

**Cary Football Club
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015**

Present: Coach Kirst, Anna Booth, Diane Dulaney, Robin Bunting, DeAnn Hyder, Mary Hill, Deb Ryan, Van Hyder, Michele Gavalier, Terrie Wycoff, Greg Wycoff, David Berkowitz, Patricia Berkowitz, Ken Kinsey, Jim White, Lynde McCoy, Cliff Ray, Shierha Maynor, Anthony Trejo Sanchez, Una Berry, Kathy Fails, Peggy Jobe.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

Coach Kirst welcomed everyone and introduced the officers of the Football Club. He mentioned there had been a few executive board meetings to get the club rolling and events he wanted planned and thanked everyone for their help. He asked if anyone was interested in being Vice President.

President & Varsity Team Parent: Anna Booth
Vice-President & JV Team Parent: TBD
Treasurer & Fundraising Monitor: DeAnn Hyder
Secretary & Communications/PR: Robin Bunting

Coach then introduced a representative from First Baptist Church of Cary.

Team Meals:

1. The church representative spoke about opening the church fellowship hall on Friday afternoons as a location to serve the varsity football team. The church is equipped with enough space, tables and a large kitchen to accommodate the team, coaches and trainers. They will not supply the food.

There will be an optional devotional program for those athletes who wish to partake. The overall goal is to keep the varsity team together, to feed players, coaches and trainers before games, and provide an experience for team bonding and reflection prior to games.

A question and answer session was opened and a discussion took place. Taking the school busses to the church, timing, serving volunteers and sponsors for food was discussed.

It was agreed we would consider the offer and that Principal Bryant would need to meet with the representative and the coaches to make sure all was acceptable should we move forward to accept their hospitality.

2. Next Robin Bunting spoke about her negotiations with TMac in Cary to provide meals for the varsity team in the Fall. It has been approved on a local level that they will supply enough food for 75-80 people every Friday game for the first seven games. This is a \$5,000 value.

Athletes would take the bus to the restaurant before games for meals. A discussion was had regarding logistics, the fact that the restaurant sold alcohol, and many were in favor and grateful for the effort and offer from TMac.

It was agreed that we would discuss with TMac holding a team banquet at the restaurant in December or January, with attendees being charged a modest fee for the food.

A question was raised that if the decision was made to meet and eat at First Baptist Church, and have parents serve it, would TMac be willing to prepare the food and have us pick it up and bring it to the church vs. eating at their location. Robin agreed to meet with TMac and discuss the option with them.

3. Ken Kinsey offered that the Cary High Culinary Academy served the football players last year and it was successful. They could be approached about serving one of the remaining meals- perhaps Senior Night and make it a celebration. Ms. Whitesides is the CHS teacher in charge of the program and she will be approached about this.
4. With regard to feeding the JV team, Anna Booth mentioned that perhaps each player could be charged \$5 and that could go toward purchasing food for them. In the past several team moms prepared all of the food for the players and some restaurants donated food, like Moes. Deb Ryan worked with them and agreed to assist the parents on the JV food team with contacts to get food for players lined up. Coach Kirst stated the JV players will eat at Cary High and not go to an off-site location.

Upcoming Event: 1st Annual Pigskin Pig-out

The date for the event is May 29th. After the last day of Spring Football practice. 4-6:30 pm and food will be served from the concession stand.

Mary Hill and Anna Booth reported the following details about the event:

Plan to serve 250 meals including BBQ, beans, coleslaw and rolls. Hotdogs will be available for those who do not want BBQ as well as chicken.

Water, tea and lemonade will be available

Parents are asked to donate cookies for dessert

Advertising will be word of mouth, GOIMPS.COM, the PTSA newsletter and Twitter

The cost is \$8 per plate, and tickets will not be pre-sold

Several vendors have donated food items and gift cards to the cause.

Coach Kinsey will donate the pig if one is not donated and Mrs. Kinsey will make her special BBQ sauce.

The grill from the Imp Club as well as Greg Wycoff and Van Hyder agreed to donate their grills to assist with cooking chicken.

The softball team had extra containers from their BBQ event, and has donated them to the football team event.

Coach Kirst stated this is a great opportunity for fellowship and for the parents and the community to support a Football Club fundraiser in support of the football teams.

Fundraising:

DeAnn Hyder provided this update:

FUNDRAISING BLITZ –

The Blitz day is scheduled for August 1st. Players will have practice from 7-10 and the blitz will commence afterwards. Per a previous discussion, Coach Kirst wants to start early and beat out other schools and teams selling fundraising items.

