



Hillsborough High School Boys Lacrosse
Booster Club Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2012

Next Meeting - Executive Board Members June 5th

Attendance

Jim Panaccione, Paul Malecki, Jeff Singer, Karen Kellerman, Merrill Davies, Carol Cropley, Lori Boch, Sara Kouten, Mary Von Nessen, Laura Ziminski, Chrissy Casey, Pam Puleo, Tony Zellers, Danielle Zellers, Mary Thomson, Nelson Thomson, Tricia Hiller, Louis Coetzer, Rob Fitzgerald, Karyl Rucci, Debbie Grouss, Dan Farinaro, Tina Schemm, Jinny Strawderman, Coach Wilson

President's Report

No issues with last month's minutes.

Vice President's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

Paul Malecki provided a financial review for April. Media guide payments are coming in with \$2000 in family ads and \$3700 from local businesses. The cost for producing the media guide was \$2013 and our profit was \$3687. Although Petrock's check arrived after the Media Guide was published, they are letting the club keep the donation. Their business info will appear on the website scrolling banner and next year, Petrock's will receive a free ad.

Spring Scrapbook orders have been coming in and so far, 24 books have been ordered. An additional \$100 has come in from the Enjoy the City Coupon Book fundraiser. The Pampered Chef fundraiser generated \$121.75 for the club.

Black Out Night pinnies generated a profit of \$640. One hundred ninety-four pinnies were sold (4 remaining) and the boys reported that many more could be sold. The pinnies cost \$6.50 and were sold for \$10 each. Free food was given to fans wearing a Black Out pinny. Food costs were \$447 and a total of \$156 was brought in from the sale of food.

The original bid for the shooting wall was \$15K. The design was changed to a 3-wall system and the bid was reduced to \$10K. The club will receive \$5K from the school in July to offset the cost so the net cost will be around \$5K. It may be possible to reduce the cost further via donated materials.

Secretary's Report

Last month's minutes were posted on the website.

Topics

- Game changes - Peddie AWAY on Saturday; Senior Night Thursday May 10th at Home vs. South Brunswick 6PM; Tuesday May 15th 6PM at home vs. Manasquan
- Alumni Appreciation Day - Same day as Senior Game? Jim P. to talk to Coach Wilson.
- Senior Night - Jeff Singer (instead of Mary Thomson) will order the flowers. Jim P. has most of the brochure together and Rob Fitzgerald will announce. John Von Nessen needs to contact Milan Rose about change in Senior Day. Members offered to bring tents if weather is bad.
- Community Service - The Sophomore Car Wash will be held on May 19th at Hillsborough Elementary School. We need to advertise this event and specify that proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House. Suggestions included Facebook, Hillsborough Patch and Township signs. The Seniors will be helping the Ronald McDonald House by moving furniture or helping with landscaping. Mary Thomson is working on getting a firm date, expected to be the end of May. The Juniors and Freshman have completed their community service requirement.
- Apparel - nothing new to report; Sara Kouten and Pam Puleo will be taking over for Ginny Malecki.
- Banquet - Our year-end banquet will be held on Monday June 4th in the HHS Commons. A kick-off meeting will be held on Thursday May 3rd at Mary Von Nessen's house. Bids have been collected from local food vendors and an agenda is in place. Sheila Curran will be ordering award trophies and Jim P. will review with her. An apparel table will

be set up. Nick Speciale will produce this year's video presentation which will include game footage and still pictures. Please get pictures (on CD) to Nick Speciale or Jeff Singer ASAP. All teams will be included. Cutoff for submissions is mid-May as Nick needs time to put the presentation together. Carol Singer will make cupcakes and a cake for dessert. Mary Thomson will order the Senior gifts (custom blankets with player's name and number). The dress code for players will be collared shirt (polo or dress shirt, tie optional) and casual/dress pants or khaki shorts. No jeans or sports shorts. Dress code info will appear on the flier.

- Senior Scholarships - The criteria for this year's scholarship (\$250) are selling 1 book of raffle tickets and writing a short essay (50-250 words) on what lacrosse has meant to each player. The scholarships will be presented at the year-end banquet. Coach Wilson will relay this info to the Seniors. Laura Ziminski and Tricia Hiller presented a draft proposal for future scholarships which included more requirements (raffle, essay, community service, behavior on and off the field, continued education after HHS, etc). A lively discussion ensued regarding these proposed requirements. Paul Malecki gave a history of the scholarship program and stressed that it is not a gift. The group agreed that the scholarships should be continued but there was some division regarding whether it is a reward for high school accomplishments or a grant for future studies in college (is college or military a requirement). Additional discussion is needed and the club will need to finalize any new requirements before the pre-season meeting in November.
- Golf Outing - June 8th at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Dan will be sending out another notification which will mention that proceeds will help to fund construction of the shooting wall.
- Raffle - Although we are no longer having a Home game on May 5th, the raffle still must be drawn on that day. We will draw the tickets during half-time at the Peddie game. The Girls' Lacrosse teams also participated in selling raffle tickets to contribute to the cost of the netting system. Paul Malecki suggested that the club give them half of their proceeds as seed money for a Girls' Lacrosse Booster Club. The group agreed to this proposal. Post-meeting note: Merrill Davies sent out an e-mail blast informing all of the locale change for the raffle.
- Charity - Paul Malecki recommends that the Club donate \$50 to Nothing But Nets which provides mosquito netting for African countries. Each net costs \$10. The group agreed to this proposal. He recommended that personal donations be made as well.
- Fund-raising Idea - Leslie Siegel (via Mary Thomson) proposed "Breakfast at Applebee's". Applebee's would charge us \$3 per person and we would set price per person (i.e. \$10 per person). Applebee's requires a minimum of 100 people. This idea may be pursued further.
- Website - No updates.

- Board Elections - The group discussed the Booster Club by-laws in regard to board elections. Our by-laws state that elections are to be held in June and that only members (defined as parents who currently have children in the HS program) are eligible to run for board positions. The by-laws also state that members should pay a \$10 fee but that fee has not been collected in many years. Danielle Zellers motioned to formally change the by-laws and the group concurred since 1.) the June board meeting would occur after our year-end banquet and 2.) two of our nominees will not have children in the program next year but will the following year. The membership fee will also be formally eliminated. The following members were elected to the Executive Board:
 - President - Dan Farinaro
 - Vice President - Rob Fitzgerald
 - Treasurer - Chris Gradone
 - Secretary - Merrill Davies

- Coach's Report - BEAT RIDGE!!!!

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5th and will include Coach Wilson and new/retiring Executive Board Members only. Location and time - TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merrill Davies
Secretary