

Saugus Baseball Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Time: 6:34 PM - 7:47 PM

Location: Saugus High School

Attendees:

- **Board Members:**
 - Ryan Purdy (Booster Club President)
 - Bryan Kreuzberger (Vice President)
 - Kenny Harris (Treasurer)
 - Kim Seeley (Secretary)
 - Kimberlee Haag (Fundraising Chair)
 - **Coaching Staff:**
 - Mike Miller (Head Coach)
 - Ryan Golphenee (Freshman Coach)
 - Jeff Bennett (JV Coach)
 - **Parents**
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Agenda:

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
 - **Speaker:** Jeff Bennett (JV Coach) opened the meeting and introduced Head Coach Mike Miller.
 - **Summary:** Coach Mike Miller expressed his enthusiasm for the direction of the baseball program, focusing on both academic excellence and building a strong, cohesive team culture. He introduced the full coaching staff, highlighting their experience and dedication to the players' success on and off the field.
2. **Coach's Vision and Program Expectations**
 - **Speaker:** Mike Miller
 - **Key Points:**
 - **Academic Standards:** Players must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher (above the CIF requirement of 2.0). The program's goal is to have all players achieve a 3.0 GPA by the end of the school year.
 - **Team Values:** Emphasis on teamwork, effort, attitude, and mental toughness. These values will be reinforced on the field and in the classroom.
 - **Coaching Staff Introductions:**
 - Freshman Team: Ryan Golphenee (Head Coach)
 - JV Team: Jeff Bennett (Head Coach)

- Varsity Team: Anthony Ramirez and Rene Carta (Pitching Coaches), Ray Avalos (Assistant Coach)

3. Parent and Player Contracts

- **Speaker:** Ryan Golphenee (Freshman Coach)
- **Summary:** Contracts outlining expectations for players and parents were distributed. These include commitments to punctuality, proper behavior at games, and open communication with coaches. Both players and parents must sign these contracts to ensure a unified and respectful environment.

4. Fundraising Overview

- **Speaker:** Ryan Purdy (Booster Club President) and Kimberlee Haag (Fundraising Chair)
- **Key Points:**
 - **Fundraising Goal:** The program aims to raise \$151,000 to cover operational expenses such as field maintenance, equipment, and uniforms.
 - **Direct Donations:** Parents were encouraged to use the Give Butter platform for collecting donations. The goal is to raise \$45,000 from direct donations.
 - **Family Contributions:** Families are asked to contribute \$1,000 per player, either in installments or as a lump sum. Participation from all families is highly encouraged.
 - **Cornhole Tournament & Silent Auction:** Scheduled for **Sunday, November 17, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM** at **Lucky Luke's**. Parents are encouraged to collect items for the silent auction and participate by registering teams.
 - **Sponsorships:** Businesses can purchase advertising space at the field, with packages ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. This provides an additional avenue for fundraising.

5. Field Maintenance and Equipment

- **Speaker:** Ryan Purdy
- **Summary:** The field has undergone significant improvements, but additional work is needed to keep it in top condition. The club's funds will also be used for essential items like baseballs, umpire fees, and uniforms.

6. Communication and Transparency

- **Speaker:** Ryan Purdy
- **Key Points:**
 - All Booster Club finances, including the budget and bylaws, are available on the club's website. The goal is full transparency with how funds are being used.
 - Parents are encouraged to reach out with any questions or concerns via email or in person.

7. Upcoming Events

- **Cornhole Tournament and Silent Auction: Sunday, November 17, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM** at Lucky Luke's.

- **Fall Baseball Camp:** Scheduled for the three days prior to Thanksgiving for 1st-8th graders.
 - **Alumni Game:** Tentatively planned for February 8, 2025.
 - **Letterman Jacket Fitting:** Scheduled for October 23, 2024, at 1:10 PM at the baseball field.
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Meeting Adjourned: 7:47 PM