

## **Falcon Athletic Boosters Meeting Minutes**

**April 15, 2009**

**Location: SPHS Media Center**

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 p.m. by Larry Sells

### **Minutes from the March 11, 2009 meeting:**

Motion made by Luanne Kerrigan & seconded by Jim Laite to accept minutes from the March meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

### **President's Updates: Larry Sells**

1. **Concession Stand:** The concession stand was not opened during a recent game because the team assigned to run the stand, football, could not produce enough volunteers to open and run the stand.
  - a. The concession stand is one of the Boosters major sources of funds.
  - b. Though some conflicts do occur, and some are unavoidable, assignments to run the stand are made with a view toward minimizing conflicts with in-season team schedules.
  - c. When a team believes it may not be able to provide sufficient manning to run the concession stand (currently 8 people), they should notify the Concessions Chair as soon as possible. Waiting to the last minute, on the hope that enough volunteers will show up is not acceptable.
  - d. When a team accepts an assignment to man the concession stand, they have made a commitment to do so.
  - e. Football Head Coach, J.P. Hines, sent a letter to the Boosters Club apologizing for the closure of the stand and promised this would not happen again.
  - f. A general discussion followed concerning who may volunteer, how people might be encouraged to volunteer, and the role of the Team Representative in getting volunteers.
2. **Boosters Officers Elections:** All four positions are open for election for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.
  - a. Boosters Officers are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
  - b. The candidates for President were introduced: Charlie Hornick and Jim Laite.
  - c. There were no candidates for Vice President.
  - d. The candidate for Secretary was introduced: Jim Tannehill.
  - e. There were no candidates for Treasurer.
  - f. **Elections will be held at the May 13, 2009 meeting.**
  - g. Lisa Davisson has agreed to take over the position of Membership Chair from Beth Wiley.
    - i. This is not an elected position.
    - ii. Membership is one of the standing Boosters Club committees.
3. The Green Hornets would like to open and run the Roberts Field small concession stand during their events. They would donate 10% of their proceeds to the Boosters if permitted to do so. This item was further discussed during "New Business."
4. **4-Year Plan:** In June 2006, the Boosters discussed a long-term plan to promote Severna Park High School athletics and to assist the school with projects where other funding was not otherwise available.
  - a. The plan concludes at the end of the next school year (2009-2010).

- b. The plan is posted on the Boosters web site ([www.spboosters.org](http://www.spboosters.org)).
  - c. A list of Boosters accomplishments will be posted on the website.
  - d. Making a new plan, building on the success of the current one, will be a challenge for the new Boosters officers and team representatives.
5. **Boosters Club By-Laws:** The current By-Laws were last updated and approved eleven years ago, April 15, 1998. They need to be reviewed and updated.
- a. The By-Laws are posted on the website for everyone to review.
  - b. Jim Tannehill volunteered to lead the review committee. Comments and recommendations for changes should be sent to Jim.
  - c. The proposed revision will be discussed at the May 13, 2009 meeting.
6. **Tom Williams Scholarship:** A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one senior female athlete and one senior male athlete in the spring of their graduating year.
- a. Details and a nomination form are available on the Falcon Athletic Boosters website ([www.spboosters.org](http://www.spboosters.org)).
  - b. **Cutoff date for nominations is 11 May 2009.**
  - c. Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Banquet, on May 18.
  - d. *No nominations for this year's award have been received to date.*
7. **Falcon Statue:** There has been no progress made toward repairing the damage to the Falcon statue.
- a. The President and Treasurer will notify the insurance company about the damage.
  - b. It was suggested that the insurance company might know of a means to get the statue repaired.

**Vice President's Report: Charlie Hornick**

- 1. The Bull & Oyster Roast will be in October. This is to take advantage of several things, including the generally larger turnout for events that occurs during the Fall Season.
  - a. Planning is in progress
  - b. Many volunteers are needed – Contact Charlie Hornick.

**Treasurer's Report: Patty Erskine**

- 1. All accounts are current. The highlights from the report prepared by “Korwek & Company, PA” are as follows:

Total Assets	\$191,494.68
Total Liabilities	\$132,972.15
Total Equity	\$ 58,522.53

- 2. Other notes from the Treasurer:
  - a. The Benevolent Fund, line 2202, dedicated to helping the family of Jim Pitt has closed out. The remaining \$9000.00 was given to the Johns Hopkins Progressive Care Unit who took care of his son.
    - i. Johns Hopkins will use the funds for nursing and staff education on the care of quadriplegics.
    - ii. Johns Hopkins expressed gratitude for the gift and will erect a plaque in the Progressive Care Unit.

- b. In the monthly Statement of Financial Condition, each team account is listed with a 2100 series line number. Within the report, detailed transactions are now grouped and listed using the same line number for ease of reading.
- c. Special thanks to Kathy Fieldhouse for her work on the mulch fundraiser. Kathy organized the delivery routes in a logical manner to minimize delivery times and the amount of miles necessary for drivers to travel – a great benefit considering the current price of gas. Well Done and Thank You!

#### **Membership Report: Beth Wiley**

1. 425 families have signed up and the total for membership dues is \$22,775.
2. Team Representatives: Make sure that Beth receives your team's roster. If the team achieves 100% membership, the team will get \$10 per student-athlete added to its funds.
  - a. **Boys and Girls Lacrosse achieved 100% membership -- Congratulations.**
  - b. Ten (10) teams have 100% membership this year (2008-2009).
3. Lisa Davisson will take over the position of Membership Chair from Beth Wiley.

