

Naples High School Athletic Booster Club
General Board Meeting
10/02/07

Call to Order

Proof of Notice: The meeting was scheduled at conclusion of the 4 September 2007 meeting (in accordance with the policy of meeting at 1730 on the first Tuesday of every month).

The meeting was called to order by Carlos Campos at 17:38, as a quorum was reached.

Present: Carlos Campos, Bill Nink, Kevin Mooney, David Lee, Mark Lawton, Cynthia Fuerst, Patty Hall, Thuy Ngo

Absent: Jolene Campos Traci Guariniello Ken O'Brien,

Advisor: Jim Hall (NHS Naples Athletic Director)

Team Representatives Present: Ann Fitzgerald (Football), Lisa Brew (Boys and Girls Tennis), Stefanie Cuthbert (Cross Country), Scott Montambo (Male Soccer, Cross Country),

Guests: Eric Vining, Female HS Volleyball Coach

Minutes

Minutes were presented for review from the last meeting (September 4, 2007) and accepted unanimously with no changes.

Motions Approved

1. Funding NTE \$200.00 for personalized soccer goal pads for game play was approved (detailed under Athletic Director paragraph).
2. Funding NTE \$500.00 for a paint field striping machine was approved; however, ordering of the machine was held in abeyance pending information concerning the existing field contract (detailed under Athletic Director paragraph).

Reports of Officers

President: Carlos reported that NSA will purchase a marquee sign for the base. The base will control the messages on the marquee. Booster Club plans to approach NSA to give the Booster Club access to announce games and other events.

Carlos related RADM Groothousen's participation in the Ansbach game was very well received. He will invite NSA CO Capt Hehe to do the pre-game coin flip and address the football team in connection with the 13 October Homecoming game.

He related that he organized and placed old Booster Club records and current Club forms in the two-drawer cabinet located in the Booster Club storage room.

Vice President: Bill Nink discussed the recent concessions and the proposed Scholarship Policy (Atch 1).

Concessions – Though the Boosters bought more food, all perishable food was sold out by the 3rd quarter. This is an optimal situation as it cuts losses. There was an excellent return on concessions at the last game. The volunteers from the local Mason Unit were excellent as was Modesto's grilling.

Scholarship Policy --

We discussed the following provisions:

- Board composition - Concern about the need for an unbiased board was raised but it was noted that the CO of the base has done a good job of choosing judges/raters who are not affiliated with the school.
- Valued traits - Discussed that one of the scholarships could deemphasize scholarship and place more emphasis on leadership.
- Coach's recommendation – Coach Hall reported that his recommendation consists primarily of recounting the athlete's career in high school.
- Award amount increased from \$5000 to \$8000.
- Eligibility Requirements.
- The issue of how many years and in what sport was discussed.

Board recognized that there is no perfect policy. Some of the concerns will be sorted out with the application process. For example, an athlete who plays one season one year will be distinguished from the athlete who plays several sports over several years. Students who transfer in from another school will also have the option of obtaining recommendations from previous coaches.

Bill will edit this policy for a Board decision.

Treasurer: Kevin Mooney reported on the club's financial standing.

Checking Account \$18036.12

Savings Account 1255.59

September Income

Concessions Sales		Spirit Sales
Green and White Game	915.20	934
21 September	2203.00	1572
28 September	2040.00	1001

Outstanding bills for Tennis uniforms (\$342) and Volleyball "libero" jerseys (\$160).

Secretary: Traci Guariniello was absent.

Auctions: A date of November 17, 2007 has been established for the Fall auction and it will start at 1100. Thuy noted that this is a long weekend (15 and 16 November are Parent Teacher Conferences) and this may reduce attendance. Fil-Am will sell food. Thuy is working with PTSA to sponsor the event. Presales were discussed. It was clarified that the PTSA/Boosters still get a piece of presales monies.

Community/Publicity: Thanks to the Dan Dittmeier's Yearbook class, the games have been getting covered in the Panorama. The Pano editor, Terri Bewig, indicated that the process is working and the school admin has had no concerns about the process..

Cynthia asked David Lee if the articles in the Panorama (and Stars and Stripes) could be put on the web site and David Lee said it could be done.

It was suggested that the Boosters place an article in the paper. There was an article in September with the website in it. Carlos restated the idea of the Boosters choosing an Athlete of the Month (Male and Female) as well as an article about coaches (see discussion later). Cynthia can submit this information to the Panorama. Asking the Journalism class to write the articles for the coaches was discussed, as

this may fit better with class objectives. Cynthia will contact Sandy Daniels about the possibility of working with the Journalism class on this matter.

Website/School Publicity: The website is up and running and David Lee has added several features:

- There is now a counter to record the number of "hits" the page gets.
- David has also placed some auction photos on the website.
- David has a Photo of the Week on the school website
- Site is linked to the NSA website.

Spirit Item Sales: Board discussed possible new spirit items. Items considered were: lanyards, jewelry (paw print earrings/necklaces). Patty reminded that there is no regular venue to sell the items. She can not carry items around for sale or retrieve items when a buyer wants one. Discussed methods of selling items: put items on web page, at school store, Navy Lodge, send order forms home with students/athletes.

