

Cougar Cheerleading Booster Meeting

January 25, 2017 6:30 pm

Cougar Building

In attendance: Jennifer Smith, Taryn Fink, Sherry Duncan, Tina Simmons, Megan Landis, Steff Smeltzer, Andrea Lauber, Jennifer McWilliams, Lindsey Sweger, Liz Spangler, Nicole Garner, Brandi Young, Mellissa Spradley, and Becky Gibney.

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm, by Commissioner, Jennifer Smith.

October and November meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted (1- T Fink and 2-L Spangler).

Minutes are posted on the website for all to view.

Theft- Commissioner gave update on the theft case; restitution payments are in arrears by 4 months, call is in to the DA's office. ~\$1000 remains to be paid.

Presentation of New Officers for 2017 season- positions remain the same- Commissioner Jen Smith, Athletic Director- Taryn Fink, Treasurer/Co-AD- Heather Jackson, and Secretary-Sherry Duncan

Treasurer's Report- Heather Jackson (presented by JS)

Treasurer distributed the bank report for the Combined Rec and Comp Cheerleading Account for October through December 2016. All deposits and withdrawals were reviewed. Motion to approve by Jen Smith and was accepted (1- Megan Landis, 2- Brandi Young).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UNIFORMS (Brandi Young/Megan Landis)- Sparks uniform return was 1/24/17. Missing 2 uniforms- Jillian G. and Raelyn W.

Sponsorship Items- Lindsey Sweger

Suggestions made last year to purchase yard signs. Lindsey to inquire about cost, etc.

Dinner Nights- Becky Gibney

February dinner day/night to benefit competition at Roma's in Cape Horn on 2/20/16

Waiting on check from Moe's.

Banquet- Megan Landis

Booked for next season- 11/19 at Wisehaven.

OLD BUSINESS- Jen Smith

Competitions- Jingle Bell Battle, Santa's Showdown, Holiday Cheer Extreme, Battle in the Burg....season is coming to an end with one competition left at Garnet Valley on 1/28....so far, great season and purchasing choreography and has expanded the skill levels and helped the coaching staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner replacement for 2018 season- Jen Smith stated this season will be her last as Commissioner; looking for a shadow to take over as Commissioner, please contact her for details.

Garnet Valley Cheer Challenge- 1/28 – will be the last competition of the season

Comp Banquet/End of Year Party- 2/3 at the middle school pool- suggestion made for gifts for transporting mats ~10 needed. Megan noted that 133 RSVPs were received.

Registration day- April 22- Times will be 9-11am for returning cheerleaders and 1-3pm for new cheerleaders.

Registration will cost \$90 plus \$60/family fundraising raffle. Suggestion made for sending 5 letters to sponsors stamped and addressed and handed in to pick up your uniform. Pomp oms will be \$30 and a second bow will be ~\$8.

Registration Flyer- Lindsey Sweger

Lindsey will prepare and Jen Smith will review. Lindsey will prepare a sponsorship letter.

Clearances- Jen Smith

All members and chairs will need clearances. They are good for 5 years. Once staff is aligned, clearances are needed ASAP.

Items of discussion for new season-

Sweatshirts or Long sleeve T shirts- vote all in favor of sweatshirts

Purchase rain jackets for only new girls? Vote for only new girls; alternate years between rain jackets and new bows

Pink bows/Poms for October cancer awareness- suggestion for nothing overly fancy but looking for a simple pink bow, there is some extra money in the budget after last season that can be used for this item.

Change of Rules/Regulations to be consistent with missing practices/games-

- Late to game= no halftime; stand on field with coach
- 1 practice missed with late/or no notice; sit out half-time and receive 1 demerit.
- Planned absences are excused
- 3 demerits- out for the season; return uniform

Review at the next meeting

NEW CHAIRPERSON POSITIONS (for new season)- Commissioner explains her expectations and asked for volunteers to handle certain chair positions, trying to make things easier for everyone and allowing coaches to spend more time on coaching the girls and not all of the extra duties.

1. Uniforms and Pom Poms- Brandi Young
2. Fundraising/Family Dinner Nights- Becky Gibney and Victoria Bachtel
3. Homecoming- Steff Smeltzer
 - a. Coordinate with football for graduating midgets
 - b. Bake sale
 - c. Flowers/decorations
 - d. Securing announcer for the day (Damian Miller)
4. Fundraising/Raffle Rec-Nikki Garner
5. Fundraising/Competition- Becky Gibney
6. Spirit Wear- Rec and Comp-Andrea Lauber/Tina Simmons (Andrea also volunteered to continue handling Trunk or Treat)
7. Picture Day- Jen McWilliams
8. Website/Social Media- Lindsey Sweger
9. Cancer Shirts w/football-Jen McWilliams
10. Rain Gear- Melissa Spradley
11. Season sweatshirt- design and order- Andrea/Tina
12. Bows and Pom- Liz Spangler

Coaches for the 2017 season- Jen Smith

Smurfs- Steff Smeltzer (Head Coach), Assistant Becky Gibney

Rinks- Megan Landis (Head Coach), Lindsey Sweger (Assistant Coach), PAs- Steff, Nikki, and Erin

Ponies- Jenn Leader (Head Coach), Andrea Lauber (Asstant Coach) PAs- Sherry Duncan, Bobbi Lynch, Melissa Spradley

Midgets- Jen Smith/Sherry Duncan (Head Coach), Assistant- Jen McWilliams

Youth Spirit Night 8/26/17 York Revs- Brandi Young to review/possible fundraiser, but may conflict with first weekend of football

DCA bricks- DCA fundraiser; bricks engraved with message and sport icons to be placed in front of the concession stand; \$100 per brick- profit of \$60 per brick; all online ordering.

Discussion- Counting Wildcat Rec for 7th and 8th graders to allow eligibility for Cougar Competition (would not need to cheer Cougar Rec) A 7th or 8th grade Wildcat cheerleader is unable to do competition cheer for Wildcats until 9th grade. This leaves only Rec cheer for a 7th and 8th grader. DCA may require an insurance fee of \$34 per athlete but allow cheerleader to cheer for Cougar competition if doing Wildcat Rec. We will concede to only a football cheer program and no other sport. Practice times may conflict.

Next Booster Meeting Night

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 22th at 6:30pm in the Cougar Building.
Motion to adjourn by Jen Smith and was accepted (1- Megan Landis and 2-All).
Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Duncan
DCC Secretary