**MASON RUNNING BOOSTERS**

**Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2014

High School AD Team Room, 7:00 PM

**Attendance**: Judy Jensen, Jean Martin, Gary Brush, Mike Mariotta, Pamela Watkins, Linda Dellecave, Ivan Wood, Marce Epstein, Laurie Wendell, Gary Angstadt, Darrin Pontious, Theresa Vermillion

1. Welcome and Introductions.
   1. All attendees introduced themselves and Pamela Watkins was introduced as the new Secretary.
   2. No minutes were produced for approval for the September meeting due to it being a working meeting for the Mason Invitational.
2. Treasurer’s Report- Gary Brush
   1. Mason Invite Results- We sold more t-shirts (almost $18,000 worth), concessions sales were down a little from last year, but costs were down, so we made more money on less concessions. We used funds to buy supplies, fencing, signage, new Kiosk, and put back into the race. We raised $8000, almost the same as last year.
   2. We did not request funds from the Athletic department, but they paid for restrooms this year. There is the potential of $450 from that department next year.
   3. Monthly fiscal update: Fiscal Year 2015 1st quarter saw an increase of net revenue from the 5K and invite, but those are our two major revenue sources for entire year.
   4. Expenses: Mason Invite, costs for Culver bus and misc. expenses, new team tent (split with Athletic department), and measuring wheel at coach request. We also have expenses for coaches and GMC tailgate.
   5. We received $1100.00 from our Coke rebate and quarterly Kroger check.
   6. No update on MABA audit
3. Mason Invite Feedback, Suggested Changes/improvements:
   1. Meet next year is Saturday, September 12, 2014. We received very positive feedback and had over 3000 runners with approximately 155 teams. Several suggestions were made:

More long sleeve t-shirts, move kettle corn closer to concessions, more signage for concessions, more satellite concessions, mobile concessions, better port-a-potties, more results announcing, limit other events around high school the day of invite, finish line decoration, longer chute and easier access to trainers, more trainers, photographer by creek to capture pictures from other teams and possibly sell, more volunteers for clean-up, especially commitment from athletes or possibly commitment from boy scouts as community service project, need dumpster for cleanup, help with hay bales pick up and drop off.

1. Last Team dinner will be combined dinner at the Grismer’s house on October 10. Food assignments to follow.
2. Call out for Parent Volunteers to serve as Coordinators for following events:
   1. Homecoming Parade – Thursday, October 9
   2. GMC Tailgate at VOA- Saturday, October 11
   3. Senior Night- Friday, October 24
   4. Banquet- TBD

We really need and want parents to step up and be involved. It is a great way to support your student runners and meet other parents.

1. Senior Gifts: junior girls are collecting money from any female athlete wanting to donate towards the senior gifts.
2. New Tent: the new team tent arrived with the wrong frame. We did get the right frame and are allowed to keep the wrong frame so we can use it in the future. Chris Koehler really needs help with tent set up and take down after the meets. If you can volunteer to help, that would be greatly appreciated. The old big tent will be retired after the season.
3. MABA Update: MABA really needs help with Board Members to serve as treasurer and secretary. MABA is the parent organization of all Booster programs and works with the high school and middle school to make sure the Boosters operate in a consistent fashion and follow the bylaws. Their fundraisers are non-school related. The audits they are performing are still in progress.
4. Misc:
   1. Thanks to those who volunteered to help with Kings Island run. We had about 10 people volunteer which helped with fundraising.
   2. The Flying Pig is having a women’s only ½ marathon called “The Queen Bee”. They have asked for volunteers to help with this race, but it is the same day as GMC’s
   3. Nike Meet- Parents need their own transporation and accomodations to Terra Haute. The Hotels have been booked for Athletes and coaches will contact the students selected to attend. Usually it is the top 10-15 runners.
5. Adjourn: Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7 pm in High School AD team room. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.