

Field Hockey Booster Club Minutes – January 11, 2010

Attendance: Patty Gee, Sharon Porch, Joe Piontkowski, Stephanie Honsinger, Kathy Brissenden, Mary Varga, Sue Farrell, Martha Passamonte, Ed Dubiel, Jim Hanley, Patty Davaro, Linda Gribble, Wendy Constance, Heather Slavik, Betty Jo Flask, Robin Brown, Vicki Earle, Ray McKenna, Caterina Pastore, Lynn Gebhardt.

I. Introductions

II. Election of Officers

Board Position nominations: Caterina Pastore is current President. Sharon Porch was appointed in May and has not yet fulfilled her one year term. Martha Passamonte has served her one year term and has agreed to run for office again this year. Additional nominations are as follows: Vicki Earle for Co-President, Lynn Gebhardt for Vice-President, Joe Piontkowski for Secretary. Ballot voting was held and officers for 2010 are:

Co-Presidents: Caterina Pastore and Vicki Earle

Vice-President: Lynn Gebhardt

Treasurer: Sharon Porch

Secretary: Joe Piontkowski

Since fiscal year runs Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, it was decided to keep officer terms the same.

Parent Representatives – it was agreed that parent reps are needed for each team to facilitate communication and to coordinate details associated with fundraising etc.

Committee Chairpersons – certain committees are currently listed in the by-laws. It was agreed to continue with those committees at this time. The by-laws need further review and at that time, committees will be discussed again to decide on which committees will be maintained.

III. Old Business

Treasurer's Report – Current Balance is [REDACTED]. Petty cash box [REDACTED]. We expect approximately [REDACTED] as new revenue from the indoor Field Hockey Pick-Up Games Clinic starting this week. Previous vote agreed to purchase goals for indoor and that will require an expenditure of approximately [REDACTED].

Question was asked regarding whether or not there was a formal operating budget; there is not currently a formal written document.

Ongoing bottle redemptions – Quota to stay at \$30 per player; although players are encourage to collect more if possible. The collection time period will run from September to September each year.

Team Parties – expenditures for team parties will not be reimbursed by the Booster Club. The Booster Club is grateful that some parents are willing to host such parties and hope that the generous offers will continue. Hosts are encouraged to ask players to assist in bringing needed items.

Next Indoor Session – Flyer was available tonight and will be forwarded to girls and put on the website. It starts this Friday, January 11 at McNamara. Email Coach Hanley for further information at jmph425@yahoo.com

IV. New Business

Yearly Meeting Schedule – 8 mtgs. per year. (Jan, Feb, May, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec)

Post Office Box – fee is paid through June. We will discuss the need to maintain the PO Box at a future meeting.

Fundraising

A. Do we need a committee? It was decided to continue to brainstorm ideas and then set up a committee(s) as needed.

B. Applebee's Breakfast – Scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2010. (8-10:00). We need to consider having girls sign up for shifts rather than all be there at once; that way all duties can be covered. We will continue the 50/50 raffle and the Silent Auction baskets. Parents/ players are encouraged to seek donations for baskets and/or consider donating their own basket.

C. Post Super Bowl Bottle Drive was discussed. It was decided that the time frame (before winter break) and the weather might be prohibitive. Notice about the ongoing bottle drive will be put back on the website and players are encouraged to ask neighbors and family members to save their bottles from that event for field hockey. Individuals can also drop off bottles at the River Mall on their own and request their funds be donated to B'Ville Field Hockey.

D. McDonald's Jukebox – request will be made to the local McDonald's.

E. Zumba – discussed as a possible fundraiser but it would be difficult to coordinate. It was suggested instead that it be pursued as a team building experience for players.

F. Pizza Kit Sale – It was discussed and decided that it would be done as a fall fundraiser. Later discussion revised this plan and the participants in the next upper level indoor session will be asked to participate. It was decided that we need to raise funds prior to fall to support future activities and purchases. Betty Jo Flask has agreed to coordinate the winter sale. There was also discussion about another sale in the fall.