#### **Concessions Report: Luanne Kerrigan**

1. The Concessions Manager met with the architect to discuss plans for renovation and expansion of the main concession stand.
  - a. The target date for completion of work is before the Fall 2010 football season.
2. **Concessions Stand Chairman Position:** We will need help with the concessions stands for the 2010-2011 year and are looking for someone to train this upcoming academic year (2009-2010).

#### **Golf Fundraiser: Jim Laite**

1. The Golf Fundraiser Chairman needs additional help getting sponsors for this event.
2. If sufficient sponsors cannot be signed on by the May meeting, this event will have to be cancelled. Boosters cannot afford to operate this event at a loss.

#### **Mulch Sale: Louise Gilmore**

1. 4096 bags of mulch were sold this year.
  - a. Fewer bags were sold than last year.
  - b. Fewer sales included delivery than last year. (60 deliveries @ \$25 each)
2. Net profit, after expenses, was approximately \$10790.
  - a. \$5430 was disbursed to teams.
    - i. \$4096 for sales @ \$1.00 a bag.
    - ii. \$1334 to the 4 teams who worked the day of the sale.
  - b. \$5360 to the Boosters' General Fund.
  - c. The top 5 teams, by number of bags sold, were Boys Lacrosse, Baseball, Girls Soccer, Tennis, and Boys Soccer.

#### **Senior Athletic Banquet: Gwen Chalmers**

1. When: 18 May (Monday)
2. Where: SPHS Cafeteria

3. What: Recognition for Senior Athletes (Class of 2009)
  - a. All Seniors attending will receive T-shirts, etc.
4. **Volunteers are needed.**
  - a. **There will be a volunteers meeting at Gwen's home on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**
  - b. **Contact Gwen for directions ([icuragd@aol.com](mailto:icuragd@aol.com) // 410-544-3836).**
5. This is Gwen's *last year* – a new coordinator will be needed next year.
  - a. This is a great opportunity to learn while doing.

#### **Athletic Director's Report: Wayne Mook**

1. **Facilities Update:** Anne Arundel County purchased new soccer goals. They are scheduled to arrive soon.
2. Recent rains (in late March and early April) have caused a large number of athletic events to be postponed. If your sport has been affected, be alert for notices of when the events are rescheduled.  
**Note: For the latest in schedule information,** you can log onto [www.viewmyschedule.com](http://www.viewmyschedule.com) or contact the Falcon Sportsline at 410-544-5302.
3. The SPHS Hall of Fame Committee will meet 23 April to consider nominees for selection. Nominees who are selected will be honored during the Fall 2009 season.
  - a. A list of people in the SPHS Athletic Hall of Fame is posted on the Booster website ([http://www.spboosters.org/pages/hall\\_of\\_fame/](http://www.spboosters.org/pages/hall_of_fame/))

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

1. **By-Laws:** Proposed revisions to the by-laws will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. **Small Concession Stand:** Green Hornets would like to operate the small concession stand, co-located with the entrance to Roberts Field, during their athletic events.
  - a. Motion was made by Gwen Chalmers and seconded by Jim Laite to consider the Green Hornets' proposal.
  - b. Discussion:
    - i. Green Hornets will play their home football games on the turf field.
    - ii. Green Hornets would donate 10% of all sales made to the Boosters.
    - iii. A 14-point proposed agreement between the Boosters and K Concessions, on behalf of Green Hornets, was discussed.
    - iv. Members asked if there would be a requirement for Green Hornets to sell Coke products in the concession stand since this is AA County policy for county sponsored events. This is being researched.
  - c. Vote: Unanimous in favor. The agreement will not be signed or go into effect until it has been determined if it is necessary to specify that Coke products are the only ones that may be sold.
3. **Field House Paved Walkway:** In accordance with the by-laws, the Executive Committee of the Board approved funds for a short notice project to pave the walkway around leading to the field house.
  - a. Paving is necessary to reduce the amount of mud and gravel tracked into the facility.

- b. Some general landscaping will also be done to improve the general appearance around the field house, and which will also reduce the dirt track into it.
  - c. Funds for the project, not to exceed \$3,700, were approved by the Executive Committee.
4. **Shot Put and Discus Throw Circle:** When the field house was constructed, a portion of the normal flight path for shot putters and discus throwers was obstructed. There is a need to relocate the throwing circle to correct this.
- a. Motion was made by Gwen Chalmers and seconded by numerous members to consider funding the relocation, not to exceed \$1,100.
  - b. Discussion:
    - i. This problem was recognized when the field house plans were drawn up and the structure was constructed.
    - ii. There was always intent to relocate the throwing circle.
    - iii. It is possible for a talented (strong) thrower to hit the building with the current orientation of the throwing area.
  - c. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
5. **Vice President:** Jim Pack announced he is a candidate for Vice President.

**General Discussion:**

1. The Parents-Teachers-Students Organization (PTSO) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings will be April 28th.
  - a. PTSO will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Principal's office
  - b. CAC will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center
2. The Students Taking Action Responsibly (STAR) lecture series parent presentation will be April 21<sup>st</sup> in the SPS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
  - a. Guest Speaker will be Bobby Petrocelli.
  - b. Falcon Athletic Boosters supports this event and has helped fund it.

**Next Meeting: May 13, 2009**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. by Gwen Chalmers; seconded by Charlie Hornick**