

GYFA Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 12, 2012

Attendees: Jeff Rhinevault, Greg Hockert, Peter Verdieck, Will Nelson, Mike Snow, Monique Liebelt, Francine Albright, Emiriana Shubert, Kim Brewster and Rebecca Leontescu

Jeff opened the meeting with introductions.

Open forum/Agenda

First league meeting will be March 4 - any by-law changes will occur at that meeting. Registration begins April 1.

We will be doing off season training for the kids on Sundays, April -June (possibly in the aux. gym at GHS). Jeff would like to bring in Brian Crauser, a 1982 graduate of GHS who performed in the Olympic games of '84 and '88. He is an elite athlete that is really good at keeping in touch with the kids and encouraging them to set goals.

Greg Hockert spoke and made the following observations.

He coached at the Freshman level and saw firsthand the talent we are bringing into the program. There seemed to be a lot of dysfunctional things due to the lack of no middle school level sports. It boils down to a personal level of responsible for the boys and what can we do to help bridge the gap to help prepare the boys for the HS level.

Some suggestions he made were:

ACCOUNTABILITY!!!! The boys need to be accountable for their own actions.

Playing time - (set an attendance policy for practices) The kids have to attend 2-3 practices in order to get 10 plays a game. Could also become a safety issue if they miss practices and they don't know the plays.

Gear issue - if they show up without gear, can't practice, can't start, and if happens more than one time, they sit in street clothes

Absences - want to be a broadcast of school policy

Grade issue - ask for progress reports to be signed by teachers

If you are going to be an athlete, you have to be a student first!! Policies need to be put into place for our program and expectations need to be redefined.

Requests from the GHS Athletic Department include wanting more than one quarterback taking snaps and more opportunities for skill camps.

Francine discussed fundraising. Some ideas were:

Rummage/Garage Sale - April/May

Casino Bus (make money by selling tickets on a bus)

Small entertainment books

Punt, Pass & kick competition idea (ask Lincoln org. - Fred raised \$12K at one time) -

Jeff will call Fred and ask

Mike discussed equipment issues.

We had to discard 44 helmets and sent out 150-160 to be recertified. We need to buy approximately 50 helmets.

See if we can do a 50% deposit for the new helmets (Riddell - Jason)

If kids quit before, we need to be sure that we make them accountable to return the equipment. Request that coaches report to Kim (registrar) the kids that discontinue so that gear is returned to GYFA.

Mike says that we have a sufficient amount of pants. Greg suggested that maybe we issue one pair of pants if it turns out we have a larger response than originally expected. Greg also suggested that if we need to buy new pants, we purchase them for the 8th graders.

Peter suggested that there may be an issue with the cost of the storage unit and suggested that Mike call Bob about the price.

Jeff brought up that he would like to again see us spark the relationship with Dick's for football incentives.

Website needs to be updated with everyone's information and fundraising information for this year. (send to Greg)

We need to get the information out to the schools sooner than later because early registration begins April 1 with deadline of June 30. Kim will take care of this. Jeff will send the flyer to Kim.

Dates we need to reschedule our meetings at East Hill: 4/15 instead of 4/8; 5/20 instead of 5/13

Becky will be in charge of checking the GYFA mailbox.

Policies and by-law change needs to be written by March 11. Becky will work with Greg on this.

Next meeting is March 11.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:00

