

**Bartlett High School
Booster Club
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: January 12, 2010
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Presiding: Brad Dennison
Officers Present: Jerry Miller, Tina Alberts, Michelle Zelinsky, Jeff Bral
Directors Present: Lisa Wantroba (Basketball), Janet Ray (Cheerleading), Jeanette Bottiglieri (Cross Country), Kristie Bruneman (Dance), Diana Roman (Soccer), Jody Beck (Softball), Heather Salatino (Boys Track), Mary Beth Hartford (Girls Volleyball), Laura Moreno (Wrestling)
Regular Members: Dan Malin (Wrestling/Dance), Sharon Malin (Wrestling/Dance), Bill James, Dan Lewis (Dance), Mike Gulczynski (Girls Basketball)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

- The minutes from the November 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Janet Ray (Cheerleading) noted a change to be made related to Cheerleading giving a check to Streamwood for money owed for last year's Conference Competition - Cheerleading gave Streamwood gift cards (not a check). A motion to accept the revised minutes was made by Janet Ray and seconded by Lisa Wantroba. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Brad Dennison

- Brad requested that the Club Director's think of candidates to serve on the Booster Board for next year. The Board will be looking for at least 2 new members since Brad and Tina both have seniors this year. Potential candidates were mentioned and Brad asked for specific names after the meeting.
- Brad informed the Club Directors of the method of sharing the Test Drive & Pizza Tasting Fundraising funds. The initial intent was to have half of the funds go to the General Boosters and the other half split among the Clubs that participated. Since the Fundraiser didn't raise as much money as expected, the Booster Board decided to give the General Boosters 10% of the profits as is the policy for any Booster Fundraisers. The remaining funds will be split 12 ways among of the 11 clubs that participated in the event and Girls Track obtaining an additional share for leading the event. The exact amount per Club will be calculated after all the expenses from the event have been paid and the money from Ford is received.
- Brad noted the need for more fundraising to pay for the annual Booster Scholarships and to assist with additional Athletic needs with the District budget cuts. Brad again mentioned that a Chili Cook-off would be a good fundraising opportunity that could earn ~ \$4000. This fundraiser would require a relatively small amount of work, but needs a leader to organize the event. A couple other potential fundraisers were proposed including escript (but this is currently done by Dance) and window decals.
- Brad also mentioned the desire of the General Boosters to obtain email addresses to create a distribution list of to use as notifications when fundraisers are occurring. The group considered the possibility of using the sports or school registration cards to gather this information. Jeff Bral was concerned with the added work this might create for the Athletic Department. Jeff agreed that an email listing is a good idea to support the Athletic Department goal of improved communication; however, Jeff believes that it is the coaches responsibility to obtain email lists for their team. Jeff and the Club Directors will ask the coaches for an email member list. For future announcements of Booster events, the General Booster will send an email to the Club Directors who can in turn forward it to their Club distribution list obtained from the coaches.

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- Brad noted that we need a volunteer to keep up with the maintenance on the Booster website. Len Hardy had been doing the work in previous years. A general Booster member at the meeting, Bill James, volunteered to talk to Len and consider maintaining the website in the future.

Athletic Director's Report – Jeff Brai

- Jeff introduced Nicki Chisholm, the BHS Trainer. Nicki has been at BHS for 8 years. She is working with the athletes on a daily basis. Nicki is affiliated with Accelerated Rehabilitation / Suburban Orthopedics. Nicki offered to assist in obtaining donated items for fundraising (i.e. sports tickets for auction, t-shirt donation for Breast Cancer Awareness Basketball game, etc), Janet Ray (Cheerleading) asked who was responsible for obtaining medical supplies for the athletes, for example Cheer needing tape for the Cheer competitions. The clubs need to put in a request to Nicki and she will provide supplies that are required.
- Jeff announced that Cheerleading and Dance have new Head Coaches. Sarah Palmer will move from JV Cheer Coach to Varsity Cheer Coach. Sarah Schwartz will take over as JV Cheer Coach. Talia Bolia will be the new Dance Coach.
- Eric Kramer was named the new Boys Track Head Coach. Coach Kramer was Jeff's assistant Coach last year.
- Brandon Mueller has stepped down as Boys Volleyball Coach due to conflicts with other commitments (night classes and club team). Jeff is also looking for a Tennis Coach. Let Jeff know if you have candidates for the positions.
- BHS is hosting Boys Basketball Regionals.
- BHS is in talks with the District on facility usage. There have been some recent mandates on paying for overtime for facilities. Dr. Skinkis is on the rental committee so he will have input into the policy. The Athletic Department hopes to get positive changes soon.
- Jeff requested that all Clubs involved in concession be respectful of others and replenish any items that they borrow. The Clubs should work this out with each other and do not need to involve Jeff in the discussions.
- Jeff reminds parents to check the message on the Hotline for updates related to Winter & Spring Sports. The Hotline will be updated frequently with the most current information available on event cancellations, etc.
- Registration for Spring Sports is beginning starts this week. Track starts practice this week and most other spring sports will begin the 1st week of March.
- Jeff has no new information on the Budget cuts. There is a meeting tomorrow night and he may have more information then. If the district looks at participation numbers, BHS would be in good shape.
- The pool is scheduled to close on 2/27. As of now, it is scheduled to reopen next year.

Treasurer's Report – Tina Albert

- Tina had the financial statements for all the Clubs in their folders.
- Brad inquired about the progress on the clubs providing missing documentation for check support. Tina reported that the situation has improved.

Club Reports

Cheerleading – Janet Ray

- Janet noted that Cheerleading's wreath sale was successful and raised over \$2700.
- Cheerleading is currently in competition season and is competing at conference next week.

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Wrestling – Laura Moreno

- Laura motioned to allow Wrestling to pay \$849.85 for workout sandbag. Lisa Wantroba seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Laura reported that Saturday 3/6 is the Wrestling Sectional Tournament.

Dance – Kristie Bruneman

- Kristi asked if the Dance team is allowed 2 coaches' fundraisers since it is a two season sport. This is an Athletic Department rule, not a General Booster rule, since it involves the Coach Fundraisers. Jeff said he would check into the issue.
- Kristi motioned to allow Dance sell Carson's Days books as a fundraiser in February. Jody Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Basketball – Lisa Wantroba

- Lisa noted that Basketball is hosting a Girls Feeder team tournament. There are about 20 teams participating. It will be for 5th thru 7th grades.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Brad noted that as we will need to rely more on Booster funds due to the budget cuts, we need to think of ways to do more fundraising and increase Booster participation.
- Brad inquired if Boosters would be allowed to fund assistant coaches eliminated with the budgets cuts. Jeff replied that this could pose an equity issue in the district and this will not be an option that we will consider at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Announcements

The next Booster Board Meeting will be on Tuesday February 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zelinsky
Secretary, BHS Booster Club