



Mason Comets Touchdown Club Minutes

August 6, 2012

The meeting was brought to order by President Ted Kenniston in the Harvard Room at the High school. Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved by Stephanie Hogsten and Lisa Mullen. Treasurer's report was presented and approved by Andrea Ecoffey and Amy Mason. This will be the last treasurer's report from Lorrie Hays, she has resigned as treasurer. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well; she will be involved in another area of the TD Club. Motion was made by Stephanie Hogsten and seconded by Amy Mason to elect Deb Slater as the new treasurer. We appreciate Deb stepping up to help us with this office. She will be taking over once the books are audited.

Coach Castner reported that we have 127 football players in 10th thru 12th grades – highest number we've had. We have 64 freshmen and approximately 180 in the 7th and 8th grade programs. Practices have been going well – Saturday was a frustrating day as we had several injuries, some more serious than others. Right now there are 24 on the injured reserve list – hoping to get them better and back soon. There will be a scrimmage tomorrow from 10:00 – 1:00 pm – we invite everyone to come out and watch. The senior dinner will be at Coach's house this Thursday, which will also be the last 2 a day practice. Friday player's will do a "Walk and Talk" to downtown Mason. Monday will be our "Countdown to Greatness" at the high school for all 9th thru 12th grade players and Tuesday the 14th will be Meet the Team for all 7th and 8th grade players. We will march in the Heritage Parade on August 18th – Green jerseys and black shorts.

If there are any problems with the equipment your player is given, such as worn out girdles, etc. please let the coaches know, we can't make things right if we don't know. If you have any questions or problems that go unaddressed please email Coach Castner, he will respond within 48 hours. Tyler Swallen and Andrew Hauser have been elected as captains thus far and two more players will be elected by the players tomorrow. Lots of exciting things going on – GMC luncheon with the captains on Thursday, interview with Mike Dwyer on Wednesday and full practices every day.

Old/New Business:

Food Committee is coming along well. We have several volunteer opportunities available on the website through Sign Up Genius – please take a look and help us. The hydration crew is working very hard to make sure the players have water and are staying hydrated – a big thank you to them. If you have not paid your \$40 Food Fee please do so for all 10th – 12th grade players. There is some problem with all the Mason clubs and Kroger cards – they hope to have solved soon, we should be credited for all the use while this problem exists.

Nancy Findley gathered information on a charter bus for parents going to the Lancaster Game. The cost would be \$20 each and you would purchase your football game ticket when you arrive in Lancaster. The bus will leave at 4:00 pm from the Lucky Dog Grille and return immediately after the game. We will add to Sign Up Genius on the website, please go on and let us know if you will be riding.

Scott O'Leary has new ideas for the Tailgate on August 24th. We need to work out some of the logistics but we'll have everything in place for our booth on the 24th.

We are in desperate need of a chairperson for Concessions although we do have some volunteers who will help until we have all the chair people in place. If you are interested or know anyone who is willing to partner with others to take on this responsibility please contact Ted Kenniston as soon as possible.

Ron Sureski discussed the possibility of the Touchdown Club purchasing new jerseys for the 7th grade team. The school has purchased new jerseys for the 8th grade and new jerseys are not a possibility from the school until maybe next year. Mr. Sureski has an estimate for \$2,500. Discussion followed regarding what the Touchdown Club does for the 7th and 8th grade and how money is allocated and spent on these teams as well as opinions on what the 7th grade needs vs. what they have. Suggestion was made to Mr. Sureski that he present the 7th grade jerseys to the membership at the next meeting, a motion would have to be made and a vote taken.

Don't forget about Swink TV – it is a great service and we need to sign up more people in order to be able to provide this for all teams. Contact Coach Roche Croy with any questions.

The next meeting will be on either August 14th because of Countdown to Greatness or we'll defer until the following week on August 20th in the Harvard Room. Motion to adjourn was made by Patti Kelley and seconded by Anthony Pilone.