

**Bartlett High School
Booster Club
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 09/09/03

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Presiding: Silvia Stade

Officers Present: Len Hardy, Bob Pastor, Ken Kaczinski, Dan Kallenbach

Directors Present: Vince Mastandrea (Football), Mike Wenc (Baseball), Bruce Werner (Cheerleading), Chris Lopatkiewicz (Dance Spirit), Kathy Burns (Cross Country), Carol Herbst (Girl's Volleyball), Lois Pastor (Wrestling), Chris Ptak (Boy's Volleyball), Bridget Billings (Fine Arts, Proxy), Kathy Smith (Boy's Track)

Regular Members: 10 present

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

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Wenc, seconded by Vince Mastandrea, and was passed unanimously.

President's Report – Silvia Stade

- Silvia talked about the Football proposal to broadcast select games on the U46 radio station, WEPS, 88.9 FM. WEPS goes unused after the morning hours. Football's proposal is for the General Club to purchase approximately \$1300 worth of equipment, which would allow broadcasts to be done utilizing a phone line from the field back to the station in Elgin. This would allow any Booster Club to broadcast their events if they so chose. The only other expense would be the fee of the Engineer back at the studio, which is approximately \$20 per hour. Each Club utilizing the station would pay this fee. Silvia stated that this would be a great mechanism to cross promote activities and events. Vince Matandrea made a motion that the General Club buys the equipment and that the Individual Clubs pay the Engineer's fee. Vince included in the motion that a Committee be formed to deal with things like procedures, scheduling, etc. This motion was seconded by Bruce Werner and was approved unanimously.
- The prototype banners for the Gym were presented and reviewed by Silvia. There was discussion that the artwork should be re-visited. The Hawk on the banner is actually an Eagle, and the amount of green on the banner makes it difficult to see. There was much discussion about the layout, design, and colors. Silvia will work with the vendors to put together another prototype for approval. She will try to get the artwork available for presentation on the web site.
- Silvia also reviewed the issue that we are currently facing concerning the shortage of buses to transport Football Players, Cheerleaders, and the Band to and from home football games. Due to the U46 budget cuts, there are not enough buses available, so participants must be shuttled to and from these games. This means that the Sophomore Football Team, and the Band, must leave the Varsity game before it is completed. Joe Merchut checked into the price of additional buses, to be funded by the Club. The approximate cost for this is \$67 per bus per night. Ed Stade made a motion that this cost be paid by the General Club. This motion was seconded by Vince Mastandrea and was approved unanimously. Joe Merchut will work with Andy Martin (Head of U46 Transportation) to work this out.
- Mark and Sue Rendall are now in charge of Hawk Wear merchandise.

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Athletic Director's Report – Dan Kallenbach

- It appears that U46 and the Elgin Teacher's Union have agreed to allow the stipends of Coaches lost to the U46 budget cuts to be reinstated by private funds. Each proposal has to be approved by the Board of Education, conform to Title IX, and be fully funded (including retirement funding).
- The material to repair the home bleachers at Millennium Field should be delivered on September 15, and it is expected that the repairs should take around 2 weeks. We are hoping for an early October completion. Some of the supporting steel I-beams needed to be replaced. The cost of materials and labor is around \$100,000.

Committee Reports

Ways and Means – Ed Stade

- Ed presented a sample of the oak frames to be used for the BHS Wall of Fame. These frames will have identical trim to the new trophy case. The location is still to be finalized, but the wall by the Gym doors is a logical choice. We need to determine a number for the initial order, Cindy will count the current pictures to help decide how many to order. Ed made a motion that these frames be purchased, pending bids from carpenters. This motion was seconded by Mike Wenc and was approved unanimously.
- Ed chastised the group on the poor showing at this year's Steak Fry. Only a small number of tickets were sold, and a lot of money for the Clubs was left on the table. The general consensus of the group was that we should try this for one more year, but that we need to determine a better date for the event. It was on the same day as Bartlett's Festival, and on one of the last weekends for vacation before school starts. Ed will put together a committee to work out the details for next year's Steak Fry. Joe Paladino, Joe Merchut, Marge Mastandrea, and Sandee Mortensen volunteered for the Committee.

Club Reports.

Football – Vince Mastandrea

- Vince suggested that the Club might want to re-think their Corporate Membership fees for next year. There have been several corporations that wanted to direct a large portion of the membership fees to certain clubs. Currently, all of the Corporate Membership fee goes to the General Club. This will be looked at for next year, our Bylaws mandate that membership fees be revisited every year.
- The Football Boosters will be presenting a retirement gift to Coach Stephens before the Neuqua Valley game.

Baseball – Mike Wenc

- The fencing around the dugouts of the Freshman field has been completed.
- There are several safety concerns pertaining to the Women's softball field. Dan stated that they are aware of the issues but have had trouble getting them addressed by the school district.

Cheerleading – Bruce Werner

- Bruce presented the new Cheerleading By-laws. These will be reviewed for approval at the October meeting.

Dance Spirit – Chris Lopatkiewicz

- Chris presented the new Dance Spirit By-laws for approval. The by-laws were reviewed, and one change was requested. Currently, the by-laws stipulate one vote per family for Booster Club members with a child in the Dance Spirit program. It was

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suggested that, because of divorce situations etc. that ALL Booster Club members with a child in the program be allowed to vote. Chris made a motion that the by-laws be accepted with this change. This motion was seconded by Vince Mastandrea and was approved unanimously.

- Dance will be holding their workshops on September 27, and on November 11.
- Chris made a motion that Dance Spirit be allowed to sell dance shorts at these workshops. This motion was seconded by Vince Mastandrea and was approved unaniously.
- Chris made a motion that Dance Spirit be allowed to hold a bowling banquet at Wheaton Bowl on November 8. This motion was seconded by Mike Wenc and was approved unanimously.

Cross Country – Kathy Burns

- The Boy's team and the Girl's team are doing very well this season.
- A new shipment of BHS umbrellas have been received.

Fine Arts – Bridget Billings (Proxy)

- The light up products available at football games are selling well.
- Bridget made a motion that Fine Arts be allowed to sell Baker's Square coupons, spirit pins, light up Hawk pins, rub on spirit tattoos, and Edwardos pizza coupons. It was noted that Dance Spirit sells rub on spirit tattoos at Hawk Fest. Fine Arts will work with Dance Spirit to ensure that only one club is selling tattoos at a time. Bruce Werner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00pm, in the Bartlett High School Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Hardy
Secretary, BHS Booster Club