

ZEPHYR YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2005

A regular meeting of the Zephyr Youth Football Association was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2005 at the Wildwood Library.

ZYFA Board Members Present: Tracee Bauer, Bruce Fredericksen, John Gerver, and Mike McDonald.

ZYFA Board Members Absent: Leslie Baumann, Bernardo Medellin, and Grant Young.

Guest Present: Craig Nester

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

June minutes were approved.

John Gerver reported that the bank balance is \$20,000. Tracee reported the weigh-in budget at \$500. Mike to report cost of additional jerseys and equipment.

Bernardo reported, by email, that he has contacted 3 potential vendors including Paul. The fees range from \$40-75 per hour for upgrades/maintenance. The service providers all prefer some kind of contract estimating the total value of the work. Bruce reported that the NFA will be opening a website which will require our financial participation. The 8th grade teams will have a separate website by the Minnesota Development League.

Grant reported, by email, that Karen Edell-Reeves shared some pictures of merchandise to be sold for fundraising purposes. The first order totaled \$2500 for resale with the ZYFA logo. The order will include mesh practice jerseys, water bottles, T-shirts, and baseball caps. Cold weather merchandise will be apart of the second order. Merchandise will be available at the weigh-in and preferably on the website.

Leslie reported, by email, that the registration exceeds 290 players.

Bruce reported that 55 new players have been evaluated. All remaining players will be evaluated the last 2 weeks of July.

Bruce gave an overview of his discussions with Kevin Merkle. The HS will allow one home game for the kids to have a demonstration game at half time. Kids in uniform will be admitted free. The HS are open to a mentoring program. They will assigned 2-3 players per team. The coaches for both the HS and ZYFA will work out the details. The HS will host a coaches' clinic. The HS varsity field will need to be used very sparingly due to condition and availability. Note that the later start time will affect our beginning practice and game times.

Bruce gave an overview of his discussion with Ed Olson. The coaches' clinic with the HS will be on Wednesday, August 10th, 6:30 at the varsity field. A coaches meeting will precede the clinic at 5:30. The NFA will have a MANDATORY head coaches meeting on Sunday, August 7th, 7:00 pm, at Woody's Bar and Grill in Bayport, MN

A jamboree is still in the planning stages for August 27th. Any player participating in the USA Football classic will not be available to play.

Craig Nester volunteered to be the field liaison to the BOD.

Tracee to research and report to Bruce the school open house dates and times to alleviate scheduling conflicts.

Suggest to Ed Olson to initiate a mentoring program with ZYFA to help new coaches.

Mike reported that more jerseys are needed to compensate for "white" teams and to have a small inventory. Mike will identify equipment needs and order equipment from Metro Sports.

Tracee will be the BOD liaison for the weigh-in activity. Karen Edell-Reeves will oversee merchandising. Dave Baumgaard will oversee the weigh-in. Dave Bowditch will oversee the equipment swap. DQ has been contacted to provide ice cream. Mike to contact Zappa Sports to determine their participation. Leslie will provide a volunteer list.

Bruce to finalize the equipment swap details with Dave Bowditch.

Tracee will prepare an agenda for the 5th grade parent meeting for Wednesday, July 13th. Compile registration numbers, evaluation stats, and team size guidelines for a fact sheet.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.