

Buckeye Valley Booster Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2012

In Attendance: Ric Whetro, Carol Allen, Lisa Sheehan, Eric Staley, Cheryl Hyatt, Rick Herriott, Tom Baldwin, Tom Heineike, Angie Venable, Tab Walls, Suzy Hall, Kathy Bartolomucci, Karen Lipps, Lisa Pfiefer, Jeremy Froelich, Andy Miller.

Ric called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

Introductions of those in attendance.

Reminder: Athletic Booster Meetings are held the first Monday of each month with the exception of July (no meeting) and September (Labor Day). The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30pm at the Fair Booth in either the Fair Booth or the Merchants Building immediately across from the Fair Booth. Dan Huffman will be the treasurer of the Joint Boosters until the end of Fair.

Financial Reports:

Provided by Carol Allen, Treasurer:

- Joint Athletic/Music Boosters- Jon Huffman not available
- \$35,204.58 Del. Checking acct./\$11,423.33 savings
- Tax returns completed and submitted for this past fiscal year. Filed electronically. Gina Grote will continue to provide tax return preparation for the Boosters.

Athletic Director's Report:

- Introduction of Jeremy Froelich: -Jeremy shared his background and experience with the group. His role with Buckeye Valley is as the Athletic Supervisor, a full-time position. He plans to use the next few months to gather information on BV's athletic programs and evaluate how best he can assist our programs. Jeremy comes to us from Brookhaven where he held the position of Athletic Director. Mr. Froelich's prior work experience also includes Northland High School, and coaching at Buckeye Valley. He introduced his wife, Jasmine, and their 2 children. Jeremy is an alumnus of Buckeye Valley's Class of 95.

Old Business:

- Shared thank you from Kyle Whetro.
- Booster Letter to Incoming Freshmen- revisited on how best to communicate to Freshmen. parents. Ric has shared this with Jeremy. The letter will go to ALL Freshmen.

New Business:

- Pay to Participate Scholarships- With the increase in costs to PTP, we are looking at ideas on options of Athletic Booster Scholarship.
- Discussion ensues. According to our financial records, in the 2011-2012 year, about 40-45 kids received assistance and \$6,400 spent.

- Angie V. suggested parents and kids who are recipients of assistance need to be involved in helping at Athletic Booster events. Several in attendance agreed.
 - Questions arose regarding how much Parent/Child involvement would or should be required. AD to determine this.
 - A suggestion was also made for recipient families to share cost with Athletic Boosters. Several attendees suggested partial payment plans or some kind of program which was similar to a "layaway" where participants could make payments. One attendee mentioned that this may be difficult and burdensome to track.
 - It was recommended that a lump sum allocation of funds be given and allow AD to distribute funds.
 - Karen L. made a motion to provide \$3K for the current fund; Kathy B. seconded. Motion carries. Jeremy agreed to provide reports at subsequent meetings on how distribution of funds is going.
- Parent Representatives: Booster group would like for parent representative to attend as many meetings as possible. Each sport needs someone to be involved. The Boosters would like to see the coach to be the one to ask for funds rather than just sending a parent rep. Discussion ensues:
 - Karen likes this because things like concessions can be addressed with the coaches.
 - Any coaches request must be OK'd with Jeremy first and be accompanied by 2 quotes prior to seeking funds from the Boosters.
- Discussion: How to get parents involved with Boosters?
 - Suggestion that parent reps can assist coaches by sharing opinions, concerns and requests of team with Boosters.
 - The question also came up as to how to reach coaches and get them (reps) involved?
 - One comment was that if the direction/request is coming from the coaches, there will be a higher likelihood of parent involvement.
- Discussion ensues on how to connect with parents via a mailing or brochure.
 - What is the goal for the participants?
 - To increase awareness.
 - Ask parents if they want to be involved.
 - Suggestions to increase awareness included: Facebook, Twitter. Suggestion given for a fall athletic program with sticker, "provided compliments of BV Athletic Booster." Then insert information in program.
 - Also discussed was using the Freshmen orientation folder to insert information brochures about the Boosters.
 - Another suggestion was doing a mailing for fall athletic program with some type of advertising brochure
 - It was agreed that some type of Athletic Booster brochure would be helpful in increasing parent/student awareness. This brochure could initially go out to Freshmen and Sophomores. Carol Allen said she would work on brochure.

- Another suggestion to increase involvement was to ask Booster reps and attendees to bring a friend to future meetings.
- Andy Miller indicated that he would add an item to the Freshmen Orientation agenda for the Boosters to speak. Ric will handle this for the Boosters.
- Boys soccer coach - Eric Staley - requests additional uniforms due to an increase in the number of players and that some of last year's uniforms were not returned.
 - Typical uniform is comprised of: 2 jerseys/2 shorts/2 pair of socks.
 - Coach Staley spoke to group stating they have 19 uniforms and are requesting new uniforms. Need 22 for this year, 30 for next year.
 - Additionally, there is an OHSAA required change to the Home Uniforms in 2013-14 that will require that we purchase new uniforms.
 - Discussion over ordering new uniform vs. adding additional uniforms.
 - Ric asked if we have a JV and Varsity Team, Eric says not yet
 - Ric asked if we know we need separate JV/ and varsity uniforms.
 - Ric suggested contingent amount up to \$2,500 for 30 kids to meet the needs, and will need 2 quotes for jerseys and shorts-30 shorts/30 white jerseys, supplemental yellow jerseys and golden jerseys.
 - XXXXXXXXX motioned for the purchase upon identification of exact need. XXXXXXXXXX seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Misc. Business:

- Ric asked Karen about coverage for the concessions by Music and Athletic Boosters per the discussion last Spring about a change.
 - Karen indicated that she had drawn up a schedule that divides the events evenly between the two Boosters organization.
- Jeremy asked for volunteers to sell tickets at the football games and other tasks that are needed. In the past, Sports Passes have been given in exchange for volunteering to assist in this manner.

Kathy B motioned to end meeting, Cheryl H seconded. Motion carried.

Next booster meeting at Fairgrounds on Tuesday following Labor Day, Sept 4th at 7:30 pm.