

August 9th 2023- Booster Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the Fairbanks home- thank you again Mindy and Troy for offering to host 😊

In attendance: Kirk, Troy, Mindy, Melissa, Gary, Sabrina, Kelly S, Crystal and Coach Harding

Minutes were reviewed from previous meeting and approved by all to the review

First discussion was about gate fees- moving forward possible two tables to make pmts? Wind screen/Banners were discussed to add or maneuver to assist with getting more people in the gate and collect those missed fees to help with umpire costs- will be discussed at parent meeting about what the fees are collected for

Troy ran through the treasury report- will be getting fall revenue bal by next meeting once Coach Gilles has given all the checks he received= moving forward for field rentals the money will be collected/sent to the athletic dept and not written to a person for better record keeping and accountability of funds.

It was also discussed increasing rental fees to be more in line with surrounding fields of same quality and offerings. Was also discussed contacting larger span tournaments i.e Pastime, PBR, etc for future increase in revenue with renting of the varsity field and keeping the JV/Freshman avail for FFAST type local tournaments for the lower \$100/field per game fees

Troy will continue to connect with Rhonda monthly or more as needed in the off season

New Items to purchase were placed more on the back burner for now as the new coach has to evaluate the needs vs what we currently have to determine what will be needed prior to season and/or for off season workouts.

Bowling fundraiser was discussed = all set for Station 300 in Saline - we can pick time slot we think will best work - 6:30-9:30 with set up ahead and check in beginning at 6:30- bowling to be from 7-9. \$5 extra per hour of bowling is being donated by the station

Silent auction in the restaurant area will end at 9 so winners can be announced and items can be paid for and taken with them when they leave

Mindy is working on BIG ticket prizes and Coach Harding will also seek out a few potential options he may have contacts for as well he said

Committee meeting tomorrow (08/10) at 7pm for anyone on booster who wishes to join- let Mindy know so she can send zoom link

Football concessions is now being farmed out for Varsity games- 09/08/23 game the Booster/Team families will have the opportunity to take the stand and earn 50% of the profits from the evening - 12 adults needed - sign up will go out for that at later date closer to the event

Coaches Notes: Welcome Coach Peyton Harding - new Varsity Head Coach

Other coaching staff potentials:

Dave Zilka - assistant

Brock Mullins- assistant

Brenden Davenport-assistant

Grant Jepia - pitching

Ryder Knox? JV- he still needs to meet with Ryder and feel him out to see if he will be a good fit to return based on new coach philosophy and outlook for the program- Jake Martin will not be returning

(all booster members gave GLOWING recommendation for Ryder and sited examples of his coaching abilities, skills, and assets to the program)

Things discussed - other fundraising idea- Hit- a-Thon? End of October

October 20th - Baseball booth at the home game - sell hats and shirts and generate sponsors for new season

Ordering of new hats - design was discussed in length about “mascots” vs traditional M on hats for last several decades- how to update yet respect tradition- coach will come up with design ideas. Pinwheel coloring, also ordering t-shirts for the meet the coach player only meeting at the school

Spring Break trip was thrown out and all were in agreement of excitement - Coach will contact Cal Ripken for options in Pigeon Forge and update as he knows more

-Player fees will likely increase to cover the trip expenses on top of general increase for new uniforms, etc

Coach will also begin to develop a “recruiting 101” basics for info for players and families as we currently do not have one

His goals for the season and beyond:

- Build success back into the program and continue with the success we currently have established
- Buy in on the team= meaning take to heart and work towards same ideals to be a player and family member on the teams
- All in for the team - all players will need to be all in - work hard, focus, team players, on and off field and keep academics high on priority as well

His goals for Booster:

- Off the field stuff- continue to help and organize all off field items- budget, fundraising, special events, sponsors, etc
- Increase collaboration with coaching to develop and excel the program
- Team dinner- he would like to establish some team dinners for bonding and family collaborations

- Community involvement- players assisting in their community to show respect and get the knowledge out to citizens for game time spectator support- also helps with adding to recruitment resumes

Order of direction per coach-

#1- player development- winter off season work outs

#2- field maint- edge outfield ,batting cage rework, flag poles, banners, seating repairs, etc

#3- spring break trip - more to come

Melissa will be handling the media for the teams this year in similar fashion to the Football program- social media highlights, networking, etc

Next meetings:

October- 2nd Wed

November- 2nd Wed

December- 2nd Wed

Jan- 2nd & 4th Wed

Feb- 2nd & 4th Wed

March- 2nd & 4th Wed

April - back to weekly TBD- first being 03/31/23

Next meeting - 09/13/23 in person after meet the coach for parents and players at the school - coach to have Robert Hull send out info on this event