

Post Falls Junior Tackle & Cheer Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 20, 2014 - 7 pm

Location: PFHS – Library

In Attendance: Jason Hildreth, Sara and Greg Rodriguez, Kathy and Jeff Mamola, Amanda Pecor, Jeff Hinz

Visitors: Mike Anderson, Russ and Parker Lewis, Colin Anderson, Sean Yount, Rich Hauser

The meeting was called to order by Jason Hildreth at 7:01 pm.

Minutes Recap: No Minutes from the April 2014 meeting as is was primarily a Q&A with coaches about the changes to Pop Warner.

Visitor Topics:

- What is the policy/rules for recruiting? Currently, no recruiting. A policy needs developed with our change to Pop Warner.

Transition

- Item 1: League 1 Site for registration is almost ready. Last piece of information needed is our registration fee.
 - Discussion: Cost of jerseys is \$20-25 each. Do we update our cost from last year for this?
 - Do we do all new jerseys each year? Most kids can use them for 2-3 seasons.
 - Recommend starting with the mighty mites and the tiny mites with new jerseys and use existing ones for older kids this year.
 - Fundraising opportunity is as we get our two “teams” setup across the weight/age levels, kids will outgrow jerseys. Potential to sell back outgrown jerseys at a reduced cost to the team for re-use.
 - Recommendation was made to reduce the registration fee for cheer to exclude the insurance fees (\$20/football player).
 - Do we give discounts or waive registration for coaches? Issues in 2013 where parents said they would help coach, registration fee waived, and they never helped coach.
 - Motion made and seconded to leave rate the same as 2013 for football players (\$95/player).
 - Motion made and seconded to change cheer registration fee to \$60.
 - Motion made and seconded to require registration fee from all participants.
- Item 2: Team Notebooks
 - Need to setup a training session with team managers and coaches. Purpose of the training is to learn what the notebook is and what they will look like.
 - Notebooks will be prepared by each team. PFJT to decide if they will purchase initial supplies.

2014 Season Update

- Background Checks – All coaches and volunteers interacting with kids must get a background check prior to the start of the season.
 - Coaches will have 2 background check forms to fill out – coaching and volunteer
 - Volunteers (including all board members) will have to fill out the volunteer form.
 - Forms will be added to the website
- Greg Rouse (current Vice President) is moving and has stepped down from his position. He recommended nominating Colin Anderson to fill his position. His knowledge of the Spokane Valley Pop Warner Association would be valuable in our transition into the league.

- Under Pop Warner this position's title changes to Football Commissioner. Duties include:
 - Head of coaches board and working with coaches
 - Coaching issues
 - New coaches interviews and approvals
 - Coaching clinics
 - Work with Coach Jeff Hinz
- Motion was made and seconded to have Colin Anderson fill Greg Rouse's position
- Try Outs / Draft – Not allowed in Pop Warner
 - Discussion:
 - Should we set a limit to recruiting numbers and the rest are randomly assigned by the league?
 - What are our options if we can't have the draft?
 - Many concerns over creating "stacked" teams.
- Cheer – Under Pop Warner, cheer will need to be setup in age groups. They are a little different than the football players. Jason to meet with Amanda to go over this.
- League BBQ – need to start organizing the BBQ. It will be important to have this so we can answer questions about the change to Pop Warner.
- Practices can start August 1st.
- Games will most likely start Labor Day weekend. Official schedules won't be out until mid-August.
 - Each association has a person on the scheduling committee. Jason will participate for PFJT.
 - It appears that our fields may end up being filled with games each weekend, even if we don't have home teams. Great news for concessions!
 - Need to determine what day we will want games held on the High School field. Coach Hinz needs to know ASAP.
- INWPW Jamboree – this is an annual required event. Date for 2014 is August 23. Jason to find out more.
- Coach Hinz is checking to see if we can do a Pop Warner Night (formerly Junior Tackle Night) on September 12. Players get in free wearing their jerseys and at half time they will be introduced and parade out onto the field.
- Registration – Should be open in a week or so. A link will be placed on our website. All kids MUST sign-up online before equipment checkout. For 2014, all kids will need to sign-up as new kids. We have last year's roosters and will get them on the same team as last year.
- Marketing – Need to get the word out.
 - Fliers to the schools? May be include with final newsletters sent out by the schools.
 - Press release to CDA Press (Brian Walker)
 - Signs at schools
 - Parade – Jason to sign us up. Amanda to help organize. Sara to send an email out.
- Fundraising – League/Team
 - Need to setup an annual League fundraising event
 - Need to setup policy for team fundraising
 - All fundraising activities must be approved. There is a Pop Warner form that must be filled out and submitted for approval.
 - Spokane Valley Association does not supply tackling dummies and such. Each team organization uses fundraising money to purchase those items. They stay with the team.

Action Items:

- Jason:
 - Question for INWPW League meeting
 - Cheer Questions to Cheer Director
 - What are our options to replace our current draft?
 - Academic Probation – Can we have leniency this year?
 - Jamboree – find out more
 - Other
 - Line out some items that need sub-committees created to generate recommendations for the board (scholarships, fundraising, etc)
 - Get us signed up for the parade
- Sara:
 - Add Pop Warner Logo to our banner
 - Work on Updates to the Website (including forms)
 - Send out email asking for parade participants
 - Send out email when registration is open
 - Send out email with required sports physical form
 - Assist with sub-committees (Pam Mitchell at the HS for scheduling meetings at the HS pamitchell@sd273.com)
- Colin:
 - Get Bengals rosters to Sara
 - Organize some coaches meetings:
 - Work on transitioning coaching to Pop Warner “organization” structure
 - Develop recommendations on how to place new kids
- Greg:
 - Get email from Jason from Riddell for helmet re-conditioning. Keep that process moving forward.
- Amanda – organize parade activities

Next Meeting:

- Tues, June 10, 2014, 7pm at the HS Library

The meeting was closed at 9:30 pm.