**OLIVER AMES SOCCER**

**BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30 PM**

**AD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members present: Elizabeth Nikiciuk (Pres.) Eileen Flaherty (Sec.)

Adrienne Evin (Pres.) Lisa Gilgan (Treas.)

Janice LaBrosse Rikke Taylor

Stuart Taylor Sofia Sarafoglou

Kristyn Glennon Paula Holmberg

Lisa Pereira Jarek Nikiciuk

MaryCate Milliken Gled Hodges

Sharon Fritchman

Uniforms

Overall, the girls uniform handout went off very smoothly. All uniforms were prepackaged, and it was very fast and organized. They had preselected numbers and uniforms were all organized before pick up. The boys handout was much more chaotic. Besides the fact that they had to wait and choose their number according to seniority, many underclass parents were there early and took small size shorts, etc, which led to some players not getting right sizes. Next year, boys should follow the girls’ system. Captains and Coaches will come up with a way to make sure numbers and jerseys are preassigned, so that they can be prepackaged for smooth pickup.

Girls jersey #17 had to be thrown away. Need to make sure that number gets back in rotation when reordering uniforms in two years.

Elizabeth is working on a system with Mary Flavin to account for some students who request waiver of booster fees and making sure they are still able to get required uniforms. We will need to account for those allowances in the budget as well.

Treasurer’s Report

Lisa would like to be able to use projector in AD Conference room to present financials in the future. Instead of handing out monthly updates, which don’t give a good picture of expenses etc., she is only keeping one huge spreadsheet, and it kills too many trees and is unwieldy to print and use as a handout every month. She is preparing a simplified annual budget for everyone to see where our money comes from and where it goes. I will send it out to all and it will be posted on the website as well once it is completed.

We are in good shape financially; slightly ahead of where we would expect to be based on last year’s numbers. We need to leave money in budget for uniform allowances, swag for Hockomock winners, etc., but with this year’s fundraisers we are doing well.

Car Wash Recap

Stuart said that all went well overall. John was very helpful with letting us use all the equipment donated from Steve Drummey. There were things he will do differently next year, maybe longer hoses to replace the two shorter ones; pickup truck was extremely helpful for cleanup at the end.

The biggest challenge was keeping kids responsible and on task. They spend too much time goofing off, and some were being very irresponsible in their public behavior. They should be aware that they are the public face of the program, and behave accordingly. It was suggested that there be some method of accountability. Checking in, getting called out for misbehavior, getting reported to coaches. Parents are necessary to keep kids on task, not to wash cars. Stuart proposes that next year, he will create a word document listing all expectations and responsibilities, and maybe have the kids sign and return.

Signs/Banners

Wendy Cross has agreed to help take charge of the signs for the boys games. Hogans are doing girls games. Next year, the plan is to assign this task to the captains of the teams. They will be able to delegate to underclassmen to hang and take down signs, and make sure they are handed off to each other between games.

Video Camera

Paula and Bob are storing the camera for the girls games. Bill MacDonald is doing it for the boys games. We have two students (Ben and Thomas) who are doing a great job with videotaping the games for $25/game. Hopefully they will be around next year as well. Rikke also has two more who are willing to help out in future.

Britt has suggested getting a smaller tripod for taping from the roof of the press box. Set up and storage will be much faster and easier. We could continue to use the same video camera, or possibly integrate it into a better camera or iphone/ipad usage, which has better quality video. The problem here is that we spent several thousand dollars on this current tripod/camera system very recently, and hate to just lose that money. The plan is to research what we can sell current system for, and what the cost would be for new setup. Not happening for this season, but maybe for next year. Elizabeth suggests we also need John’s input.

Cancer Games

Girls game is Saturday, Oct. 6, at 3 pm. Adrienne heading it up. Socks, wristbands, headwraps, balloons. Glen wants to open snack bar. Boys should work those shifts, they don’t have a game. It is Columbus Day weekend, so some families may have other kids in tournaments, but they should be able to field enough people to run it.

Boys game is Monday, Oct. 1, at 5:30 pm. Cindy Keane and Lisa Olsen have volunteered to organize. In order to open snack bar, Elizabeth has volunteered to open but we need help with staffing. Girls have game, won’t be back in time. Maybe JV boys and parents can help staff here.

Adrienne would like to create an October Cancer Awareness committee for next year, make it a month long event.

T-shirt sales are going awesome, have already surpassed goal. Proceeds going to Scott. Closes on September 23. They should arrive around 2 weeks later. Not in time for cancer games. Sofia and Kathy have suggested selling leftover metavivor tshirts from last year at snack bar for $10. We can donate money to metavivor.

Helping Hands

Coach Kurtz has asked us to circulate a request for players to sign up for the Helping Hands drive. Date is 9/29 from 10-4; kids can work a 1-2 hour shift. Eileen will email request with sign up sheet. Kids (both boys and girls) should sign up and help if they can, we have done this for a few years now. They can use it for community service hours.

Brewery Recap

Excellent fundraiser, we netted over $2,000. Will definitely do it again. Leah also looking at other fundraising opportunities, dine outs, etc. (Chipotle and BWW very popular choices). Probably not interested in Snap Raise.

Website

Jarek will look into possibility of other schedule setups. TeamSnap, TeamApp, etc. where updates automatically. Google calendar works as well.

AOB

Sharon Fritchman, Gretchen Cupples, and Kristin Cohen have volunteered to make sure the ball boys are squared away for each of the remaining boys games.

Nothing yet on rescheduling Taunton game.

UPCOMING DATES:

* 10/1 Pizza Depot Fundraiser
* 10/1 Boys Cancer game
* 10/6 Girls Cancer game
* 10/11 Girls Senior Night
* 10/16 Boys Senior Night
* 11/27 Boys Banquet
* 11/29 Girls Banquet

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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