

Minutes for August 16, 2021 Booster Meeting

Meeting called to order by Jeff Harper at 7:02pm.

Attendees:

Dina French – Baseball	Kelli Uhl – Boys Golf
Courtney Woody – Girls Soccer/Girls Basketball	
Nikki Sharp – Girls Lax	Jennifer Leslie – Swimming/Diving
Becky McKay – Girls Golf	Aimee Madding – Girls Golf
Natalie Still – Track	Rebecca Stringer – Dance/B. Bktball
Mariah Hill – Boys Volleyball	Jerry Hamberg – Boys Lax
Kylie Collins – Girls Soccer	Meridith Barone – Boys Lax
Cindy Ackerman - Cheer	

Board Members: Jeff Harper, Tracy Poppe, and Kathy Boeskool

Team Request: Coach Hamilton – Requesting \$8000 total for 2 Rapsodo machines, one to be used for hitting and one for pitching. The softball team may be able to use them as well. They are 3D technology machines used by many competitors’ teams as well as at PBR baseball tournaments. This would be a big help to our teams. They could be used year round. Vote taken, approved unanimously pending Jeff having a discussion with Rich.

Treasurer: Current Assets are at \$120000 with no liabilities. This includes already having paid for things like the new steel letters on the entrance, a huge contribution to the building of the entrance building at the field, our new website and our new “radio” system being used at the field and the basketball arena. We are in a great starting position to help the teams. We are about \$40k ahead of where we started last year, largely due to the Bingo income.

Concessions: The calendar is out with teams filling up the needs for games. We are getting things ordered and ready for games this week.

Spirit Shop: The shop has had a great August with \$6000 in sales so far. Most items are cleared out. A new order has been placed but there is a delay in getting some of the items. Tables and shelves for the shop outside have been purchased. The indoor shop will be open before school and at lunch all days, and all day on Fridays. We are looking for 2 people to work the shop for home varsity football games. This would be in addition to the 30 people to run the concession stand.

Membership: We have 2 new 1 year memberships and 13 new lifetime memberships so far. Off to a much better start than last year. Teams that have already reached 50% in membership are: Girls golf, boys golf, girls soccer, girls cross country and cheer.

Cheer: No real update, just getting ready for the season. All 3 squads attended a cheer camp at Miami this summer. All 3 came home with 2 trophies each.

Girls Tennis: Season is off to a good start. Varsity is 1-1 with a win against St. Ursula and loss to Turpin. JV is 0-1 with a loss to Turpin. Coaches are interested in getting a ball machine and are doing some research on them. Their goal is to reach 50% membership.

Volleyball: No report. They do have a new coach who is running clinics from 3-6pm for 8 weeks for boys and girls. This is being run with the boys volleyball coach, trying to get more interest in volleyball and trying to keep athletes at East. They had a cookout with the 7th and 8th grade kids that went well as well.

Girls Soccer: 1st game of the season is Saturday at West Clermont. They have had 2 scrimmages. They lost to Loveland tied a Columbus team.

Boys Soccer: 1st game of the season is this Saturday against St. Xavier. They are almost at 50% membership. The game Saturday will be televised on West Chester TV. They have had 3 scrimmages and won all 3 including beating the alumni team 5-3. They had cookout with the alumni as well.

Cross Country: Their team time trials were last Saturday where the Top 10 boys and girls qualified to run varsity this week. Their meet is the Preseason varsity meet in Columbus. The VOA Classic(home invitational) will be held August 26th.

Football: They have had 2 scrimmages. One against LaSalle, where they did well. They scrimmaged Princeton for about 20 minutes before it was called for lightning. Looking forward to a full house for their first game of the season against Moeller on Friday.

Girls Golf: Taylor Anderson, the former assistant coach, is the new Head Girls Coach. They placed 3rd in their own Invitational at Wetherington. Texas Roadhouse donated the meals for all the girls. Clare Yeazell was medalist there, shooting a 69.

Boys Golf: Varsity A got 1st place in the Worthington Christian Invitational at York Golf Club. Ty Sylla was medalist there. They placed in the top 4/5 at the St. X invitational, East Invitational and the AIGA Invitational. Varsity B is seeing improvement in all the players. They are a young team, but are doing well.

Team Requests: Boys Basketball: Requesting 15 basketballs totaling \$1034.85. Jeff to talk to Rich as the athletic department usually buys these for the team. Dance: Requesting 46 Poms to replace theirs. Total request is \$506 for 48 Poms. Voted and passed unanimously.

Misc: There will be a fireworks show after the football game on the Tomahawks night. PTSO has been asked to pay \$2500 for this. They don't know if they will be able to do that. Could we chip in \$1250 for this? Discussion took place. We will consider if we are formally asked to pay for this and will take a vote via email.

Fall 5k: The race will be held on **October 10th** at Liberty Center. The entry fee is \$35, \$10 of which will go back to the team you “sponsor”. If you register by September 23rd the T-shirt is included. They need sponsors. If a team signs up a sponsor, they get 50% of the sponsorship \$\$\$. We are including the PTSO and the Band as “teams” for this event. It’s a great way to raise funds for your team and a lot of fun! The link to register is

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/WestChester/TheLibertyCenterFallClassic5kEvent>

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Booster Bash: Our BASH is back! And scheduled for October 23rd from 7-11pm at Grainworks Brewing Company off Cox Road. Tickets are live online now. Tracy to get the link sent to everyone. Tickets are \$50 each and include beer, wine, soda, food and raffle tickets for the barrels of beverages. This event has been moved to the fall and will not be held in the spring. Fall teams are asked to collect money from their parents to contribute a basket for the silent auction. Money collected last year will be used to create baskets. It’s a great time and a great way to celebrate East athletes. The link to purchase tickets is:

<https://hawksboosterbash.wedoauctions.com/>

Next Meeting: September 13, 2021 at 7pm in Room 200

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm.