

**Naples High School Athletic Booster Club
General Board Meeting
2 March 2010**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1730.

Board Members present: Neil Higgins, President; Jeff Koffel, Vice-President; Kevin Umstaedter, Treasurer; Stefani Cuthbert, Membership; Marc Rockwell-Pate, Publicity.

Team Representatives: Betty Boles (football; possibly track), Tracy Stringer (softball), Pat Ward (softball), Ron Zimmermann (swimming, baseball, boys' volleyball), Jeff Koffel (cheer), Shereen Willey (cross country, girls' basketball, girls' soccer).

Coaches: Pat Ward (volunteer softball); Craig Lord (boys' basketball).

Athletic Director: Claudia Scherillo

Advisor: Dr. Vince Diaz

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President: Neil Higgins welcomed the guests and asked that they introduce themselves. He addressed his specific issues during the course of the meeting as we went through the agenda.

Vice-Present: Jeff Koffel addressed his specific issues during the course of the meeting.

Treasurer: All bills have been paid and all checks have been cashed. Current balance is \$4,538.99. Pending due outs are Winter Sports banquet and associated costs.

Secretary: Kathryn was absent. Minutes were not available in hard copy for review, so they will be voted on during the April meeting.

Membership/Spirit Wear: We have 73 members, 10 more than last month. We've sold over \$2,000 worth of spirit gear, and more spirit gear (including long-sleeved T-shirts and hoodies) totaling \$1145.70 has been ordered, with the hope of it arriving before the auction. Also, we made over \$400 on our concessions at the 12 February basketball games. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

Community Publicity: Marc Rockwell-Pate received no information for the upcoming Panorama from the boys' basketball team regarding Europeans. Coach Lord said he would provide him with an article for Friday's Panorama. Marc reiterated that he can reserve space with the Panorama if he knows an article is forthcoming.

AGENDA ITEMS

Fund Raiser: The NHS Student Council is organizing a 5K Fun Run and Family Carnival to raise money for Haiti. The race and festivities will be on Saturday, March 20, at the Naples High School Track. Race registration begins at 10:30, with the race starting at 11:00. The Family Carnival will include family-oriented activities, including a Kids 1-Mile Race, games, food and music. Along with the Carnival will be a "White Elephant" thrift sale, which will be open to any sellers in the community. The Booster Club will be selling concessions at this event.

Auction: The spring auction will be 13 March, and key volunteers are requested to be at the NHS gym by 0930 that day. All other volunteers should be in place by 1030. The silent auction will commence at 1100, and the regular auction will begin at 1200. The day before, tarps will be put down on the gym floor at 0900, and furniture off-load is scheduled to start at 1300. The next auction planning meetings will be 3 March and 11 March at 1730 in the NHS Library.

Athletic Director: Ms. Scherillo brought forward two funds requests:

1. Swim Team requested \$499.99 towards a \$1,000 digital pace clock for practice. Jeff Koffel moved that we approve the request; Kevin Umstaedter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Stefani Cuthbert brought up that since the swim team has only requested \$100 (for a banner) in the past three years from the Booster Club that we reconsider and fund the entire cost of the clock. After some discussion, it was agreed that we go with the original \$499.99 request.
2. Boys' Soccer requested \$499.99 to offset the lodging costs for Soccer European Championships. Jeff Koffel moved that we defer/table this until our next meeting, since the team composition hasn't yet been decided. Neil Higgins seconded the motion, which was approved.

Ms. Scherillo also discussed costs of the upcoming Winter Sports Banquet (basketball, cheer, swimming, wrestling): Letters, pins/bars, and plaques, in addition to covering the meal costs (\$5.50 each) for the athletes, coaches, and volunteer coaches. The cafeteria will be available for set-up at 1630, and the banquet will start at 1800. Each coach will have 20 minutes to present team awards. Neil Higgins volunteered Jane Higgins as the banquet decorations/set-up coordinator.

High School Administration: Dr. Diaz stated that the brand new score board is here; we are awaiting permits for it to be mounted on uprights. On another note, we had a good winter sports season; spring sports kick off on Monday.

Parent Reps:

- Ron Zimmerman - The swim team (Tiger Sharks) placed 7th out of 20 teams at the European Forces Swim League (EFSL) at Eindhoven, Netherlands.
- Stefani Cuthbert - The wrestling team took 3rd at Europeans in Wiesbaden, Germany.
- Jeff Koffel - The cheerleaders placed 4th or 5th out of 12 teams competing at Europeans in Mannheim, Germany.
- Shereen Willey asked for specifics as to what the Booster Club actually does, and Jeff Koffel said he would discuss this issue with her after the meeting. Her question highlighted the need for us to develop a letter/handout outlining our mission and mission accomplishments. It was agreed that next year we need to welcome new members with a "welcome packet" which includes a welcome letter, information on our mission, and a gift. We have just run out of string backpacks (our previous welcome gift to new members), but NHS Wildcats wristbands with all the sports on the underside have been ordered as a possible welcome gift. We also may want to look into ordering more string backpacks or a similar item.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeff Koffel brought forward the following old business:

1. Liability: Under current station order, unless an organization carries insurance, that organization assumes liability. In the future, all private organizations will show proof of insurance. The order is currently in re-write to reflect this requirement. What this means to us regarding the auction is that students can place the smaller items, but they will not be allowed unload the trucks.
2. Booster Club by-laws review: We've learned a lot this year which we can apply to our by-laws review for next school year. Some of the issues include monetary support for teams (i.e., how do we judge the request? Should a certain percentage of the team have to be Booster Club members?). Additionally, we should set aside money for special purchases above and beyond the typical team requests as well as for plus-ups of team requests. The rewrite should be closely tied to the financial projection for the club and should ensure that money is provided to the different teams in an equitable manner. This will remain an "Old Business" item and will be in review until the new school year, when the new by-laws must be ready for approval by the 2010-2011 Booster Club Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Neil Higgins passed out a flyer for the upcoming NHS Booster Club Golf Tournament that he has organized and scheduled for 12 March at Carney Park Golf Course. He hopes to make \$1,000 profit for the Booster Club with this tournament.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH: There were seven write-ups for AOM, including two boys' basketball players. It was decided that only one male basketball player should be selected. Claudia will get Marc all the information/pictures so he can get it in next week's Panorama. The athletes are:

Amanda Lewellyn
Terrence Bartley
Lizeth Bruce
Jacquan Welch
John Koffel
Megan Bayles

Girls' Swimming
Boy's Basketball
Girls' Basketball
Wrestling
Winter Cheerleading
Winter Cheerleading

CLOSING: Adjourned at 1830.