

**Naples High School Athletic Booster Club
General Board Meeting
14 April 2009**

Call to Order

Proof of Notice: The meeting should have been held on 6 April but due to Spring Break the meeting was scheduled via e-mail for 14 April.

The meeting was called to order by Neil Higgins, at 1735.

Present: Neil Higgins, Jolene Campos, Stefani Cuthbert, Cynthia Fuerst, David Lee,

Absent: Carlos Campos, Traci Guariniello, Kevin Umstaedter, Michelle Timmons, Edna Wood, Ken O'Brien

Proxies: Neil Higgins from Kevin Umstaedter and Tracy Guariniello

Team Representatives Present: Michelle Kennedy (Softball), Beth Travis (Softball), Trena Bartley (Baseball)

Advisor: Vince Diaz (NHS Asst Principal), Claudia Scherillo (Athletic Director)

Guests: Craig Lord, Monica McCormick

Minutes

Minutes from Mar 09 were presented for review. Ken O'Brien requested that the Open Session section of the minutes be amended to the following: Ken O'Brien requested that the Booster Club develop a policy to determine what summer sport camps the Booster Club is going to support and what dollar amount would be allocated to each camp.

Motion(s):

- Email Vote for Softball Team Windshirts: \$439 approved by vote of 12 members, with 4 not forwarding votes.
- Email Vote for Baseball Team Windshirts: \$439 approved by vote of 12 members, with 4 not forwarding votes.
- Email Vote for Softball Team Visors: \$162.44 approved by vote of 12 members, with 4 not forwarding votes.
- Motion made to extend scholarship deadline to 29 April made by David Lee and seconded by Beth Travis. Motion approved unanimously with one abstention.
- Motion made to participate in Teacher Appreciation Week (4 – 8 May) by Stefani Cuthbert and seconded by Michelle Kennedy. Motion approved unanimously, details in new business.
- Motion made to allocate \$300 in supply items and \$5 Booster Bag to demonstrate Teacher Appreciation by Michelle Kennedy and seconded by Beth Travis. Motion approved unanimously, details in new business

Reports of Officers

President:

- Carlos was unavailable but provided his written report to Neil. Items included: the results of the email votes approving the purchase of windshirts and visors, the Villagio de Ragazzi HS visit, and consideration for extending the scholarship deadline.

Vice President: Neil Higgins has agreed to fill in as Vice President until the end of the year.

Treasurer: Kevin provided the following information by email through Neil Higgins.

- Latest figure on auction sales is \$58,628.80. The biggest issue with the auction is \$3487 in credit cards (5 people) for which Wilson could not get authorization. Kevin has spoken with the buyers and he has been assured that they will write checks to cover. He will try to get these checks this week.
- The checking balance is \$49640.77 and we are still waiting on about \$10,000 to be deposited from the auction (credit card receipts). There is one check outstanding for \$500. The savings balance is \$1258.04.
- The Club's net worth is currently \$10,591.29. Still pending are proceeds from the Spring auction.

Secretary: Absent (minutes were recorded by Cynthia).

Auctions:

- Michelle was absent.
- Monica McCormick, PTSA President, requested that the PTSA and Booster Club meet to prepare an after action report from this past auction. In addition to having a good document to pass down to the next boards, concerns about pre-sales and other irregularities need to be reviewed.
- Fall auction checks have been located.

Community/Publicity:

- Cynthia commented on the strong support from the baseball and softball teams last month.
- Publicity for the rest of the season was discussed. There will be 5 "away" competitions this weekend and she needs the information from the games (scores, stats) plus any photos by COB Monday. Due to her schedule, this information needs to be submitted by Sunday evening so she can write the articles that night.
- AOM needs to be addressed quickly this month also due to the fact that the information must be sent to the Panorama this Friday (17 April).

Website/School Publicity:

- David reported on the continuing success of the website. The site's "hits" testify to its usage.
- David has updated the site to include team photos of the softball and baseball teams.
- David Lee asked if the PA system would be functional for the April 25th track meet. Claudia Scherillo and Vince Diaz will check with Randy Scott and Gary Marvel to try to arrange for this equipment.

Spirit Item Sales: Edna was absent but last month's minutes indicated that she was having difficulty obtaining items. Michelle may become involved and start ordering spirit items as these need to be in place by the start of school next year. The Board hopes that Edna can attend the next month's board meeting.

