

Falcon Athletic Boosters Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2007

Meeting called to order @ 7:03 by Larry Sells

Minutes from April meeting:

Motion made by Larry Sells & seconded by Henry Brus to accept minutes from April '07 meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

Senior Banquet Report:

Will take place May 17th @ Earleigh Height Fire Hall at 6pm
Problem – only 14 athletes have RSVP'd as of today. This is after 2 mailings, announcements, emails, & newsletter invites have been extended. Booster reps & coaches will attempt to contact senior athletes. Gwen Chalmers & Larry Sells will talk on Sunday, May 13th, to determine whether or not to cancel the event (which is not the group's desire).

Top Scholar Luncheon Report:

80 students were recognized at the luncheon.
County Superintendent, Cathy Vitale, Greg LeGrand were among honored guests.
Some impressive statistics were shared:
 3.2 – current GPA for all JV & Varsity teams
 3.57 – GPA for fall athletes
 3.52 – GPA for winter athletes
All teams at SPHS had at least one Top Scholar.
Luncheon was catered by Garry's Quarterfield & parent contributions.

Golf Outing Report:

Jeannie Converse reported that we have taken in approximately \$5200 so far.
We need 30-40 foursomes – asked attendees to help recruit.
We made approximately \$11,000 last year, so this is a significant fundraiser.

Mulch Sale Report:

Meg Anderson & Becky Smith reported that we made \$20,654 in this fundraiser. Larry pointed out that this is better than ANY previous fundraiser!
111 out of 600 athletes sold this year and many others helped with pick-up/delivery day.
Recognized the following athletes as top sellers:

Brandon Beaulander	-	Baseball	-	received \$100
Mark Anderson	-	Soccer	-	received \$75
Kelcy Smith	-	Soccer	-	received \$50

These three sold 667 bags combined and 8 students sold more than 100 bags each.
A total of 7000 bags were sold.
\$8261 was distributed to teams for sales & \$1700 was distributed to teams for coordinating areas of delivery.

Booster Membership Funding Analysis Report:

Larry Sells reported that membership rates had not increased in 11 years while costs surely had! The Board will propose membership dues increases next month. Proposed increases will affect the first two entry levels (i.e. – increase from \$35 to \$50 for first tier)

Discussion Points:

- Coach Wayne Beaulander suggested maybe a 50% membership for a 2nd or 3rd season athlete re-joining. Larry felt that this might be too difficult to administer; but that this point could be looked at at the meeting next month.
- Keith Feen asked if 100% membership team contribution would increase, too. Yes – from \$5 to \$10 per athlete.
- Hardship issues can be considered by Boosters &/or individual teams.

This issue was tabled for now as it will be fully presented & voted on at next month's meeting.

2007-2008 Board Elections Report:

The following slate was presented:

President	Larry Sells
Vice President	Steve Anstett
Treasurer	Patti Erskine
Secretary	Mike Crum

Nominations were solicited from the floor. None were received.

Written ballots were cast & were counted by Kathleen Nelson.

Votes were unanimous across the board & the elections were closed with the above officers elected.

Vice President's Report:

Calvin Cavey was not present due to an injury.

Larry will talk with Calvin about the Bull Roast. It was brought up that maybe we need to consider a January/February time.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Ortel was not present due to work commitments.

Larry reported that much money had been distributed to the team accounts.

Pitt fund received a lot of contributions in honor of Dan Hamilton. Larry delivered letters received to the Hamilton family.

Membership Report:

Beth reported the following:

13 new memberships had been received since last meeting, bringing in \$500 in funds.

405 total memberships this year for a total of \$19,280 collected.

Concessions Report:

Luanne Kerrigan reported that things are going well. Hamburgers have been successful & will be continued in fall.

One team did not show up on their assigned night. Luanne was able to recruit volunteers from the stands; but it was a very difficult process. Luanne has been in touch with that team & they will staff the Lacrosse playoff games.

An idea was presented that it would be nice for the girls' teams to staff the boys' games & vice versa.

Athletic Director's Report:

Wayne Mook reported on the following items:

Indoor Bleachers – these are not guaranteed to be completed this summer as thought. We will lose 100 seats due to updates (i.e. aisle placement & handicap seating). They are still finalizing plans due to design discrepancies & they hope to send to bid soon.

Outdoor Bleachers – still reviewing & tweaking plans. Bleachers on both sides of the stadium will be replaced. Walkways will be widened from 5' to 9'. Bleachers will be made wider. Handicap ramps will be placed at both ends. Still need to go to bid. Timeline: if not for this Fall – will most likely be demolished after the fall season. They will try to salvage some bleachers to reuse at other fields (i.e. baseball).

Safety Fields -- \$2.5 million is being allotted for safety fields. The plan would be that 3 schools would get 3 safety fields for 4 years in a row. Wayne & Cathy Vitale & Charlie Becker (for GSPGH) are advocating for SPSHS. Their position is that we should be considered first since we were behind only Broadneck when the previous funding was pulled out of the budget in the past.

Spring Sports – Tennis has had an undefeated season; Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse defeated Broadneck in the county championships & will begin playoffs @ home; Baseball/Softball will begin playoffs @ home.

General – Coach WishList items were ordered & some received.

Tickets will be \$5 next year vs. \$4 this year (mostly due to transportation cost increases)

Colleen Stauffer thanked the Boosters (through Wayne) for luncheon.

Coaches met and decided on scholarships & awards to be presented to senior athletes.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Basketball Backboards – will be discussed next month when more board members are present.
- Paul Joyce asked for clarification for Senior Banquet – is Hockey a sport for banquet purposes? Answer – they were invited to attend but will not be recognized for awards (coach was notified) since they are not a recognized county sport.
- Contract for Coke/Pepsi is up this year & Mr. Mook had not heard whether the Business Manager @ SPSHS has secured a new contract.
- Henry Brus reported that the website is up & running. Some modifications have been made, but send any desired changes or updates to Henry & he'll coordinate with webmaster. (can be sent through spboosters.org or Henry.Brus@comcast.net)
- Mr. Newman reported about the "Tradition" of hazing middle schoolers on the last day of school. This is a serious discipline issue & our school as well as Riva Road are highly focused on it this year. While consequences have not been finalized, it has been proposed that any guilty students would forfeit eligibility for next year. Coaches were asked to remind their students of the seriousness of this issue.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:30 by Larry Sells