit volunteers.
- Highlight that they can have a year of “job shadowing”
- Filled Positions: Voted and approved
  - Secretary – Sara to continue
  - Treasure – Tessa Ludwig
  - Field Maintenance – Matt Ludwig
- Open positions:
  - Executive Board:
    - Vice President
  - General Board:
    - Marketing
    - Scholar Athlete
    - Equipment
    - Player Agent
    - Concessions

**Next Meeting:**

- April 9, 2019 @ 7pm at PFHS Library

**Dates:**

- Registration/Early bird – Open April 1
- Equipment Checkout –
  - Everyone in N Idaho Jr Tackle by August 10
  - Post Falls – August 3 (tentative)
- Jr Tackle Camp – August 6-8 (tentative)
- BBQ – Aug 12 (tentative)
- First Practice – Aug 12
- First Games – Aug 21 – 3/4<sup>th</sup> and Sep 7 – 5-8<sup>th</sup>
- Game Schedules by August 24<sup>th</sup> (Team Counts by August 20).
- Jamboree – August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm (5<sup>th</sup> – Lakeland, 6<sup>th</sup> – CDA, 7<sup>th</sup> – Post Falls, 8<sup>th</sup> – Sandpoint)

**Future Items:**

- Draft policy updates - Sara
- Cheer Equipment Proposal – March agenda item
- Elections
- End of season survey
- Need to shorten the end of game review form
- MPR policy updates – Sara and Laurie
- Jersey policy updates (Set jersey guidelines if teams want to do their own jerseys – check the bylaws) - Sara
- Equipment quotes (helmets and shoulder pads) - Spencer

The meeting was closed at 8:40 pm.