

**Bartlett High School
Booster Club
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 06-08-2004
Meeting Time: 7:00pm
Presiding: Silvia Stade
Officers Present: Silvia Stade, Tom Connor, Len Hardy, Bob Pastor
Directors Present: Bruce Werner (Cheerleading), Joe Paladino (Wrestling), Chris Lopatkiewicz (Dance Spirit), Mary Lynn Veatch (Girls Softball), Lori Mattley (Tennis), Kathy Smith (Boys Track), Diane Wenc (Baseball, proxy), Chris Ptak (Boys Volleyball), Pip Tegtmeier (Fine Arts)
Regular Members: 1 present

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

The Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted: the washer donated for the Steak Fry will be part of the \$10 raffle, not the silent auction. A motion to accept the minutes, with this change, was made by Joe Paladino, seconded by Bruce Werner, and was passed unanimously.

President's Report – Silvia Stade

- Due to an issue that Silvia will be pursuing with the school district and with the BHS administration, she will be resigning as President of the Club. Multiple members thanked Silvia for her time and the effort that she put into the Club since the beginning.
- The by-laws state that a vacancy in the Officers of the General Club will be filled by appointment from the remaining Officers. The appointed Officer must be a member in good standing. The remaining Officers will get together before the July meeting to make this appointment.

Athletic Director's Report – Dan Kallenbach

- Dan was not present.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Pastor

- Bob's computer crashed and he is working to restore it.
- All of the requested checks have been produced, but detailed reports are not available.
- Bob expressed his gratitude to the Club members for their well wishes concerning his recent health problems. He is well on his way to recovery and has been given a clean bill of health.

Committee Reports

Ways and Means – Tom Connor/Ed Stade

- The Dance Spirit Club has already sold 4 tickets.
- Some additional prizes have been coming in. Ed and Tom reminded the members that each Individual Activity Group needs to continue working on securing prizes for the raffle.
- The Whirlpool has been installed. The BHS Trainer has expressed her gratitude to the Club.

Communications – Bob Pastor/Joe Paladino

- Joe stated that the current Public Relations Director of U-46 is retiring and that there will be a new person in charge beginning with the 2004-2005 school year. The feasibility of

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broadcasting BHS events will have to be re-examined with the new Director. Joe is hopeful that we will be able to continue. Len said that we should meet with this person as soon as possible to convince them that we should continue with this program. The Club has invested a lot of money in equipment for these broadcasts and it is a very positive program for BHS and for the U-46 school district.

Club Reports

Cheerleading – Bruce Werner

- Bruce read a personal statement to the Members announcing his resignation as Director of the Cheerleading Club. Bruce asked that his statement be included in the minutes and it is attached. Multiple members spoke up to thank Bruce for all of his time and effort in support of Cheerleading and of the General Club.

Baseball – Diane Wenc (proxy for Mike Wenc)

- The purchase of the fencing for the Boy's Freshman Baseball Field has been delayed due to an unanticipated price increase. The price has increased from \$3500 to \$5300. This issue will be readdressed next year.
- The Baseball Club has purchased Conference Championship patches for the Sophomore Baseball Team.

Boy's Volleyball – Chris Ptak

- Chris made a point that the Varsity Volleyball games never had an announcer and that the National Anthem was never played before their games. Every other school in the Conference provides for this. She was particularly upset about Senior Night. It was suggested that she make her requests in writing for the 2004-2005 season.
- Chris also stated that the Boy's Volleyball team could not attend the Varsity Dinner because their Conference Tournament was scheduled on the same night. Dan has stated in the past that he will be changing the day of the dinner for next year so that this will not happen again.

Softball – Mary Lynn Veach

- Mary Lynn stated that all of the work that was supposed to be done to the Softball Fields in conjunction with the last Title IX agreement has not been done. There are safety issues concerning dugout fencing that was supposed to have been completed this year and has not yet been started. There are a number of other issues such as the yellow fence top that have not been completed. These issues will need to be taken up with Dan and with U-46 officials.

Fine Arts – Pip Tegtmeyer

- The Fine Arts Club donated \$100 to the Key Club of BHS for the painting over of the graffiti on the Petersdorf garage. She wanted to thank the Key Club for their effort. They contacted the owner of the garage and did all of the labor to paint over the graffiti. The Key Club has been growing and does many good things for BHS. One of the sponsors for this Club is Mr. Lorber.
- The Marching Band will be performing in the Peach Bowl parade and at half-time this winter.

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Boy's Track – Kathy Smith

- This will be Kathy's last meeting as Director of Boy's Track. Her son has graduated. She has been involved since the beginning and has seen great progress. Multiple members spoke up to thank Kathy for her involvement and her effort.

Dance Spirit – Chris Lopatkiewicz

- Chris stated that the Relay for Life, held at BHS, raised over \$65,000 for cancer. This was the best year yet.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Tom Connor stated that this will be his last meeting as Vice President of the General Club. He said that it was a great club, the best in the District, and that we are making great strides.

Joe Paladino motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motioned was seconded by Kathy Smith and was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00pm, Bartlett High School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Hardy
Secretary, BHS Booster Club

Enc: Bruce Werner's Resignation Statement

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My name is Bruce Werner and for the last 5 years I have been quietly involved with Bartlett High School Booster club on behalf of the now defunct Pom Squad and most recently the rep of the Cheerleaders.

I understand that in 99% of the topics brought up here at the monthly meetings are to benefit the students and I know the work that has been done by the Boosters is worthwhile.

What I don't understand and question is the role the school administration at Bartlett High, as well as the School District, has in benefiting the BHS Students.

Let me stop for a moment and bring up football. If you had a son whose wishes were to become an athlete, all who knew him would wish him the best and family and friends would support him 100%. The school would support him and supply him with the best coach the school could find. If the Head Football Coach retired, the school would then find the best person for that job. Let's say the only two people who applied from the district were a blind English Teacher, and a math teacher, who also is the Chess Coach. The question I have is, who would the school choose?

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My bet is neither of them. The school would search for the very best person they could get, because 8 or 9 football games a year mean so much to high school students and possibly their college future.

The new cheer coach now tells the girls and parents that they must come up with X amount of money to have them taught by an outside dance teacher who is not even a gymnastic coach. Last year we were informed by Dan that because of cut backs and the way the policies are now, that no private help or assistance by parents or non U-46 personnel would be allowed. Yet this is happening.

We were also informed that the cheerleaders will only be practicing twice a week and one of those practices will be on Wednesdays with the Dance team. How many sports teams only practice twice a week and maybe on Saturdays? We were then informed that the girls will be cheering at hockey, soccer, wrestling, and volleyball games besides regular football and basketball games. As a parent I am concerned that they will have enough time to do any school work with so many sports to cover.

The plan was simple from day one: to take the Pom Squad as well as the Cheerleaders and put them under one umbrella and change the traditional format into something else. Please remember that Cheerleading is

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now a sport, not Spirit Team, not Dance Spirit team, not Dance Team or not even Dance Spirit Pom/Cheer Team. Or whatever this group changes it's name to this week or next year. Because next year, or the year after, this team will probably be called the Bartlett Hawk Spirit Team. No Cheer, no Poms, no Dance, just one big Spirit team, actually giving less chances to fewer girls to participate.

You as members have done, and I know will continue to do, the best you can for the betterment of the students at BHS. But I have come to the conclusion that the administration here only has a few important goals, and that does not include girls sports or the **safety** of girls sports. Therefore I am resigning as the Cheer Booster Club Representative. Thank you for letting me be part of your group.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Werner