

Post Falls Junior Tackle & Cheer Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 10, 2014 - 7 pm

Location: PFHS – Library

In Attendance: Jason Hildreth, Sara and Greg Rodriguez, Kathy and Jeff Mamola, Shannon Stone, Jeff Hinz, Colin Anderson, Lia Saless

Visitors: Will Amaya (INPWL President), Dana Borum, Beth Palanuik, Jason Weil, Kenny Duncan, Scott Babowicz, Cliff Lickfold

The meeting was called to order by Jason Hildreth at 7:05 pm.

Minutes Recap: Minutes Reviewed from the June Meeting.

Visitor Topics:

- Concern with Head Coach of the Broncos (see end of Coaching Update section for more info).
- Parent recommendation is to have the HS football players visit/interact with the PFJT players (other than at the football camp). They kids idolize the HS football players.

Registration

- Registration is up and running.
- Online registration will close on August 1st.
- Need to get returning players registered by July 15.

Cheer

- Need 2013 Roster list – Sara to email to Shannon
- Cheer Camp – Larissa (HS coach) would like to have one. Shannon/Amanda to get the her to schedule/plan
- Cheer squads are to be by the age groups indicated by Pop Warner rules
- There will be a cheer meeting sometime in July with the new INPWL Cheer Director

Press Release

- Press release has been drafted. Comments/edits need to get to Jason so he can submit it to he CDA Press.

Team Books

- Team books are very specific on how they need to be done.
- Player cards are ready to print info on (Will gave them to Sara) – MUST BE PRINTED not handwritten
- These books are probably the biggest change for us to learn this year.
- Need a team manager for each team. Their roll includes:
 - Managing the team book
 - The communication link between the coaches and the parents
 - They deal with weigh-in issues
 - Assign a MPR and spotter for each game = Their role is to track player plays to ensure the mandatory play rule is being followed.
 - Handle grade conversion sheets
- A sample book is being prepared for us to look at.
- We will have several meetings to help get the team books put together

- Area Book Coordination
 - All team books must be certified.
 - Tentative date is August 17 at Dick's Sporting Goods in the Valley
 - The books will be reviewed and then certified

Weigh-In

- Each player will go through an official weigh in and be certified (player matches their picture on their player card) at the beginning of the season.
- All players will weigh in before each game and be verified with their player card picture.
- Cheer will go to the weigh in table each game to. No weigh in, but they have to be verified with their player card picture.

Scholarships

- Several options were discussed related to scholarships
 - Set # of scholarships
 - Set # of Half scholarships
 - Based on school lunch program
 - 50% flat fee
 - Income based
 - 50% + volunteer hours (if volunteer hours not met by week 6, the player is pulled)
 - Sponsors
- INPWL President recommended not publicizing scholarships. Those that really need them will ask about them.
- The recommendation was to do the following:
 - \$50 (\$30 for cheer) + lunch program + Volunteer hours
 - If volunteer hours not met, that participant will not be eligible for a scholarship the following year.
 - Need to come up with a way to track volunteer hours
- Sara to draft a policy for review and approval at the next board meeting.
- This year there is a spot for people to donate to a scholarship fund. We need to look at this fund for future years.

Coaching Update:

- Coaches meeting was held June 5th with 22 coaches representing 2 teams in attendance.
- The coaches discussed 5 main topics:
 1. Parents whose kids are too heavy for the current team or who choose to keep their lighter son down can choose where they want to play. This will only be allowed to a variation of 3 players in order to keep team numbers balanced. If there is a discrepancy >3 players, the kid would be placed into the random draw (10-2 votes)
 - Proposed and approved by the board
 2. New teams will form with 10 players and then be filled with the random draw. (6 votes). (2 votes for complete random draw, 4 votes for complete coach formed)
 - Proposed and approved by the board
 3. Team size will be 19 minimum, 25 maximum. Might vary if numbers/math doesn't pencil out. (unanimous vote)
 - Proposed and approved by the board