Membership: Stefani reported that we currently have 81 families that have joined. Stefani distributed membership lists by sport to all team parent representatives.

Concessions: Jolene advised that, apart from football, teams can manage concessions as fundraisers for their groups.

Athletic Director: Claudia noted that on the weekend of the 25th of April Naples will host softball/baseball competitions as well as track. Teams from Aviano, Vicenza and Sigonella will be

competing in baseball/softball games at Carney Park. Youth Sports will also be going strong then. MWR would support the teams' efforts for concession stands. Monica brought up the need for Food Handler's cards and Beth Travis will research the Food Handler's Course at the hospital. The track team can hold concessions at the school for the track meet on 25 April.

Parent/Team Liaison: Absent.

Parent Representatives:

- Beth Travis asked about using AMC planes for team travel. She noted that there is a plane going to Sig on Friday and returning on Sunday. This would be a better alternative than the teams taking a 10 to 12 hour bus ride. Concerns raised included the unreliability of such travel and the process by which it could be done. Beth Travis works at the Terminal and may be able to provide support for AMC travel.

Coaches Report

- Craig Lord reported that all was good with the boys soccer.
- David Lee reported that there would be 42 track athletes traveling to Aviano this weekend and there were about 82 students-athletes on the team.

Old Business:

- Girls Basketball Championship banner: David Lee has ordered the banner to recognize the Naples Girls Basketball team 2007 Championship Victory. David has ordered the banner for \$260.00 and will be reimbursed by the Booster Club. (The Booster Club had allocated \$308.77 initially.)
- Softball/Baseball donations (see Motions and New Business)
- Winter Sports Banquet. Jolene reported that the Booster Club paid for \$1,106.00 for 158 meals at the winter banquet. Neil Higgins thanked the board for the inclusion of the swim team in the Winter Banquet. Monica McCormick asked that award presentation be reconfigured. At the winter banquet, the swim team was last to present its awards and many of the other attendees had left by that time. Perhaps the awards could be restructured so that the various members of the teams are represented throughout the ceremony to ensure participation by all attendees.
- Scholarship Status (see Motions and New Business)
- Villagio de Ragazzi Visit. Carlos, in his written report communicated that, on 2 April, the Booster Club and the HS co-hosted a visit by the Villagio de Ragazzi, an Italian Catholic sponsored school for disadvantaged teams. The visit included a tour of the school, soccer games and a barbeque. The visit received coverage by the Panorama and AFN. Special thanks to Roberta Pennasilico, who provided the Italian students a brief about American school customs and organized the tour. Jolene reported that the Booster Club allotted \$213 for food. The Italian school provided a plaque to NHS in recognition of the visit. Carlos raised the possibility of "adopting the school" and providing a donation to their sports program. Carlos hopes to visit the school during early May to get a better sense of their needs and asked that anyone interested in participating in the visit to contact him.
- Monica McCormick discussed Teacher Appreciation Week and the plans by the PTSA to have groups participate in expressing their appreciation for the teachers. (See New Business)

New Business:

- David Lee made a motion made to extend scholarship deadline to 29 April and it was seconded by Beth Travis. Motion approved unanimously with one abstention.

- Stefani Cuthbert made a motion made to participate in Teacher Appreciation Week (4 – 8 May) and it was seconded by Michelle Kennedy. Motion approved unanimously, details in new business. The Booster Club will take Wed, May 6th, to recognize teachers.
- Michelle Kennedy made a motion made to allocate \$300 in supply items and \$5 Booster Bag to demonstrate Teacher Appreciation and it was seconded by Beth Travis. Motion approved unanimously, details in new business

Athlete of the Month:

The Board received 2 male athlete and 2 female nominations for AOM. The Board selected Ashley Travis (softball) and Demi Holbrook (Soccer) and Henry Thomas Boyd (Soccer). A motion was made that the Board select two girls for Athlete of the Month this month. Motion approved unanimously.

Open Session:

- The Wrestling Team provided the Booster Club a Certificate of Appreciation from the Wrestling team as well as a Thank You card.

Closing

- Neil adjourned the meeting at 1834.5
- **Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1730, in the High School library. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5 May.**