G. Radisson Garage Sale – Weekend before Mother's Day. We hope to have items dropped off and to also sell water, soda, packaged snack items at several locations (players' homes). Sharon Porch will organize this event.

Caterina noted that she has a sign up list of volunteers willing to help organize/work such events. Call her to get names.

H. Little Black Dress Boutique – Heather Slavik brought a flyer regarding this ongoing fundraiser. Donors would be agreeing to donate their share of the profit from the sale of their clothing to the booster club. Donations not sold are returned to donor unless donor agrees to leave them and allow Heather to donate the items to charitable organizations such as Vera House, Peace Inc., or Women to Work. There are specifications to what type of items will be accepted for sale. The flyer explains some and Heather will assist potential donors with any other questions. Flyer will be added to the website.

I. Popcorn Sale – Field Hockey can sell popcorn at the Star Spangled Lacrosse Tournament (Friday, Sat, and Sunday -- July 9, 10, 11, 2010). The event will need to be well scheduled and well staffed throughout the weekend. Heather Slavik and Lynn Gebhardt will coordinate this event. Both also will inquire about borrowing popcorn machine(s) to lower our costs. Cat will ask Doug Rowe about an additional site.

J. Community Service/Events – Coach Hanley would like to see the players involved in more service oriented projects and activities. In the past, the players have participated in Relay for Life and this year the Varsity participated in the Walk for William fundraiser. Further ideas were discussed (ie. Maureen's Hope, MS Walk, Paige's Butterfly Run, Special Olympics, Relay for Life). Vicki Earle will gather more information about other

such opportunities. If you know of an event, contact her or other officers or Coach Hanley.

Scholarships – Typically awarded to two students – one with highest overall GPA and the second to highest GPA of the players who plan to play field hockey in college. Coach Hanley indicated that none of the seniors plan to play field hockey in college. It was voted to continue with past precedent (when no players plan to play in college) which awards the two scholarships to the two students with the highest GPA's. In May, further discussion will focus on possibly revamping the scholarship requirements.

Banquet – Coach Hanley would like to discuss a more formal banquet. We will brainstorm possible ideas at the May meeting.

JV Warm-Ups – due to district budget constraints, warm-ups will not be purchased by the district. Warm-ups will be further discussed at the February meeting.

Modified Uniforms – need updating. Coach will ask about district support.

FYI We will also need to consider new rules for Varsity uniforms in 2011 which will require a solid white and solid dark top (minimal side striping is allowed).

Ice Cream Social (June) – Heather Slavik and Wendy Constance will coordinate.

Pizza Party (September) – voted to continue. Cat has a list of parents who signed up at the banquet to help with the Pizza Party.

Role of Captains – Coach is hoping for more leadership from captains and hopes to encourage all players to be more open and receptive to players at the other levels.

Parent Meeting- Coaches will hold a parent meeting in June and will also hold one after try-outs to focus on expectations for behavior.

Field Hockey Flag/Banner – Booster Club would like a banner/flag like other sports have. Mary Varga will inquire about the dimensions of the football flag and Betty Jo Flask will determine costs of producing one for field hockey.

Team Tent – Coach Hanley would like the Booster Club to consider purchasing a large tent with district/team name/logo on it. Vicki Earle suggested consulting a Longstreth catalog for pricing.

Summer Tournament – Coach Hanley is waiting to hear back from Mr. Quimby's staff regarding field availability.

Local Summer Camp – TENTATIVE date set for August 16-20. Coach will check regarding the availability of the field for that week.

Taste of B'Ville – vote passed – we will make a donation of one “free week to our local field hockey camp”. (Camp date needs to be finalized first)

Next meeting – set for Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30. Coach Hanley will need to reserve a space and once confirmed, that site will be listed on the website.