

**Bartlett High School
Booster Club
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date:	May 10, 2011
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Presiding:	George Kantzavelos
Officers Present:	Jeff Bral, Dan Lewis, Bill James, Michelle Zelinsky
Directors Present:	Lisa Wantroba (Basketball), Nancy Fachie & Betty DeLeo (Cheerleading), Jeanette Bottiglieri (Cross Country), Kristie Bruneman (Dance), Brenda Partyka (Football), Karen Lewis (Soccer), Jody Beck (Softball), Ann Crawford (Girls Track), Heather Salatino (Boys Track), Michael Gulczynski (Boys Volleyball), Mary Beth Hartford (Girls Volleyball)
Regular Members:	Suzanne Colombe (New Principal)

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

The meeting was preceded by a special purpose meeting for all coaches, parents, general booster members and other interested parties to discuss plans for the new Outdoor Sports Complex. George and Jeff gave the attendees an overview of the progress to date and the planned path forward. The discussion on the Complex included the architectural design, purpose & use, funding sources and status, approval process, tentative timeline and issues & concerns. Wakoh Wear donated t-shirts for the meeting and Pasta Mia donated the dinner.

The minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting were reviewed and amended for a correction to the attendance listing to replace Patty Hyzy (Dance, Golf) with Sharon Wadelin (Golf - Proxy). A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Lisa Wantroba and seconded by Karen Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – George Kantzavelos

- George would like to set a financial goal for the organization to start the fiscal year with \$20,000. In order to attain this goal, we will need to increase fundraising and general membership donations. George would like the General Boosters to lead the Corporate sponsorship effort. George is planning to have Game Programs beginning in Fall that will include a listing of general booster contributors and advertise our corporate sponsors.
- George read a thank you note from Cindy Conner for the gift sent by the General Boosters in condolences for her Father's passing.
- The election for next year's Booster Club Officers will be held next month at the June meeting. The new term begins in July 2011 – August 2012. George asked all the Club Directors to notify parents of the elections and nominate anyone who is interested in being a candidate. Candidates are welcome for all positions; however, there are currently no candidates for the Secretary position so that is a critical position that needs to be filled. Bill will post a notice on the website.
- The group discussed the summer schedule of meetings for the General Boosters. The June meeting will be held at BHS as usual since the school will still be open for our use. There will be no July General Booster meeting. There will be an August meeting but the location will be announced at a later date (BHS will not be open).
- George would like to push for have the Young Hearts for Life program implemented at BHS as soon as possible. The program was discussed at the April Booster meeting. The estimated cost for BHS is \$6-\$8000. George is seeking to get \$3000 donated and looking to have the General Boosters fund the remaining amount. Dates and further information will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Don Taubin from HiTech presented a fundraiser opportunity for the Clubs. He passed around samples of stainless steel water bottles that can be customized with names, logos, etc. Their cost is \$10 each and other groups have been selling them for \$15 each. Don also discussed other items available (dog tags with pictures, etc.).

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Vice President's Report – Bill James

- None

Athletic Director's Report –Jeff Bral

- Jeff introduced the new principal, Suzanne Colombe. Suzanne has been at BHS for several years.
- Spring sports are busy right now with the season coming to an end. The season is going very well so far. BHS has several athletes and teams involved in post season competitions. The Athletic Office has been busy with many college recruiters visiting BHS student athletes.
- Summer Camp information will be handled as usual this year – online registration was not able to be implemented yet for several reasons.
- The Varsity Dinner is scheduled for May 26th at Moretti's. Invitations will be in the mail to homes very soon.
- Student extra-curricular participation at BHS is currently at 56%. This includes 4 categories: Athletics, Activities, Performing Arts, and Volunteer organizations. Jeff would like to get this percentage increased each year over the coming years.
- BHS Booster membership is very low. South Elgin High School Booster membership is three times higher than HS membership. Jeff suggested possibly changing the amount of membership (currently at \$25/year) and finding new ways to promote membership. Several suggestions for areas to consider were discussed including the following:
 - Include a specified number of free game entries with membership
 - Include a free t-shirt with membership
 - Have membership forms and representatives at a table at registration, Freshman Orientation, Back to School Night/Open House, Effective Electives Night, etc.
 - Have membership forms and free t-shirts at a booth at home football games
 - Organize more community involvement and awareness events for youth in the community (i.e. Meet the Hawks event done by Girls Soccer).

Treasurer's Report – Dan Lewis

- Dan provided the financial statements for all the Clubs in their folders
- We started the fiscal year with a balance of \$14,000 and will spend about \$15,000. We have only had 93 memberships to date with ~1500 students involved in athletics. Dan will be working to finalize the general booster split of club fundraisers for the current year.
- There is a new deposit slip available online on the Booster website. Check requests are also available online.
- Dan cautioned members enrolling in Ambit to first determine if they are under contract with Nicor to avoid a \$50 administration fee from Nicor when transferring. Ambit membership has a link on the Booster website.

Club Reports

Cheerleading– Nancy Fachie

- Nancy Fachie is the new Club President and Booster representative.
- Cheerleading is holding their first car wash on 5/21 at Joe Cotton Ford. They will be holding another Car Wash in August.

Dance – Kristie Bruneman

- Dance is in the progress of holding tryouts at this time. They will have the new roster by this Friday.
- Dance will be holding a youth workshop sometime in June.
- Dance is close to securing a Dance competition that will be held at BHS. They will more information soon.

Football – Brenda Partyka

- Football will be meeting next week to kick off the season planning.
- Football has decided to go with Pasta Mia for concessions and the Thursday Varsity dinners this year.

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Soccer – Karen Lewis

- Karen motioned to allow Soccer to spend up to \$700 for the end of season dinner in May. Mary Beth Hartford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Karen suggested that we update the Main Booster photo link on the BHS website. Jeff asked for picture suggestions to be provided to him and he will have the changes made.

Boys Volleyball – Michael Gulczynski

- Senior night is tomorrow.
- The first concession went pretty well. They ordered Subway sandwiches, which were a popular item and sold out.

Softball – Jody Beck

- Jody noted that Softball had obtained a couple corporate sponsorships and she inquired about any specific guidelines that were required. George noted that each Club's guidelines applied at this point. Any sponsorship over \$999 need to go through District.

New Business

- None

Old Business

- The group expressed a desire to have general and club specific apparel readily available. Having a school store is not feasible due to space and the cost of inventory. The group discussed pursuing the website link previously propose in a meeting a couple years ago with A+ Marketing or another organization that does not charge for the website or item design.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Announcements

June Booster Board Meeting will be on Tuesday June14 at 7:00 PM at BHS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Zelinsky
Secretary, BHS Booster Club