MASON RUNNING BOOSTERS

June 6, 2012

Minutes

**Getting Started**

Everyone was asked to sign the attendance roster.

New Officers and Coordinators were introduced.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed.

**Motion:** Made by Dave Notton. Seconded by Lynn Lake and approved by the boosters.

**Banquet**

We are ready for the banquet. We paid $238 for the banquet posters (done by Kathleen Greshem, a creative memories consultant). She gave a discounted price of $7 per poster. They look great. Hiring someone to make these posters may be an annual expense.

Volunteers should be there by 5:15. Slideshows for Boys (by Kevin Clark) and Girls (by Taylor Insky) will be presented. The volunteer list is full.

**5K**

The Main Street Banner will be displayed during the last week of June (and possibly the following week). Money to purchase the sign was approved by the boosters via e-mail. The race date will be updated annually.

Any new expenses for the race will be approved by the 5K committee and the board. Recurring expenses will not require such approval.

The race is July 28th. To date we have $2,250 in sponsorships ($1,000 from Meyer, Doctor Newel $250, Buckeye $1,000). Additional sponsors are being solicited. “Thanks you for being a Mason 5K Sponsor” signs will be provided to race sponsors and may be displayed at their place of business.

T-shirt orders must be completed by July 16th. There was discussion regarding Cotton ($3+) vs Tech ($7) T-shirts. While the cotton T comes in many colors, the tech T is only available in 6 colors. The group seemed to be leaning towards a cotton T in order to provide for separate colors for each team as well as the lower overall cost. Dave and the 5K committee will come to a final decision on this matter.

Joe Hancock has agreed to store the ice for the race for free.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Tony Affatato purchased snacks for the girls team and misplaced the receipts (Gatorade, snacks, etc). Boosters agreed to pay $75.

**Motion:** Boosters reimburse Tony Affatato $75 for Girls Snacks. Made by Joe Honaker, seconded by Theresa Honaker and approved by the board.

Coaches gifts turned out as follows: A coaches - $175, B Coaches -$100, C Coaches - $75, D Coaches - $50. Each gift was via Visa Card and came in a gift bag with a “Thank You” chocolate bar.

Chip Dobson was reimbursed $55 for smoothies to for the guys at State. Approved was made by the board via e-mail.

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

**Vice President**

Dave Notton – Uniforms. Dave met with Mr. Stemple. There are plans to get new uniforms for the entire boys and girls teams. Current uniforms will likely be moved to the Middle School. The oldest uniforms in the systems should be sent over to Kenya (or another country) as a gesture of goodwill so they can be put to good use. Scott Stemple feels like the uniforms will cost around $10,000 and they would like the boosters to contribute half. The group feels comfortable with this.

**MABA**

Ed Schulman - MABA has a new board in place which includes Rick Carscaden (President), Ron Seresky (Vice-President), and Laura Fewell (Secretary). The impression is that this new board will work well together. A software package will be secured so there will be consistency in reporting and accounting among groups. There will be a MABA website.

**Secretary**

Laura Henry asked for e-mail addresses for anyone who did not receive last month’s minutes.

**Communications**

Colleen Von Blaricom had nothing to report.

**Fundraising**

Mick Gorsick presented a fundraising opportunity which he has already shared with Scott Stemple and the Wrestling Boosters. As the energy business becomes deregulated, there is fundraising potential in the form of “Residual Donation Flow” to various organizations. This provides for a percentage of the gas supply portion of the utility bill to be awarded to the organization (electricity will be coming in the future). Basically, the premise is the same as our Kroger card in that each time you purchase gas from your utility company, a portion of the bill would be provided to the organization. Average annual benefit would be $19 for each household that signs up. Businesses that enroll would generate a much larger amount of funds.

Mick’s business partner is Jerry Schrock and the name of the utility company is Zoom Energy. They offer both variable and fixed rates. Enrollment takes 5 minutes on-line to transfer suppliers and requires a one-time charge of $4. This type of fundraising may be run by booster clubs or on a larger scale such as MABA or Mason City Schools.

The group felt like this would be better for a large group such as Mason city Schools. Dave will talk with Mick concerning our discussion.

Dan Thompson will get in touch with Kroger to see how many families we currently have signed up for our organization.

Handouts containing instructions for how to register with the Kroger Community Rewards Program will be available at the banquet tomorrow night.

**Other**

The next Booster Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 5K committee meeting on Wednesday, July 11th at 6:30 at the Brazenhead Irish Pub at 5650 Tylersville Road.

**Members in Attendance**

Laura Henry Joe Honaker Theresa Honaker Judy Jensen

Lynn Lake Jean Martin Dave Notton Ed Schulman

Dan Thompson Kathy Thompson Colleen Von Blaricom Carol Yates

Dave Yates