The athletes will sell Coupon Flyers and raffle tickets as in the past. Lisa Frantz has agreed to work with us again this year in recruiting vendors for the cards and assisting us in getting them printed by the event.

Several parents asked for new sponsors to be added to the card including Duck Donuts, Brueggers Bagels, and Dunkin Donuts.

The football program paid \$2400 for printing of the flyers last year and made \$18,000 in sales from the cards. Each player is expected to sell or purchase 5 raffle tickets at \$10 apiece and 10 football cards at \$20 apiece. This income is crucial to the support of the football program.

Before the event we will need parents to help sort tickets and flyers into Ziploc bags. Robin Bunting has the maps from last year which are used to divide up the territory the athlete's canvas. Parents will also be needed as drivers and to set up for pizza for the athletes once they return to campus.

Athletes will get a Ticket to Play and Coach will finalize the team roster the week before the Blitz and that will be used to divide up the athletes for each car/driver.

Competitions might be used to encourage sales. A discussion was held and all agreed to use cool items and special clothing as incentives for sales. Van Hyder mentioned that in a previous year all boys who sold the required amount were awarded a custom sweatshirt and several athletes asked for this again.

KICKOFF BANQUET-

This will be held on August 8th.

A discussion was held re what to do – a full meal, potluck, just desserts? A Silent Auction, guest speaker, Dr. Bloom presentation re concussions and other speakers were discussed. Coach Kirst will take care of the speakers.

The members present agreed to just have a large dessert and drinks banquet. Speakers were thought to be a good idea.

A full silent auction was vetoed as getting items took considerable effort and the cost and bidding usually went beyond what the athletes could afford. It was agreed to have a mini raffle/drawing with only a few items. Tickets sell for \$1 or \$2 and you put your name on the ticket and drop in the jar near the item. A

winner would be drawn at the end of the night. This way everyone could afford a ticket and the more you purchase the better chance you have to win. All proceeds go to the football program.

Grey Wycoff agreed to chair the committee for the Kickoff Banquet. There is a list of several parents offering to help.

Robin Bunting offered a basket of CHS goodies including spirit wear for the drawing. Ken Kinsey agreed to give two sports family passes for the basket from the Imp Club. Anna Booth offered to donate items to the basket.

Other parents agreed to see if they had access to college and professional sporting events and get tickets for the drawing.

CHIPOTLE NIGHT FUNDRAISER-

June 2nd the Chipotle on Kildaire Farm Road will host a fundraiser for the CHS football program. We will receive 50% of all sales from 5-8:30 pm. Advertising will include Twitter, emails to parents and other lists, the PTSA newsletter and Football Club Newsletter. Flyers will be available at the Pigskin Pig-out and of course it can be downloaded to smart phones.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Parents interested in joining the Football Club can send an email to Caryfootballclub@gmail.com, or send your email address to Robin Bunting. She will update a custom Football Club page on the GOIMPS.COM website. Information about events, a newsletter and communications from the club and coaches may also be posted there. Once active, the meeting minutes from the club will also be posted.

Parents who have not registered their sons for football should do so ASAP at GOIMPS.COM

Team Camp at Campbell University also has a registration link which can be found on the football team pages at GOIMPS.COM

The spirit pack which is required for all players to have also has a link and information re purchase on the football team pages at GOIMPS.com

COACH KIRST UPDATE:

Parents please register your athletes at GOIMPS.COM and also for Team Camp. Team Camp at Campbell is only available to varsity players.

Spirit packs must be ordered soon. Johnson Lambe has created a website with a photo and description of the clothing etc. The polo shirt will be worn by players on game days. They work out gear will be worn over the summer. Purchasing the spirit pack does not guarantee your athlete will make the team. Parents are welcome to purchase the clothing as well.

If you purchased a helmet from Riddell, this does not guarantee your son will make the team. Riddell has other gear for sale if parents and athletes are interested.

Spring practice will begin soon. Athletes will need shorts, a shirt and cleats. On Thursday at 2:45 helmets will be given out. All athletes who show up for spring practice must have a current physical on file and all paperwork signed and turned in. There is a list outside the weight room of all current players and the physical dates.

The players attending summer practice will be asked to participate in community service events. This should take place the last week of July on Monday and Tuesday and all players must participate. Afterwards there will be something like a cookout which is still to be determined.

Several parents have asked about donating snacks and Gatorade for away games. A note will go out from the Football Club re what is needed but maybe bringing it all to the Blitz on August 1st is the best option and we will store it in the field house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Bunting
Cary Football Club
Secretary