

Post Falls Junior Tackle Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 14, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Location: PFHS – Library

In Attendance: Sara Rodriguez, Courtney Myers, Laurie and Spencer Sessions, Brittany Teverbaugh, Roy Mckenzie

Visitors: Tieghe Arman, Kevin Ward, Sean Yount, Cory Gentry, Todd Curtis, Ms Shields, Cliff Lickfold, Rusty, Greg Rodriguez, John Pratt, Colene Degrou, Troy Ostland

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Sessions at 7:05 pm.

Cheer

- We have 3 tubs of old cheer shirts – Spencer to get them to cheer to use them for prizes or something
- Getting uniforms ordered, making bows.
- There are some girls with little sisters that are kindergarten and they want to sign up. The mom is signing up to help with all kinds of things so it is hard to tell her no.
 - Proposal is to allow her to register.
 - Proposal passed.

Visitors – General Business

- 5th grade Bears – Mckeown wants to play up, where are we at on that decision.
 - The board has decided he can play two 5th grade years.
 - We have 2 head coaching positions – the board is actively looking for coaches.
 - Anyone that wants to be a head coach, needs to fill out an application online and the board will interview them for the position.
- Sponsorship – Ryan Pratt works for Pepsi and is interested in sponsoring \$ and product. Laurie will get him the form.
- The relationship between PF and CDA has been pretty strained over the years. That relationship is on the mend and we are working closely with CDA for the children.

Coaching & Team Formation

- Coach Bennet wants us to get as many kids as possible to play. We need to have coaches quit focusing on winning.
- All people interested in any coaching positions, must fill out an application online and sign up as that volunteer role so that they can be interviewed for the position.
- Coaching positions
 - 6th grade looks good for coaches – may have random draw or draft for 6th grade
 - 7th grade – we have 1 coach for 3 teams.
 - 8th grade – fully staffed – sent an email to all the coaches for the players that need placed on teams. They have the option for random draw or draft.
- Conditioning provided by the high school for free. Email was sent out with the information. We encourage coaches to get their kids out to this.
 - We are working on something for the younger kids.
- Everyone on the field “coaching” or “helping” MUST be USA football certified.

- We are working on USA certification fees. We have learned that CDA can possibly get is a \$10 fee. In the past it has be \$35.
- Next coaches meeting – Referee training – Rodger (head of referees) is committing to having 4 officials at all games.
 - Parents are coach’s behavior is the main thing that is causing officials to not want to ref our games.
 - There is a new “Jr tackle” Rule – Any parent that harasses the officials, the ref will throw a flag, and will notify the head coach. The head coach needs to control their crowd. If it happens again, that parent will get thrown out. They will be given 2 minutes to leave the field. If they do not, the police will be called.
 - Coaches will be getting specific training on this.
 - We will be having barriers to keep parents off of the sidelines.
 - We are looking for PF parents and coaches that are interested in ref training.
- We are working on two PFJT&C CPR trainings.

Equipment

- New helmets have arrived.
- Our expectation is to get a time assignment to the coaches for equipment checkout. There will be a late fee of \$10, if people do not come at their designated time.
- Equipment checkout will be by grade level starting with the 8th grade.
- Wish lists – equipment, score boards – need funds to purchase and process for checking/checkout process.
- Lights – We need to have a certified electrician take a look at the lights and tell us what it would take to get the lights fixed.
 - Troy Ostlund – will reach out to Power City Electric in Spokane
 - Once we have a cost, we can see if the school district will help with the cost and we can fundraise.
- Scoreboards – we are looking to have new score board at Mullan trail.

7-on-7 League

- We would like to try to get 1-2 teams at both 7th and 8th grade teams next spring.
- It was fun this year for those that participated.
- Not a huge commitment – not as strict for practices.
- It is a great lead in for the 8th graders into freshman camp.

Summer League

- Email was sent out.
- Registration is on or website.
- July 13th and the 20th = play two 40 minute games.

Marketing / Fundraising

- We would like to join the Chamber of Commerce
 - Spencer would like to recommend we pay the fee and join. There is money available to be donated to our league.

- Motion was made and seconded. Passed.
- Laurie will attend the June meeting.
- We are fielding lots of questions about “Why do we fundraise for the league? I want to fundraise for my team.”
 - We are looking at modifying the fundraising process.
 - We need to change the perception of why funds are needed at the league.
 - We cannot get equipment, score boards, etc... if we don't have money.
- Spokane Empire Night – We generated \$275 for that event.
- Triple Play Night – Friday, June 17th 6-9pm – Let's try to get lots of people to attend – this is open to anyone. The more people that attend, the more money we get back.
- Sponsorships
 - We would like to see each team get at least 2 sponsors for the league.
 - There is money in Post Falls, but we need everyone's help to get the word out.
- Post Falls Parade – Email will go out asking for volunteers to walk the parade with us.
- Post Falls Festival booth – Need to get volunteers to man our booth at the park.

Concessions

- We do not have a concessions person.
- We are going to add staffing the concessions responsibility to each team managers. Each team will be required to provide at least one parent for one timeslot every Saturday for concessions. Doesn't have to be your game.
- Need to have contact information so that we make sure a parent doesn't “get stuck” in the stand.
- Courtney requests a team gets a “by” when they have a game in Kellogg.

Camps

- Jr Tackle Camp – We would like to push to have people sign up for the camp.
 - Registration is available on our website – register today

Future Draft Process / Geographic Discussion

- Create a draft together at the 5th grade level.
 - Coaches would apply
 - We would setup 6 stations for the kids to go through.
 - Coaches and executive board members will score each kid.
 - The scores will be averaged for each player.
 - Each athlete will get their name on a card with their score on the other side.
 - The only 3 kids that are guaranteed to a team. (i.e., head coach and 2 assistant coach kids)
 - The coaches will draw a card from the pile (one “score” at a time).
 - Maybe try it with the incoming 3rd/4th grade to test it out.
- Another option is to go geographic. This could be tough due to how the population is in Post Falls (some areas are very populated and others are not).
- We welcome any other options or feedback.
- For this year, we will do some form of this draft process for 5th grade. We have also provided this option to 8th grade this year.

Important Dates

- Jr Tackle Camp – July 25-28, 2016
- June 17 – Triple Play Night
- July 8-10 – Post Falls Festival
- July 16 – Equipment Check out
- August 8 – BBQ

Next Meeting

- Tues, July 12, 2016 @ 7pm at the Post Falls Specialty Dental Building Conference room.
Directions will be sent out.
- Aug meeting venue TBD.

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm.