

Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club Minutes

August 14, 2012

Members Present: Kristen Berry, Cindy VanCoughnett, Regina Kozsan, Pat Cambray, Lisa Schmalz, Keith Tanner, Wayne Flanagan, Steve Kozsan, Joan Sweeney, Tom Whalen, Steve Schmalz, Iris Mclaughlin, Monica Rencken.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting called to order at 7:19 PM. Monica Rencken made a motion to accept the June minutes. We voted and the minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance: \$9773.08

Previous Expenses: \$3771.08

Projected Expenses: \$4436.00

Regina met with our accountant, Pam McCarthy and the quick books have been set up. We are moving forward in the joining of all the teams into the HBABC. So far volleyball, softball, baseball, wrestling, and field hockey have joined and are thrilled as it makes their process easier.

Baseball had put in a request for a donation to cover a "pitching buddy". So far we haven't received an invoice so Regina will look into that.

Rhon put in a request for new uniforms for the boys soccer team. The cost is roughly \$1500.00 and we usually offer to pay half of that.

Tim Girzone has mentioned that the softball team needs a lot of upgrades. They are looking at a score board, a vehicle to take care of the field, and they have electrical problems.

Eric Horton, the business administrator for the SAU would like to form a community group to look at all of the fields. Steve Schmalz also mentioned that it would be a good idea to have a committee to look at all of the fields and try to figure out a way to take care of them and look at resting one each season. We also discussed that the town and the schools need to work together to make it work.

Joan Sweeney added that the Rotary Club's 5K race makes quite a profit and it might be a good idea to inquire about asking for a donation from them to support future endeavors.

We need director's insurance. We are not sure of the quote yet. Someone suggested asking Barb Bruinooge if she would want to ask her husband of Sadler Insurance if he wanted to give us a quote.

Committee Chair Reports:

Balloon Fundraiser:

We only made \$ 525.27 which is down from last year. We are not sure what the problem was. We will discuss later ways to make improvements for next year.

Ford Fundraiser:

Lisa picked up the check for \$6000.00 from Ford. Great job Lisa! The Telegraph might do a follow up story on the fundraiser. Ford said they would definitely do it again with us. They also have a new program that would add another \$2000.00 if we were to drive an additional vehicle.

We will put on our web site how successful the fundraiser was. Regina said she would write a piece for the August school

newsletter, and letters to the editor for both the Telegraph and the Hollis Brookline Journal.

New Business:

We are still looking to find new officers for the Booster Club. We also need to update the bylaws. We discussed the need to increase parent attendance and the possibility of forming sub committees to help with the extra work.

Someone suggested that Tim Cardoza might be interested in taking over the Golf Fundraiser and maybe free up Tom Whalen. We also discussed contacting Trish MacDonald, a past President for the old bylaws.

Cindy said she would contact Debbie Champigny about having the Booster Club meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the conference room.

Iris McLaughlin agreed to be the secretary!

Lisa nominated Tom Whalen for President, Steve Schmalz for Vice President, and Ginny Sargeant for 2nd treasurer. We need 2 treasurers for checks and balances and for continuity. One would do the books and one would handle the money.

We discussed the difficulty of trying to get representatives from each team to attend our meetings. We all agreed that we need to ask Rhon for more support in getting this accomplished.

Rhon has requested monetary support from the Booster Club for a new trophy case for the 3rd floor lobby. He said the price was \$2,245.00. We usually offer to pay half of the bill which would be \$1125.00. It is unclear if he has already purchased this or is going to do so once he hears from us. We need to get at least 3 bids and some more information before voting on this.

We discussed when we re-write the bylaws how do we want to move forward as far as giving out scholarships? Most people would like to see the money go to the greater good to support all teams and athletes as opposed to just a few.

Monica commented that she would like to see the 3 sport athletes recognized at a higher level. As of now, as a senior you receive a sweatshirt. We think it could be something a little more substantial and meaningful.

Old Business:

The Old Home day Booth has been reserved for September 15. We are ready to sell the HB Crunch. We will receive 5000 boxes and can sell them at any price. We discussed what is the best way to get the cereal sold? Could we have the faculty talk about the Booster Club and the HB crunch fundraiser at open house? OHD and orientation will be a great way to kick off the campaign.

Iris offered to store the cereal shipment at her office.

Cindy also talked about selling HB fleece blankets. It will help draw people to the booth so we can push the great HB crunch! Purespun would make them and they have good prices.

We discussed what would help sell the HB crunch and get the students and parents excited about selling them. Would prizes work? Winning an IPAD or maybe just CASH??

We will need to have a separate meeting to discuss how to move forward with this fundraiser. It was decided to meet at Iris's on Monday 8/20/12 at 6:30 pm.

We decided to sell the HB crunch for \$5 a box. It is an easy number and makes making change easy!

We will talk to Rhon about obtaining some help for this fundraiser and we think we would benefit from having a kick off meeting.

Due to open house on 9/12/12 we will have the next meeting on Wednesday 9/5/12 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Berry