BHS Booster Club Board Meeting

Minutes from October 4, 2017

By Linda Persigehl

Present: Curt Bohn, president; Chuck Oborny, treasurer; Brad Blum, vice president; Linda Persigehl, secretary; Shelli Oborny, at-large member; Greg Lamberty, activities director. Absent: Kairi Prososki, Danita Diamond, Brittanie Butterfield.

Curt called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. He motioned to approve Sept. 2017 minutes, sent out ahead by email for review. All voted in favor to approve.

Chuck read treasurer’s report:

Checking $26,406.08

Clothing $37,819.56

Savings $13,587.57

There are two outstanding checks not cashed, to Tim Matz, photographer, and one 2016 boosters scholarship recipient. Both have been called.

Brad Blum reported there were approximately six new booster memberships sold in past month.

Curt Bohn read clothing report in Brittanie’s absence. Gretna football game sales brought in $1,994 gross, for $697 profit. She plans to sell apparel at last home game against Skutt. Still recruiting volunteers to help.

She is gearing up for online sales for winter sports and holiday sales.

Shelli Oborny reported maintenance is being completed on auxiliary concessions booth. Tile is damaged due to leaking ceiling.

FBLA is running auxiliary booth this fall; student groups will continue to staff this through winter sports season for middle school.

Chris Grinvalds and FBLA will run auxiliary booth for home EMC volleyball tournament 10/14. They wish to sell donuts and breakfast pizzas; Brad Blum will buy these and deliver that morning, and all food profits will be split 60/40, per usual. (Precedent set with wrestling tourneys and their sales of fruit, donuts in past years.)

Junior class parents will be staffing concessions for Mighty Men volleyball games as a post prom fundraiser with a 60/40 split, per usual. Kristi Jacobs, Theresa Haack and Katie Pruess are coordinating.

Kim Lueders will pass along staffing recommendations for winter sports games (per suggestions of Carol Cerny, last year’s president) to Mr. Wright and students in charge of booster website maintenance. They will post new signups for winter concessions volunteers.

Curt Bohn shared Mr. Wright’s request for parents, boosters to send in photos of athletes, action shots from fall sports to share on homepage on website.

Music and Band Boosters will be using our concessions stand Oct. 7 for their contest. Agreement is, they will use our pop and equipment, but buy their own candy for resale.

Athlete buttons were printed and assembled by Kim Thirkildsen and distributed by Linda Persigehl to fall sports parents in past two weeks.

New button maker purchased online has arrived and will be used for winter sports buttons. (Purchase was approved via text by board members last month to help speed button making, distribution.) Linda Persigehl was reimbursed with $247.90 check from Chuck Oborny.

Mr. Lamberty read funding requests. Coach Sanders has requested $50 for team bonding event for 10 Girls Golf members following Bennington Invite.

Cross Country team has requested $125 to reimburse Carla Gress for expenses incurred for meal following Bennington XC Invite. (considered their team bonding event for year.)

Since we’ve previously donated this meal money and XC has so few funding requests, Chuck Oborny suggested we find some new way to contribute to their program. Angie Knudsen-Smith suggested maybe “frog towels” to cool down runners. Linda suggested large coolers for bottled water. Suggestions should be discussed with Coach Shumm before next season.

Friends of Bennington Public Library, a booster member, and their rep, Tara Keats, have requested a booster club donation for their silent auction/fundraiser. Donation was approved by board members, and a donation of merchandise and possible gift card in the range of $75 will be made to Tara for auction.

Booster scholarship criteria discussion continued. Curt Bohn motioned to approve criteria that all board members agree on, as listed on the scholarship application form draft he created, including items 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 3c ,3d, 3e, and 3f. Brad Blum seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Debate continued on 3g, requiring a separate sports essay from applicants. Mr. Lamberty explained that this created new challenges for Mr. Richling and the sorting process. Other ways to help “score” athletes were discussed, including having coaches rate the athletes on sportsmanship, athletic contribution, team leadership, etc. A committee compiled of coaches, teachers and booster board members would then chose four winners. More discussion must be held before a vote.  
Item 3h, which prohibits booster board members’ children from being a recipient, is also still up for debate. To be continued at future meeting. Criteria must be decided by January, per Mr. Lamberty.

Curt Bohn called the meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next meeting is set for Wed., Nov. 1 at 5:30pm