Bennington Booster Club

Meeting Minutes for Sept. 6, 2017

Prepared by Linda Persigehl

Present: Curt Bohn, president; Brad Blum, vp; Linda Persigehl, secretary; Chuck Oborny, treasurer; Danita Diamond, Kairi Prososki and Brittanie Butterfield, members at large; and Greg Lamberty, administration/AD.

The meeting was called to order by Curt Bohn, president, at 5:30pm.

Curt motioned to approve the minutes from August meeting. Motion seconded by Brad Blum. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**Funding Requests** were presented by coaches present.

1. Mr. Henkel requested 16 hurdles for Track program. $179.95 ea, plus shipping, for a total of $3,311. It was decided that old hurdles would be kept for another use, possibly by middle school.

Linda Persigehl motioned to approve the entire $3,311. Brad Blum seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous

1. Mr. Heese requested $1,635 for a DriveLine pitching training program, including equipment and instructional materials, for baseball. He said other EMC schools were already using similar programs for their pitching talent. Program would help to prevent player injuries, increase fitness, and improve mechanics and overall performance of athletes. Price includes lifetime warranty and program upgrades.

He said extra supervision of athletes would be provided to prevent training injuries and accidents.

Brad Blum motioned to approve full $1,635 purchase of program. Chuck Oborny seconded. All voted to approve.

1. Greg Lamberty requested reimbursement of BHS for 3 - 48” football tackling wheels, already purchased and in use this fall. Total cost was $912.

Brad Blum motioned to approve full cost reimbursement Danita Diamond seconded the motion. Vote to approve reimbursing school for $912 was unanimous.

1. Mr. Lamberty requested an additional $134.95 for 55 gallons of gasoline to fuel new homecoming fireworks “fire bombs”, on behalf of Mr. Hanke, who is in charge of fireworks show. This would bring total funding of show by Boosters to $2,734.95.

 ($2,600 had already been approved.)

Chuck Oborny motioned to approve fuel purchase. Brittanie Butterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor of additional funding.

Mr. Lamberty reported four record board orders had been sent to the manufacturer. Balances due for those boards (already-approved purchases) would be submitted in coming weeks.

**Treasurer’s Report**

(As of August 31, 2017)

Checking: $26,734.01

Clothing: $38,111.51

Savings: $13,586.49

Chuck Oborny reported concessions sales marked a record high at first home football game, $4,669.

**Corporate Sponsorships**

Curt Bohn reported a $950 corporate sponsor check had been received for advertising, with condition that $500 of that needs to go to softball program and remaining $450 to go to Boosters. Chuck will need to write school a check for $500.

To date, corporate membership had raised $11,250, compared to $7,550 last year.

There were 15 new corporate sponsors; 7 old sponsors did not renew at higher adv. rates.

Curt recognized Janet Schumacher and Kairi Prososki for their sales efforts.

**Individual Memberships**

Brad Blum reported $6,800 was raised from individual memberships this year. New ones are trickling in yet, he added. 16 members chose to use the new Paypal membership fee service on the website. Feedback on this new service has been good.

**Clothing Report**

Brittanie Butterfield reported gross clothing sales of $15,399 from online fall sports sales, football scrimmage night, and the first home football game. That generated a profit of approximately $5,800.

Online sales were sluggish as a result of lots of competition from individual sports programs offering their own merchandise. Mr. Lamberty said he will visit with coaching staff in the future to learn which ones are going to offer their own inventory and communicate this to Brittanie so she might offer different items and compete less.

Mr. Lamberty encouraged Brittanie to visit with FBLA to confirm which events they will be selling clothing, which ones they want us to cover, and which ones they want to split.

**Concessions**

Mr. Lamberty said he would visit with Mr. Draeger with FBLA about being willing to staff both middle school events if there back-to-back games. He said he would also help recruit student senate, cheer, dance, French Club, cross country and other groups to help staff middle school events.

We discussed the need for a new front counter and cabinetry in the football field concessions building. The current one is warped, getting moldy, and allowing in insects. Mr. Lamberty said he would look into seeing if insurance would cover the expense.

Chuck Oborny inquired about an ice machine purchase, estimated at $3,000-$5,000. Mr. Lamberty said prior requests to school board had been rejected. He may approach them again, with the new condition that booster club help foot the expense.

**Website**

Curt asked that anyone taking photos at athletic events forward pics to Paul Wright to post on Booster website.

**New Business**

Senior athlete photo retakes by Kim Thirkeldsen should be complete, and new banners are done. Volleyball and XC banners need to be hung in the gym.

Kim, Danita Diamond, Krista Monte and Julie Schrum have agreed to help with student recognition, including banners and buttons.

Discussion of Booster Club Scholarship eligibility/requirements/ criteria was initiated, but was tabled for lack of time. We will revisit at October meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05. Next meeting is planned for 5:30pm on Wed., October 4, 2017.