

Post Falls Junior Tackle Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 8, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Location: PFHS – Library

In Attendance (Board): Spencer and Laurie Sessions, Dan Pearse, Sara Rodriguez, Courtney Myers, Jen Fox, Brittany T, Roy McKenzie

Visitors: Multiple Parents and Coaches

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

Season Break Down

- All teams got 6 games. 7th and 8th grade missed out on a couple of extra games.
- We had 3 executive board members attend the league meeting.
 - Overall positive.
 - SYSA is not an option – it is moving to the YMCA
 - A north Idaho league is our best option, all the other leagues seem on board.
 - We will work on getting a meeting in the next 3-4 weeks to get things moving.
 - Goal is to provide football for kids.
 - We are looking to see what we can do to help Sandpoint get going. They don't have a website or equipment at this point.
- We are looking to take advantage of the fields available with lights – Post Falls, Timberlake, Lakeland. We will contact Avista to get the lights at Cherry Lane fixed.
- Kellogg and Timberlake will continue to have 1 team for each grade, Lakeland will continue to try to have 2 teams per grade.
- We need to address when we cut off registration.
 - Other leagues are allowing kids to register and play with only a couple of weeks left in the season.
 - We are concerned with the potential
- We had good representation from the community. We need to put together some policies related to coaches and parents. We will look at other levels of football to develop these policies.

Injuries

- We had a lot more injuries this year than in previous years. Concussions and broken bones.
 - Field conditions – muddy conditions
 - Middle school field is now used by adult flag football on the weekends that caused it to get worse. Cherry Lane will probably become our main field.

Accountability of Parents / Coaches

- To be discussed at the December Meeting

Coach Openings for Next Year

- To be discussed at the December Meeting

Drafting Teams for Next Year

- To be discussed at the December Meeting

Ref Situation

- There are more high school games Thu, Fri, Sat. So, it is hard to get the refs on Saturdays.
- Proposal is each league needs to provide 4 adults that are trained as white hats.
 - 8 classes will be held and these officials need to attend at least 4. They will start in February 2017.
- We spent just under \$6k on refs this year.
- We talked about a tiered system of payment for referees. Discussions will take place to get something in place.

Fundraiser / Sponsors

- We have 30 buckets of fabric softener extra that we will sell for \$30.
- Next year we will look at doing bed sheets next year.
- We will look at doing a Triple Play night in January.
- Sponsors were great this year. We collected about \$10k.

Sponsorship Program

- The Good
 - 2 had all their requirements fulfilled (hours in and half fee paid)
- The Bad
 - Board members screamed at for an hour because they didn't want to pay.
 - Excuses as to why they couldn't volunteer.

Score Board & Lights

- 1st priority is to get the score board donated by the high school installed at Cherry Lane. We have 2 bids (\$7k and \$4k) to hang the sign.
 - Grease Monkey – has decided they would just write us a check for us to do what we want with it. We can use that check to buy another score board for the Middle School.
 - We have to have a building permit from the City.
 - The high school had to pull out all the posts and footings and put new ones in for their new score board.
- 2nd priority is to fix the lights at Cherry Lane.

Equipment Needs

- We need to update the younger kids' helmets.
- Fundraising helped pay for the new helmets we purchased this year.
- We need to purchase goal post pads for next year. We have been borrowing them from the high school.
- Need new chains at the middle school.
- We are looking at purchasing equipment from SYSA as they liquidate. Dan Pearse is working on this opportunity.
- Equipment Check-in
 - We are down to 16 sets of equipment not turned in.
 - Next year, we will do it by grade level and shorten the time to 10 minutes for each grade.

- We sprayed all the helmets with a disinfectant
- We have a Boy Scout interested in updating the helmet storage area as an Eagle Scout Project. He is also going to build new benches for each of the fields (2 for each sideline).

Executive Board Open Position

- Vice President, Secretary, Field Maintenance, Equipment Manager, Treasurer
- All leagues have the same issue of lack of volunteers – we need to try to recruit

Next Meeting

- Tue, December 13, 2016 @ 7pm at the Post Falls High School Library.

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm.