

# ZEPHYR YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2005

A regular meeting of the Zephyr Youth Football Association was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at the Wildwood Branch Library.

**ZYFA Board Members Present:** Tracee Bauer, Leslie Baumann, Bruce Fredericksen, Mike McDonald, Geoff Schmid, and Grant Young.

**ZYFA Board Members Absent:** John Gerver, Herb Gibson, and Bernardo Medellin.

**Guest Present:** Russ Frankel, Ed Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Russ Frankel gave an overview of the final agreement between ZYFA and MYFA. Our board voted to ratify the agreement. Russ suggested that we document our teaching by grade to have consistency for the benefit of all the participants.

Ed Olson has agreed to oversee Coaching and Evaluations. Grant will provide him with the evaluations for the 2004 season to be communicated to the head coaches. Bruce will provide him with the phone and email information to facilitate this process. Ed will report to the board at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the opinions of the coaches on several topics.

March minutes were approved.

Bruce suggested the formation of a committee to develop guidelines for a team roster. Ed will provide feedback from the coaches. Leslie will give the numbers from our first month of registration. The overwhelming response from families, at the November annual meeting, was to keep the teams; then fill-in with new players after their evaluation to balance.

Grant suggested we pursue merchandising at our walk-in registrations and the August 17<sup>th</sup> weigh-in. Tracee and Leslie will contact several volunteers from last years fundraising committee to determine their interest in volunteering once again.

Leslie will contact Pam Klinkhammer to process the criminal background checks for all board members. The board will continue to renew the background checks as they expire for the coaches.

The practice start – date discussion has been tabled until the May meeting to get feedback from the coaches.

Doug from North St. Paul is starting a girls flag football league; he would like to make available their organization to any girls in Mahtomedi who may be interested in playing. He also introduced a Polishing Diamonds program that North St. Paul and Stillwater have adopted. It is a program designed to develop sportsmanship skills for our youth. The cost is \$4 a book, every other year. The lesson is a paragraph of reading (age appropriate) followed by a few questions. There are six lessons per season that could be facilitated by the team manager. All the other teams in the Northeast Football Alliance (NFA) are participating; a sportsmanship award will be given to foster this learning process. The board will discuss this program at the May meeting.

Geoff will report at the May meeting field availability for two potential locations.

Mike will order 234 jerseys. The sizing was reviewed with the input of several coaches.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.