

## **THE NEW AD AT TREYNOR SCHOOLS**

Optimist Club member TODD GORDON accepted the position of Athletic Director for Treynor Schools at the beginning of the current school year. TODD explained to Club members the various tasks listed on his two-page job description. A major task is arranging for over 300 athletic events including conference and nonconference events each year. The AD attends monthly conference meetings to determine event schedules years in advance. The AD also arranges contracts for about 350 officials to work at the events during a year. TODD showed the 3-in, 3-ring binder containing a copy of all contracts for a year. TODD noted he asks coaches for suggestions for officials and seeks officials with district and state tournament experience. The AD manages all sports tournaments, which includes personnel, equipment, and budgets. This also applies for all scheduled school athletic events. TODD noted that he and the coaching staff make every effort to develop athletic programs for the education, development, and growth of the players. He has plans for a cross-country meet at Treynor this year on the TRA golf course. Treynor has not hosted a cross-country event for many years. TODD is responsible for the athletic budget for Treynor schools and the expenditures for equipment, maintenance, and officials. Funds are available from gate receipts, the school budget, and contributions from the Athletic Boosters. The coaching staff strives to keep the athletic uniforms up to date and complementary to the players and school. Coaches agree on a replacement rotation schedule. TODD observed that Treynor fans contribute greatly to the athletic program by their dedicated attendance at the events. He expressed appreciation that our Club helps with gate receipts and parking for the home football games. He also has to arrange for gate receipts for other sports events. TODD explained the AD keeps track of equipment inventory and the qualifications and records of all sports participants. He determines the awards earned by athletes and teams and arranges for their presentation. Also, scheduling bus or van transportation for away athletic events is an important duty of the AD. In addition to the AD duties, TODD said he also enjoys coaching the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team.