

HOLLIS BROOKLINE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

September 6, 2017

Present: Deanne Martin, Cindy VanCoughnett, Tom Whalen, Jennifer Razzaboni, Paula Menard, Holly Babcock, Susan Cochran, Madelon Anderson, Sheryl Paquin, Joanie Moscatelli, Mike Coutu.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers are working on merging old/ new reports while trying to make them more readable to lay people. There have been no major changes to report. There was very minimal activity in July. Treasurers have been focused on getting accounts signed over to new treasurers. There is \$19,000 currently in the General Fund. There is also \$8,000 in the Ski Swap Fund with \$5,000 earmarked for this year's advertising. The plan is to focus more on advertising this year.

Tom Whalen made a motion to accept the August minutes. Sheryl Paquin seconded the motion.

New Business: The girl's soccer team has run into problems with their fundraising plan due to conflicts with the new fundraising policy. As a result, they have decided to run a day camp in order to raise the money they need for team shirts. The HB ABC via an online vote approved this camp. The girls are working on getting the word out about the camp.

The Cheer Squad has requested a bus for most of the girls to take to tumbling once/week. The school will pay for the bus during the winter season. Discussion ensued regarding support of the team vs. concerns regarding setting a precedent. There are several other sports that do not have buses to get the athletes to practice. Majority present felt it would be unfair to pay for bus for one team but not the others. Susan Cochran made a motion to vote on the HB ABC paying for Cheer bus for tumbling. The vote was unanimously to not pay for the bus due to aforementioned concerns. The Cheer Squad is encouraged to raise money for the bus through camps or other

approved method, and set up a Booster Club account to hold and account for the money they raise.

Discussion arose regarding teams having a booth at OHD for fundraising. The feeling was that this was acceptable once approved through the appropriate fundraising approval process. The notion that the school and school teams are visible and involved in community events such as Old Home Days is encouraged.

Tom will work on a draft revision of the By-Laws which is necessary due to the new Fundraising Policy. Once revision is completed he will send it out so the group can discuss and make changes.

Susan Cochran presented the information that she has collected on companies that could set up an online spirit wear store. After comparing several, she found the best option to be David Guay who runs Local Pro Sports. All present agreed with her assessment to use Local Pro Sports. The online store would open at the beginning of each season with a deadline for ordering. In addition to athletic teams, people could order general HB spirit wear during these windows. Individual team accounts will get any profit from the sale of team apparel. Profits from General HB spirit wear will go to the general fund. Teams are not required to order through Local Pro Sports if they chose to do something different. Susan is also working out arrangements for a staff discount. Will work out those details at a later date. All present agree with moving forward with team store. The plan is to vote on inventory seed amount at a later date.

After a discussion on how to handle concessions during sporting events a decision was made to continue as is. Ideas regarding HB ABC getting the food to stock concessions appeared to be too confusing. Each team will handle their own concession items and proceeds will go to that team's account.

The HB ABC website was updated to include instructions on how teams can request money. The fundraising rules that have been approved by administration are available on the website and will be distributed to the coaches.

Tom continues to work with Brian Bumpus on finding the right portal for communication to take place between coaches/parents/athletes. Many present have recommended Team Snap who have used it previously with their children. HB ABC is willing to fund a portion of this type of portal. Exact costs will be discussed and voted on once available.

Dave Belanger will plan a Ski Swap meeting in the near future. Date will be announced soon.

Old Business: Madelon reports that she is in final stages of preparing for the OHD booth. The plan is to have a tent and 2-3 tables. Madelon will contact Kim Day regarding the old inventory. Will sell remaining inventory at a discounted rate.

Deanne Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Madelon Anderson seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Martin