

Boosters Club Meeting 12/9/2009

Attendees: Patti Akrouche, Marge Ducharme, Tom Simms, Todd Chisholm, Cathy Pimental, Sherie Fair, Mark Dittrich, Steve Schairer, Donnie Owen, Tom Howard, Jen Burks

Meeting started at 7:35PM

Minutes taken by Marge Ducharme:

November Minutes Reviewed and accepted

Treasures Report – Donnie:

\$16,406 in general account, \$21,477 in total account. Donnie transferred \$900 from all other accounts to the general account. All other accounts now have \$100 balance. No memberships in last weekend's mail. Memberships are coming in on an average of 3 per week. Received \$575 from Richard Ross. Basketball has been raising money for their advertisement book. Tara Werlich wants to take an ad out in the basketball program on behalf of the Boosters. Tara will send us a check for \$200 to cover the cost of the basketball ad that the Boosters have already paid.

Athletic Director – Steve:

Cabinets are done-all paid for. Celebration a few weekends ago, all went well. Paper came and did article about alumni football game and the unveiling of the cabinet. Senior this year was omitted from wall of fame, plaque done and put in cabinet.

Hockomock League has adopted the MIAA rules for all Hockomock events, no horns, noisemakers, thunder sticks, etc. In Hockomock league bylaws. If parents were using them, Steve would approach them to discontinue use because of MIAA/Hockomock rules. How do we let the population know noisemakers are not allowed? Steve could make an announcement before the game or on the PA system in HS. Maybe put a sign at the gate. Put sign on door for basketball games. At non Hockomock league school, rules may be different at other locations. Franklin football coach said thunder sticks could be sold in the parking lot. Steve could contact the non hock schools to allow noisemakers, however for a hock game, they are not allowed. If the other non hock schools have the same Hockomock bylaws, then they are not allowed, if they don't, then noisemakers can be used. Non hock schools are Quobbin, Westwood and Somerset playing basketball.

Trainer Town – Tom Simms:

Do we want to do this? They will handle all of the logistics. Can handle 478 people over 2 days for spin, training and stretch classes. 6am – 10pm both Saturday and Sunday. 45 minute and 55 minute blocks. Parking is the main concern, since it is limited. Want to pay instructors for their time. KP Boosters will get 70%, Trainer. Town would get 30%.

Maybe push the date to the last weekend in January rather than the first weekend in January. We could contact all of the coaches, newspapers, etc. Some KP students are already training at Trainer Town. Tom really thinks the program will take off. Looking to build good relationships. January 23 – 24 would give enough time to advertise and promote the event. Liability wise, they are covered. Could do phone call scheduling rather than sell tickets for the sessions. That way classes could be more geared to the level of fitness each person wants. Maybe advertise on Wake Up Warriors. Put flyers together, email it to Steve, he can distribute the flyer to all of the coaches. Great reviews from a few students at KP, how successful the training has been for them. Core training, not heavy training, for kids. Not looking for one on one training, would like groups to train, team training for circuit training (9 kids 3 on legs, 3 on core, 3 on cardio). Schedule through Trainer Town, pay directly to Trainer Town. Trainer Town will be in touch with one representative from the Boosters for accounting purposes. Cathy Pimental has offered to be the contact. Costs per session: One session \$12, 2 sessions \$20 and 3 sessions \$25. Sessions can be spread over the two days if wanted. Trainer Town wants to offer some specials for the future. Tom will cut a check to the Boosters after the weekend training. Have to pay when the appointment is made. Walk ins welcome if spots are available. Non refundable fundraiser. Announce a free demonstration in the field house to show the kids what is going to happen. Could be scheduling issues for field house. Maybe do a demo and put it on Wake up Warriors to see what is available. Need approval from Steve, Principal and Superintendent to put something on Wake Up Warriors. Jodi Greenleaf needs to approve it being shown. Cathy said her nephew could go and tape the demonstration. Cathy would need to get approval from Jodi Greenleaf. Patti will email Superintendent and Principal. Provided we get approval, Steve will notify coaches once flyer is received. Meeting on January 13, Tom is more than welcome to attend to finalize any details prior to the event. Do Cori checks need to be in place for the instructors from Trainer Town? Steve thought no, but Patti will ask the Superintendent and Principal.