Volunteer Coordinator: This position is still vacant. The Board, as a group, is handling this area. Carlos usually sends out the request for volunteers before the game. Some members come during the game and help out.

Membership: Absent, no report provided. Ken is away but memberships are coming in. Board did discuss methods of increasing membership.

- Cynthia will write article and reference web site so that interested individuals could join Booster.
- We could pass out a flyer about membership at game or put it in newsletter
- Forms could be brought to practice.
- Place in Wildcat Notes (this has been done but can be revisited)
- Offer incentive: Free Hamburger for membership.

Board discussed that membership needs to be readily available (possible through email).

Concessions: Jolene was absent, but Carlos related that the club is ordering and selling more and netting approximately \$1100.00 per game.

Parent/Team Liaison: The following parents are identified: Will and Ann Fitzgerald (Football), Lisa Brew (Boys and Girls Tennis), Scott Montambo (Boys Soccer/Cross Country), Stefani Cuthbert (Cross Country), Mia White (Girls Volleyball), Nick Aljabi (Girls Soccer). Traci may have a parent liaison for swimming.

Athletic Director: Jim Hall updated us on the status of purchases:

- Public Works has installed the waterline, drain, etc. for the ice machine over the summer. We now need to talk to the Italian rep for the ice machine to buy the ice machine. Coach Hall has to organize this with an Italian speaker at the school. Money has already been allocated.
- The speaker system for the gym will be \$3500. Coach Hall is getting bids
- Discussed the need for a paint machine to paint the fields for the various sports (football, soccer. Presently, there is a contract for the school. However, the contractors use chalk with some lime in it (which has caused injuries in the past). This mixture does not fare as well as paint. The Board felt that the safety issues needed to be raised to the school.

A motion was made to buy a paint machine and a unanimous vote approved funding not to exceed \$500.00. However, actual fund allocation was withheld so that the safety issues (the danger of the

chalk/lime mix), can first be addressed with DODDS to order to clarify if it should be DODDS and not the Booster Club who should purchase the paint machine.

Coach Hall brought up that by 2009, the soccer goals must have padding for safety reasons. Boosters discussed that players needed protection now. Motion made to fund two pairs of personalized pads for the soccer goals. Coach Hall will pursue through DODDS the acquisition of “everyday” goal pads.

Motion: Approved unanimously. Allocated was \$200.00.

Old Business:

The following old business items were covered during Officer reports:

- Concessions
- Spirit Item purchases
- Status of Purchases
- New Scholarship Policy

Mascot Uniform : Coach Hall advised that NHS has received a mascot uniform from the closing of London High. With some minor modifications, the bobcat uniform can be turned into a wildcat.

Banquet After Action report: None is forthcoming, as those primarily involved did not produce one.
Information sign: No longer a Club agenda item. NSA Naples will reportedly procure one and the Club will solicit “air time”.

Purchase of a new mascot uniform: No longer an agenda item, as a new costume was acquired from a close high school.

New Business:

Athlete of the Month: Carlos asked for coaches to nominate an athlete of the month. Coach Hall nominated John Markman who is having an amazing season in Cross Country. (Later, Mary Wisdom nominated Michela Guariniella for Cheerleading. Cynthia will write up these athletes and get input from the coaches. Stefani Cuthbert has photos of John.

Homecoming: Carlos will ask CAPT Hehe if he will preside at homecoming ceremonies (coin flip). The Homecoming Carnival will be held the previous day. The question arose of whether the Boosters wanted to have a booth (they would have to pay \$10). It was decided that the Club will not do any new activities in connection to the game.

Joint Club Fundraiser: Band Booster rep, Steve Donohue, approached Cynthia regarding the possibility of a joint fundraiser. The Board discussed this and is open to the idea. However, they would like to see what this would entail. They suggested that the Band Booster could engage local vendors as one of the organizations did last year.

The swim team was also brought up as another possible joint club fundraiser partner. Cynthia had explained in an email to Carlos that the swim team does a lot of fundraising. It is considered a private organization and gets limited support from MWR. MWR allows the team use two lanes of the pool for practice from 1530 to 1930 every day but they must rent the pool for meets. The swim team must raise money for bus transportation from Support Site every day to Capo (from September to February). The team relies heavily on parent participation for support as it gets no monetary support from the school. However, qualified swimmers can letter in swimming (as can baseball and softball). The team must

raise money (or be funded by parents) to travel to Divisionals (in Sevilla Jan 2008) and Champs (in Berlin February 2008).

Italian Community Liaison: Carlos briefly commented that the goal is to promote contact between High School sports teams and local Italian teams. Due to the late time, no discussion relative this item took place.

Funding Request:

Parent rep, Stefanie Cuthbert and Coach Hall brought up issues, which resulted in the following motion.

Stefani Cuthbert requested items for the Cross Country team: Chronomax, Canope, Tarp, Walkie Talkies, Stopwatches, Coolers, Banners. Coach Hall reported that these items were available in the Athletic Department.

Motion: None needed

Closing

- Carlos adjourned the meeting at 1915.
- **Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1730, in the High School library. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6 November.**