

Post Falls Junior Tackle Board Meeting Minutes

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Date/Time: February 15, 2017

Location: PFHS – Library

In Attendance (Board): Spencer and Laurie Sessions, Sara Rodriguez, Jessica Cargile, Tiegé Arman, Angela Sullivan,

Visitors: Keeley Vandever, Dale Cargile, Courtney, Dan , various parents, Mo and Owen from Sandpoint

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

Recap of Interleague meeting that took place on 2/7/17

- At the Interleague meeting, Coeur D’Alene, Post Falls and Sandpoint were again the only leagues in attendance.
- Post Falls has offered to help Sandpoint begin building their league with a donation of materials (old helmets, etc)
- Some changes were proposed: They will be voted on at the next meeting on 2/28
 - High school rules with the clock: 12 minute quarters with a 5 minute half time would give more playing time. In CDA, they have a stricter limit on field time which *may* require a running clock toward the end of the game.
 - Enforce play clock with a very slight lenience.
 - Suggested that using wrist bands may help with short timeline for getting set
 - Shift mandatory plays to 10 total with special teams not counting – all leagues would require this.
 - Existing rule of 21 point spread will remain, where a running clock can be imposed by the losing team. Proposed new rule would give a maximum point spread of 35, after which no more points could be put on the board for the winning team, to avoid major blowouts against weaker teams.

Drafting Teams – Plan and Policy – Initial Discussion

- **It is necessary to establish a consistent and set way for the draft to happen every year**
- **The option is being evaluated to redraft teams every year**
 - Pros: kids can have more opportunity to experience other coaching and there would be less chance of kids disliking the sport because of getting stuck on a team with poor coaching.
 - Cons: parents and kids will want to return to the same team, and benefit from the security of a team that trusts each other.

Cheer

- High school cheer teams have offered to get more involved with helping form the younger cheer teams
- Season end party was at Spotlight and was very successful
- Will need to establish registration and pricing for this year

Coaches

- **Who do we have:**
 - **3&4 grade – Need 3 Fitz Coaches** (Will keep these teams at a max of 17)
 - **5th grade** – Need to have 3 teams. Have 2 coaches, **Need 1 Coach**
 - 6th grade – All 3 coaches returning.
 - 7th grade – Board has determined this group will re-draft into two teams and there are already 2 coaches to take those teams on.
 - Will draft an email to meet with parents and let them know the specific reasons why this is happening – low numbers.
 - 8th grade – Enough coaches for all teams will be staying on.
- Coaches will need to put in an application, be interviewed by the executive board, and then be voted on for approval
- **Will begin coaches meetings by grade level this year:**
 - Head coaches only to first meeting (separate meetings by grade level, probably all on one night)
 - Beginning no later than April, to complete by mid-May
 - No rule changes as a whole except those adopted by the interleague
 - Meeting with all coaches including assistants will take place after
 - Head coaches will be required to attend board meetings, as an addition to the bylaws
 - Training will happen on high school rule updates, expectations, goals as coaches, and purpose of the program
- **USA Cert discount code will be sent out for coaches**

Registration

- Aiming to open registration March 13th
- Early Bird Specials – Paid by July 15, \$125
- New Helmet Guarantee – \$50 needs to be paid by May 31
- All fees need to be paid by July 22
 - After this date, registration goes to \$150
 - Payment plans will be available
 - If not paid in full, they cannot practice
- Fitz is \$75 (Early Bird) and \$100 after 7/22

Equipment Checkout

- July 22
- 15 minutes per grade, starting at 8th
- Alternate equipment checkout – tentative 8/5

Team Manager Meeting

- July 20
- Second Meeting – 8/3

Football Camp

- Last week of July

First Day of Practice

- Begin when HS football starts – 8/7 is BBQ, so practices begin 8/8

First Game

- 9/9 for 5th through 8th

- 8/23 for Fitz

BBQ

- 8/7

Varsity/JV Inter-squad Scrimmage (HS)

- 8/25 most likely first game at HS
- 8/18 estimated date for inter-squad scrimmage – would like to encourage junior tackle kids to attend

7 on 7

- Second and third week of July
- \$55 – 5th through 8th grade
- Email to come out with information on this

Website

- Needs to be updated with contact information and the minutes need to be posted.
- Website is being revamped.

Bylaws

- Addition:
 - Players cannot be on practice field without player contract and physical in the book
 - If a coach chooses to break this rule and play a player without the proper paperwork, he will personally be held liable for any injury, and will be suspended from coaching
 - Team books are property of the League and not coaches
- Additional revisions may be completed upcoming

Spring League

- Have been trying to recruit teams to play this year through junior tackle teams.
- We don't have enough registration to participate in the YMCA program – possibly could discuss creating a small spring league in Idaho

Referees

- We have committed to a minimum of 5 people who are willing to be trained for officiating
- Need volunteers
 - Training Dates to be determined 2/28
- High school kids can attend

Coaches Clinic – Coeur D'Alene

- Next Fri and Sat (2/24&2/25)
- Jr Tackle Coaches \$35.00
- All head and assistant coaches that attend this clinic will have a \$35 credit toward their child's registration. *Note on sign up that you are a Junior Tackle Coach*

Fundraising

- Monthly Fundraisers: Begin in April
 - Triple Play
 - Papa Murphy's Fundraiser - % of the night's sales
 - Panda Express also does a fundraiser - % sales
- Need to follow up on WSU fundraiser from last year

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Next Meeting

The meeting was closed at 8:51pm.