

Barlow Youth Football Association  
2007 Organizational Meeting Minutes from  
February 26, 2007  
6:30pm

Location:

The meeting was held at the Salvitelli residence. The meeting commenced at 6:35pm.

Attendees:

Nathan Schmitt, Samantha Salvitelli, Randy Crawford, Tony Moran, Nate Holmlund, Tony Childress, Todd Thom, Ken Giusto, Tony Hill, Sonya Hill, Rachelle Sanchez, Jon Meyer, Mark Emry, Emerald Flores, Kenny Flores, Jason Smith, Brett Starr, Rob Becker, Jamey Campbell

1. History of Barlow Youth Football & Meeting Purpose

- 1.1 The history of Barlow Youth Football was discussed. Credit was given to founders: Scott Smoot and Michael Dillon, as well as previous presidents: Greg Holstrom and Treavor Pemberton.
- 1.2 JV / Varsity ( 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) Team discussion. There was an inquiry during this off season regarding forming JV/Varsity teams at TVYFL level. The Gresham-Barlow school district, at this time, seems committed to middle school football. Barlow Youth Football will maintain 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade teams.

2. Introductions (see members present list)

3. Constructive Feedback

3.1 Play Plotter

The first topic of concern was play time. Many members present spoke regarding concerns about equity in play time. The TVYFL has a by-law in place that requires each player to play a minimum of 10 plays. There will need to be a bylaw developed regarding Barlow Youth's philosophy. Some issues were:

- Training coaches to use players more equably - defense vs. offense, big lead in game means starters out
- Coaches vs. parent doing play plotter
- Turning in play plotter following game (accountability)
- Giving enough time to coaches before first game to know

and develop more players

### 3.2 Team Size

The second topic of interest was team size. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams last year were large, which led to some of the play time issues. The TVYFL by-laws dictate that players for Barlow Youth first come from residences and schools, which feed our high school, Sam Barlow High. The TVYFL has a waiver process in place for players wishing to play outside of their boundaries. The waivers must be signed by their home association and their desired association. Some thoughts that came from our discussion:

- Should there be an ideal team size of 22-24?
- More teams means more cost to the Barlow Youth league
- More teams may mean more practice fields needed
- Fewer players per team means more manageability for coach.

The following questions also need to be addressed:

- What will criteria be for allowing non-Barlow youth that do not have a TVYFL youth program to play for? (Troutdale)
- What advertising/communication will we do to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to sign-up in time?

### 3.3 Team Draft Process

The third topic of interest was how teams were formed. Coaches must also see the players for 4 hours before the draft process. This year (for the first time), Barlow Youth Football must turn in our drafting criteria to the TVYFL by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, we must address this at a board meeting.

## 4. Development of Mission Statement

This was moved to the next meeting.

## 5. Election of Board Members and Establishment of Term Lengths

5.1 The following board positions were officially voted upon and lengths established of 1 season.

President - Nathan Schmitt and Samantha Salvitelli (co-presidents and no vice president)

Secretary - Emerald Flores

Registrar - Vicky Liefeld (not present, but accepted position)

Treasurer - Todd and Andrea Thom (The Thom's were voted in, but in email communication following the meeting, resigned)

their position.)

Coach of Coaches - Mark Emry

Volunteer/Team Parent Coordinator(s) - Sonya Hill and Rachelle Sanchez

Fundraising Coordinator - Dana Northrup

Equipment Manager - Jon Meyer

(Equipment Team: Jon, Kenny Giusto, Randy Crawford & Kenny Boldt)

Website Coordinator - Jamey Campbell

Officials Coordinator - Michael Dillon

Advising Member-At-Large - Terry Summerfield

#### 6. Website and On-Line Registration (Bonzi)

We will be meeting with the Web master that developed Gresham Youth Football's website and beginning our own website.

#### 7. By-Laws

We are currently looking for a copy of the previous by-laws and will review at a later meeting.

#### 8. Fees for Playing

Nathan Schmitt discussed the costs associated with Barlow Youth.

8.1 League fees - Each team that Barlow Youth Football has in the TVYFL cost approx. \$1100 to register.

8.2 There will be a \$5 per player to register on-line with Bonzi.

8.3 We want to provide each player with their own new jersey from the beginning. This was the source of the most bounced checks at the end of the season last year. Therefore, we propose to put the cost of the jersey in up front, adding another \$40 to registration.

8.4 There are administrative fees of approx. \$25-30 per player. (rentals of storage and pottys, referee payments, mailings, copies, etc)

8.5 The above totals put us at the registration cost of \$125 per player, which has not increased since Barlow Youth Football was started over 7 years ago. This cost also does not reflect the need for equipment replacement, cost for socks, belts, and mouthguards, nor the revenue for any unseen expenses.

8.6 It was decided and voted upon to increase the fee for playing to \$175 for early registration. Further dates and amounts will be determined and voted upon at the next meeting

8.7 Family discounts were discussed and will be determined at the next meeting.

8.8 Scholarship and payment plans will also be determined and qualifications established.

9. Miscellaneous Topics Discussed

9.1 Cleat exchange at registration?

9.2 Barlow Youth Jamboree next year?

9.3 Barlow Youth Football Night at Varsity game next year?

9.4 Barlow Youth apparel - fundraiser? Include umbrellas? (This is Stephanie Schmitt's idea - to give credit where it is due!)

10. Establish preliminary calendar

See attached

11. Next meeting date and site

The next meeting of the Barlow Youth Football Board members and other interested members is on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at Good Shepard Community Church 28986 SE Haley Rd., Boring, Oregon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

## 2007 Barlow Youth Football Preliminary Calendar of Events:

### **February**

- 18<sup>th</sup> - TVYFL Presidents Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 2007 Kick-Off Organizational Meeting

### **March**

- Establish Bonzi - On Line registration & Website
- Officials Interviewed and selected
- Coaches application developed and sent out

### **April**

- ? - Registration begins
- ? - Parent Meeting Night (last year May 9<sup>th</sup>)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Officials selected and names submitted to TVYFL
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Officials Training TBA
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Registrars Meeting with TVYFL
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Officials Training TBA

### **May**

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Officials Training TBA
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Officials Training TBA

### **June**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Anthony Newman Coaches Clinic with TVYFL

### **July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Field Availability/Schedules due & Team Counts due
- 15<sup>th</sup> - League Payment due
- ? Equipment Check-out

### **August**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Practice can begin (10 hrs. per week)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> - Barlow High School Football Camp?
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for any waivers

### **September**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Book Verification Night
- 8<sup>th</sup> - First Games
- ? Pictures (last yr. Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at Barlow)

### **October**

- 27<sup>th</sup> - Week 8/Medal Games 3/4<sup>th</sup>/ End of regular season 5/6<sup>th</sup>

### **November**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Playoff Games
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Championship Games