

Benzie Central Gridiron Club
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023
Coach Katt's Classroom

Opening

The Benzie Central Gridiron Club meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The meeting was held in person in Coach Katt's classroom.

Members Present

Alicia Childers, Karen Zickert, Jen Koscielski, Heather Bruce

Members Absent

None.

Non-Members Present

Jason Katt, Brian Ross, Eli Harris, Chantelle Jones, Amiee Erfourth

Approval of Agenda

Jen motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Heather. All ayes, no nays.

Approval of Minutes

Karen motioned to approve the October meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Jen. All ayes, no nays.

Treasurer's Report and Approval

Jen shared the current account balance of \$11,876.48 and the ledger balance of \$11,456.48. There is one outstanding check to Honor Storage in the amount of \$420.00. Jen also provided a recap of the 2023 Season Expenses (to date) by category, which expenses totaled \$59,828.56. We are still waiting on final banquet expenses. Alicia made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, and the motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes, no nays.

Public Comment

Athletic Director Eli Harris responded to our request regarding the athletic department budget by providing a breakdown of the 2022-23 athletic department budget, which is attached hereto. He indicated that the school provides six footballs for the high school each year and two footballs for the middle school each year. The school signed a contract for \$20,000 six years ago with BSN to provide new varsity jerseys and that contract was paid in 2022-23 and has now expired. The school also purchased 40 helmets in 2022-23 for a total cost of \$13,648.70. Mr. Harris inquired about the GIC's marketing budget, specifically the lamppost signs on the football field.

Mr. Harris then spoke at length about the field painting machine that the school has already purchased. The Turf Tank 1 is a GPS programmable paint machine that can paint the entire football field in about 3.5 hours. The school purchased a six-year "pro

package” subscription/warranty program from the manufacturer and is asking the GIC to pay \$4900 each year for five years (starting in April 2025) for the customer care plan for this machine. The machine was purchased by the school for \$53,700 on 10/31/23, and the annual subscription/customer care plan will cost \$4900 per year for the next five years. Mr. Harris estimated that the machine will need 8 gallons of paint to prepare the field for a game, with a “jug” of paint containing about 2.5 gallons of paint at a cost of \$35 per jug.

Superintendent Erfourth asked what the process was for choosing Pop Warner coaches. Jen K responded that the YMCA sets that procedure, including a background check through the YMCA, being “tackle-certified” and being interviewed by the GIC/Pop Warner coordinator. She also asked if the BCGIC meeting minutes are posted online with a hyper link.

The School Board has said that all sports programs must use 1 of 2 board-approved logos. The GIC can go to a board meeting and ask when/if the GIC can use its own logo or if the GIC can manipulate the board-approved logos (similar to what other programs have done/are doing).

New Business

Bills and receipts to be paid/reimbursed –

Jason Katt requested payment of \$680.00 to Mission Awards for the year-end banquet. Karen motioned, seconded by Heather. All ayes, no nays. Katt also requested reimbursement in the amount of \$631.00 for the Strong Link T-shirts. Karen motioned to approve reimbursement, seconded by Heather. All ayes, no nays. Katt also requested payment to Lake Ann Camp for the year-end banquet rental and meal in the amount of \$1,250.00 (\$5/pp for approx. 250 people). Heather motioned to approve payment, seconded by Jen. All ayes, no nays. Katt requested reimbursement for USB drives that were given to each player at the banquet in the amount of \$385.82. Heather motioned to approve reimbursement to Jason, seconded by Karen. All ayes, no nays. Katt also requested payment to Picture This in the amount of \$392.00 for the Parents’ Night photos. Karen motioned to approve payment, seconded by Heather. All ayes, no nays.

Karen Zickert requested reimbursement of \$976.15 for the playoff shirts and \$308.38 for the framed photographs for the banquet. Heather motioned to approve reimbursement, seconded by Alicia. All ayes, no nays.

Jen Koscielski requested reimbursement of \$90.23 for hoodies for the Pop Warner top sellers and \$250.65 for a helium tank. Heather motioned to approve, seconded by Alicia. All ayes, no nays.

Old Business

None

Pop Warner Comments/Updates

Jen reported that we just received the check from the Athletic Boosters for our three days of concessions for the three Pop Warner game days that we hosted. The check totaled \$2,338.75. Karen thanked Jen for a successful Pop Warner season and for serving as Pop Warner coordinator.

Varsity Coach's Comments/Updates

None.

Next meeting

Scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom *(The January meeting was subsequently rescheduled to Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom.)*

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