KP Field – Mark Dittrich:

Involved in sports club in the early 90's doing cans and bottles. 2 years ago, Mark met with Rich Harwood regarding the field. Taunton has a beautiful field. KP Coaches liked the field so much so he thought he would try and drive the resurrection of the KP Field. He is gearing the donations towards parents of KP student's in grades 5-10 who have decided not to send their kids to private schools. Need families to make \$10,000 commitments. Payments can be made in \$2,000 increments over 5 years. Rich Harwood is part of the grid iron club. It is not a field for the grid iron; it is a field for many sports at KP. Need money to run through a 501c3. Grid Iron club is a 501c3. He has assembled a list of 85 people in Wrentham to solicit to, trying to solicit to the other two towns. Trying to get \$10k commitment, then the names of 3 people. Looking for Boosters Members to help volunteer with the grid iron club to help solicit. Need a computer person to reach out to Alumni through facebook. On average 33 students leave the Jr. High to go to private schools. Tom Howard has information from 2006 regarding the turf fields. Tom Howard collected \$23k over 2 years. Asking for \$10k to start with, but may be able to get commitment of approx. \$1,000. That is the selling pitch. Kudos to Mark for taking on such a big project and trying to collect this large sum of money.

Meeting with Barbara Snead since Music program is part of the 501c3. Mark is trying to communicate with all three towns to call the new field Community Field. People in Wrentham took offense to the name of Community Field. The \$10k commitment seems offensive; maybe try to start with a lower amount. The High School is the only one who could sign on the promissory note, they have said no. Mark is looking for someone to secure a \$600k loan. The grid iron club has about \$10k in their account. The engineering has been paid for. Rich Harwood would oversee the grid iron club 501c3 account. No one seems to know where the grid iron bank account statement is. Books need to be open. Accounting firm oversees the 501c3 for the grid iron club. Mark is trying to change the way the club operates. Mark asked that his email be spread to the Boosters Club members. It is all in the approach in how to ask for money. Mark's personality is such that he seems to be the right guy to be asking for the money. Real goal would look for half of the money through big sponsors, and then look more to the community to raise the funds. Patti will forward Mark's email address.

Additional Topic Group:

Sherie Fair: 36 KP Warrior blankets are in. Will be sold at lunch with the Snuggies. Blankets cost \$24, will be sold for \$35. Blankets are turned around in 2 weeks of the order date. Blanket will be on display in the Boosters cabinet. Raffle off the one Hunter Green KP Snuggie. How are the blankets going to be distributed? Sherie will keep a box and Mary will keep a box at her house. Checks will be distributed to Donnie or to the Boosters mail box. Blankets can be sold at the KP Basketball games. Todd will display the blanket at the basketball concessions and have order sheets available. Sherie will email the form to Todd. Snuggie orders will be taken then ordered when 48 or more are secured. Mary will have 11 blankets at her house. Todd will display the blanket at the basketball concessions with a price tag of \$35 and a form with Sherie's contact number. Todd has 1, 1 in the Boosters case.

3 on 3 basketball tournament – March 5 and 6th
Friday adults, Saturday 4th-12th grade. Registration is online already. Wrentham rec has field house on Saturday morning and Winter Percussion is scheduled in the afternoon. Sean will need to talk to Jeff Plympton regarding the field house. Sean needs the Boosters help with this fundraiser. Cathy will talk to Sean regarding securing the field house and talking to Jeff Plympton. Where will the volunteers come from? We need to know how many volunteers are needed. T-shirts and trophies - need to verify with Sean. Concessions go to basketball. A portion should be distributed back to basketball. Raffle table would be another fundraiser for the Boosters. Cathy will contact Sean to work out the logistics. Boosters need to advertise. Boosters will help with the 3 on 3 and not do Dodge ball fundraiser. Rabbit Ramble is a lot of work for little return, may not take place without the timer being donated. Note: that the Winter Calendars have the wrong website address for the KP Boosters Club.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:16 PM