- Note: The INPWL has a cap at 25. If our numbers end up being slightly over the 25, we can appeal the cap at the INPWL level.
- 4. Annual player registration - Players can sign up for whatever team they chose. Existing players will have priority on team slots. (11-1 vote)
 - Proposed and approved by the board
- 5. Coaching Dismissal - Leaving coach can petition to the board and take his son to another team. (unanimous vote)
 - Proposed and approved by the board with an added condition that coaches from both the former team and the new team are involved in the petition.
- Discussion about concerns of the formation of “stacked” teams.
 - The INPWL league has 3 divisions (D1, D2, D3). For the first year, PFJT will be in the lower division. The teams will play other teams in that same division. If a team shows they have talent, they will get moved up to the next division.
 - The coaches at the coaches meeting didn’t think this would be a problem.
- Proposed 5 items were approved by the board.
- A Policy will be put together and presented at the next board meeting for finalization.
- At the coaches meeting, a request was made for volunteers to join the coach’s board. There were 4 Bengals coaches and 2 others that signed up. Colin will be contacting the coaches to get more involvement.
- Coaching issue - Since there isn’t a coach’s board formed, an issue needs to be address by the board so team formation can continue.
 - 3 Asst Coaches on the Broncos team are petitioning to leave the team.
 - 5 Parents from the Broncos team were in attendance at the board meeting
 - Issues are with the former head coach and family
 - Lack of communication – to parents and to asst coaches
 - Lack of structure for practices
 - 6 kids never practiced or played offence last season
 - Parents indicated they:
 - would not put their kids on that coach’s team. Their kids don’t want to play for him.
 - thought the asst coaches did a great job and that they would let their kids play for them any day.
 - INPWL President stated the PW rule book states coaches do not have seniority. All coaches have to be approved by the association board each year. The association can dismiss a volunteer/coaching application.
 - The Executive Board unanimously voted to dismiss the former Broncos head coaches coaching/volunteer application.
 - INPWL President will meet with all parents and assistance coaches in attendance following the meeting.
 - Asst coaches were asked to provide all written communications they had with the former head coach to the PFJT President (Jason).
 - Motion was made and passed to retain the Bronco Asst coaches. They need to get their coaching applications submitted and let Colin know who will fill the head coach position.
- Additional topic at coaches meeting was the vision the High School coaches (Jeff and Mike) have for the future of PFJT.

- Develop a strong high school presence
- Propose having 1 team for PFJT – say the Trojans so we have a unified program. We could then break up into groups like Trojan Orange, Trojan Black, etc.
- There are hurdles to get through (i.e., offensive scheme)
- Implementing different fundamentals at each level in PFJT.
- Teaching HS terminology and language
- Benefits: coaches can coach where their strengths are.
- Coaching clinics – Coach Hinz would love to have them. The HS coaching staff is there to help us.

Important Dates

- June 17 – INPWL Coaches Meeting (League Level) – North Central High School– 6-9 pm
 - Highly recommend 1 coach from each team attend
 - New Rule changes will be gone over
- June 21 – Pass Punt Kick – Gonzaga Prep
 - PFJT should look into hosting the event too. We are already insured through INPWL to do this.
- Aug 2 – Player Safety Coach (1 for the PFJT) 6 hour training
- Aug 17 – PFJT Team Book Certification – Dick’s Sporting Goods
- Aug 23 – INPWL Jamboree – Shadle-Glover – Mandatory for Jr Peewee and up – involves 2 game scrimmages
- Aug 30 – Pop Warner Night at Eastern University – we are getting an entire section next to the student section. Players get in free and parents cost is \$5 each.
- TBD – Pop Warner Night at WSU.
- Nov 8 – League Championship – Deer Park Hosting
- Nov 15 – NW Classic – West Plains Hosting
- Nov 20-21 – Regionals - Spokane

Post Falls Parade

- Jason to get us signed up with the Chamber
- Sara to send email out requesting football player participation
- Will has some jersey’s with the PW logo we can use as well as a PW banner
- Need to come up with something to hand out at the parade. Sara to design cards to hand out – Jason will get them printed and to Cheer.

Equipment

- Greg met with the Riddell guy.
- 86 helmets needed reconditioned.
- Issue: Riddell guy said he needed pre-payment (without an invoice) before he could send them in for reconditioning.
- Jason to contact him – we will not pay before the work is done. Coach Hinz supports this.

Next Meeting:

- Tues, July 16, 2014, 7pm at the HS Library

The meeting was closed at 9 pm.