

Booster Board Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2023
6:30 pm

Members Present: Kim and Damon Janssen; Jenny Trogstad; Rob and Julie Manly; Gary and Colleen Bailey; Becky and Greg Walen; Matt and Jami Olson; Brian and Leah Bjorkman; Mike LaMont; Bryan and Barb Thiel; Tom and Steph Astrup; Dan Kielty and DeAnn Bjornson; Keith and Tiffany Knoke.

Members Absent: Tracy LaMont.

Others Present: Dan Shultis.

I. **Call to Order:** Damon Janssen started the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

II. **Secretary's Report:** Rob Manly previously emailed the March 5, 2023 meeting minutes. Julie Manly moved to approve the minutes, Dan Kielty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** A financial update was presented by Becky Walen, who previously had updated the board via email.

Walen indicated that March was an uneventful month, with only a few purchase orders.

Mike LaMont moved to approve the financial report, DeAnn Bjornson seconded; motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports

1. **Hospitality and Spirit.** Dan Kielty reported for this board, and indicated two events are remaining in the school year: National Honor Society event and band concert were coming up. Shultis indicated that some events may move due to weather/flooding issues and spring sports being crammed into a shortened schedule.
2. **Registration/Membership.** Julie Manly reported for this committee, indicating no updates but indicated that she is

considering other swag possibilities and indicates that the subcommittee needs to meet, likely with the new committee members.

3. **Advertising.** Brian Bjorkman spoke for this subcommittee, indicating that they are waiting on full payment from Northwestern Mutual, which has a complicated payment arrangement between their advisors and the company.
4. **Communication.** Kim Janssen reported on the 'thank you's' to sponsors and members, and will post reminders of events on the Facebook page.

V. Dates to Remember

The next board meeting will be the last for the outgoing board members, set for May 7th.

VI. Old Business.

A. Track / Turf update

Shultis indicated more improvements were being made to the new facility, and provided maps showing planned improvements to the south parking lot.

B. Grills

This is still a work in progress. Bryan Thiel indicated that he had done some checking on possible grills, but didn't find anything outside of standard residential-sized grills available. One current grill is usable, the other is breaking down.

After discussion, Becky Walen moved to approve buying a grill for up to \$750. Dan Kielty seconded the motion. Greg Walen indicated he would be able to pick one up and get one to Shultis to be stored.

VI. New Business:

A. Charitable Gaming

Shultis indicated that some of the other EDC booster boards are getting into charitable gaming as a fundraising opportunity. Horace HS has adopted charitable gaming and Fargo South is looking into it. It will likely take time to explore and approve, but the financial upside has been significant for a number of nonprofits.

Becky Walen indicated that NDSU Teammakers has generated significant revenue, and said that an organization like ours would be best served by limiting to one or two machines. The board discussed various advantages and challenges posed by charitable gaming.

B. State Hockey Meal Reimbursement

Girls hockey coach Parker Metz submitted a reimbursement request for repayment for three meals paid- two by coach Metz and one by a parent. \$353 for Metz, \$208 for the parent (\$561 total). The board discussed the policy reasons for not offering this to one group and opening the door to all organizations. The board also discussed having heard that South Boosters had potentially paid \$750 toward covering North-South girls hockey expenses. Knoke moved to table the request until next month's meeting, once further information was provided on past meal donations by North boosters and payment from South boosters. DeAnn Bjornson seconded. Motion passed.

C. Swimming Record Board - \$4550

Shulits discussed the North swim team record board falling apart and a replacement needed. He also proposed a split of the cost, with the Booster Board paying around \$1500 to \$2000. Becky Walen moved to approve paying up to \$2000 toward the new record board. Kim Janssen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Elect New Board Members

1. Shannon & Rob Gephart
2. Nikki & Blake Nelson
3. Amanda & Mark Aslakson

4. Kara & Andy Kalbus

The board discussed options for new board members, with the above options discussed. All three couples indicated interest with the Nelsons on the fence. The board discussed options for moving forward on the election under the circumstances. The board also discussed other potential booster board members who had not yet been nominated.

After discussion, due to the potential lack of interest, the Nelsons were taken off of consideration at this time.

Tom Astrup moved to approve Gepharts, Aslaksons, and Kalbuses. Mike Lamont seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim Janssen moved to approve Jack and Brenda Maughan to the board. Tom Astrup seconded. Motion passed.

E. Officer discussion

Janssen began discussion on election of upcoming officers, with Jenny Trogstad in line for the president role with Janssens coming off the board. Vice-President position is open. Kim Janssen moved to appoint Gary and Colleen Bailey. Barb Thiel seconded. Motion passed.

Long Term Projects:

The board continues tracking these items with limited discussion:

- A. Coach's Purpose Signage
- B. Concession Stand Renovation

Shultis indicated this remains a priority for 2023-24.

- C. Digital Trophy Case

Shultis obtained additional information on this option including use of a website and tying into a class at North HS.

E. State Championship Signage

Shultis indicated he has three new championship trophies and nowhere to display them at this time.

Next Meeting - The next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th, at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm, with a solid, but tired tap of the gavel.