MASON RUNNING BOOSTERS

May 7, 2012

Minutes

**Getting Started**

Everyone was asked to sign the attendance roster.

New Officers and Coordinators were introduced.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

**Motion:** by Lynn Lake. Seconded by David Lake and approved by the boosters.

**Record Boards**

Records have been updated with the exception of three items which will be updated soon.

**Upcoming Meets**

We need field volunteers and concessions volunteers for Friday of this week. During the following week we need timers and concessions for Wed and timers for Friday. The Wed meet should be quicker since there are no prelims for the 3200 or 1600. We will have our own timing system which is fixed and working.

For next year’s season, Finish Timing (a company specializing in sporting event timing) will charge us a per meet price. A more cost effective alternative might be to purchase an extra Camera (eliminating some timing volunteers) and LED display board. The difference between the cost of this new equipment must be compared to the cost of entering a contract with Finish Timing. Also, we might be able to rent the newly purchased system to others in the community (5Ks and such) to recoup some of our cost. More investigation is needed.

Rod Russell (the system expert) needs a back up for the timing system. This is a lot of responsibility and there needs to be more than one person who is familiar with the system. Also, the Rod Russell Invitational should recognize him in some way other than having his name in print.

**Middle School**

The boosters bought pizza and paper products for the Boys and Girls Banquets. The Boys had their banquet after school. Girls will have their banquet event after school with parents.

It would be great if our Junior girls would go to the middle school girls banquet to congratulate them on their great season.

**JV Banquet**

There are comet zone sweats that can be sold at the banquet and the boosters will earn a portion of the proceeds. We may be short on clean up help, but that is typically easy to recruit the night of the event.

**Coaches Gift Money**

This year there are 19 coaches in our track and field program. Every year, the boosters provides monetary gifts to these coacher. The gift is based upon the level of coaching (Head coaches, part time. Volunteers, etc). Each coach will get a gift bag with a chocolate bar and a visa gift card. Boosters will purchase the gift bags, the chocolate bars and the processing fee on the gift cards. The amount on the visa card will come from the donations families make towards coaches gifts.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bank accounts were reviewed and summary statements were distributed for review.

In 2011, we averaged $745 profit per meet for a total of almost $9,000 for the year.

This year, to date, we are averaging $512 profit per meet. The reason for the decrease is not clear.

The boosters purchased a pole for a senior student. The athletic department agreed to buy this pole and will reimburse the boosters for this.

Girls won GMC this year. Boosters paid for shirts for this event.

Boosters will pay for certification fees for volunteer coaches (CPR training, background checks etc)

**MABA**

MABA continues to meet monthly. Mindy McArty Stewart has been pushing for changes in the concessions stand. No one wants to give up their concessions.

**Communications**

Colleen Von Blaricom had nothing to report. She is doing an excellent job posting articles.

**Fundraising**

We received our last check from Kroger and received our largest amount yet. To use the new system, go online and update your profile so that your Kroger card benefits the Mason Track Boosters. 3% of most Kroger purchases will go to the Track Boosters. It was suggested that we provide computers at the booster meetings so people can update their Kroger card right there. At a minimum, we need to provide printed directions.

**5K**

The race is July 28th. Kammy Dirken could be a choice for our celebrity runner. Ron Johansen could be a choice also. There are already committee chairs for each section of the race. The way to make money is through attendance. We could promote through health & wellness or corporate challenge. Dave Notton will be in touch with committee chairs to move forward on race coordination.

**Other**

Senior Night was fantastic (considering the weather). Thanks to the organizers.

Tough Camp is July 16 – July 21. There is a limit of 30 boys and 30 girls from each school. Sending more than five students from a school qualifies us for a discount. Margaret Sanders will coordinate carpool for the boys. Lynn Lake will coordinate carpool for the girls.

The Varsity banquet is June 6th @ 6:30. Is Kevin Clark doing the slide show? Dave Notten will follow up on this. Will there be two shows? Is there a girls’ show volunteer? We will solicit volunteers via runmason.com to see if we have a volunteer this week.

Spring sports banquet is May 29th for athletic awards.

After the meeting, it was determined that Track Boosters would pay for someone to do the posters for the Senior Banquet.

It was determined after the meeting that Track Boosters would pay for smoothies for the boys traveling to the district meet.

The next Booster Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 in the Harvard Room (Ground floor near the front entrance).

**Members in Attendance**

Gary Angstadt Gary Brush Laura Henry Joe Honaker

Theresa Honaker Judy Jensen Alan Lake Lynn Lake

Jean Martin Tom McElhenny Dave Notton Margaret Sanders

Dan Thompson Kathy Thompson Amy Valentine Colleen Von Blaricom

Tim Wagner Carol Yates Dave Yates