

Battlefield High School
Athletic Booster Club
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 19th, 2010

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ron Fairbanks, President, called the meeting to order. A meeting Agenda was passed out to all in attendance. It was discussed that all attending would sign in at all meetings. Meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The meeting was held at the Lion and the Bull restaurant in Haymarket. All in attendance introduced themselves.

1. Membership, Spirit Wear, Concessions, Golf Tournament:

Chairman for the positions listed above are as follows:

Membership Lead: John Brosnahan

Spirit Wear: Marinda Beach

Concessions Lead: Michelle Curry

Golf Tournament Lead: Tina Fairbanks

2. Announcements:

Coach Cox (attending for Mr. Stutler) advised us that the coaching positions for our wrestling, swimming and girl's indoor and outdoor track have been filled. The coaching positions for baseball and JV lacrosse are not filled at this time as far as he knows. Mr. Stutler was unable to attend so we will get an update on this at the next meeting.

II. Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the last meeting were read by Susan Coxson, Secretary and are posted on the website www.battlefieldboosters.org. Please contact Susan Coxson, if you have any questions.

III. Treasurers Report

A. Financial Status

Jennifer Fowler (Treasurer) presented the treasurers report. There is approximately \$111,000 in the booster club account at this time. This includes both the funds in the restricted and unrestricted accounts.

B. Change of Fiscal Year Amendment to make Retroactive

The fiscal year for the Battlefield High School Athletic Booster club will be July 1st through June 30th per the September Meeting minutes. This change will now be retroactive from the 2008-09 year to present. This retroactive change has been discussed within the booster club for several years and there was a failure by the previous secretary to record this change in any of the meeting minutes. The motion was made, seconded and received a full approval vote from all membership present.

IV. Issues/Updates

1. Date for Golf Tournament and Status Report

The golf tournament is set for October 25th, 2010 at Evergreen Country Club. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. There will be an unlimited beverage cart, lunch and dinner included. We have approximately 70 groups of golfers at this time.

- a. We have received a lot of good donations for the goody bags and prizes. Battlefield caps were ordered to give out to the golfers as gifts.
- b. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams will receive gift cards. 1st place will get 4- \$75 gift cards, 2nd place will get 4-\$50 gift cards and 3rd place will receive 4- \$25 gift cards.
- c. It is in the contract that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams are to get trophies. \$10 per golfer gets put into a pot to give to the top three finishers. It was discussed that rather than getting a trophy to possibly have Jorge Jatib (the Battlefield HS photographer) take pictures of the winners, then to mount them on a plaque as a gift.
- d. It was discussed to possibly donate any extra spirit wear as gifts as well (this can be from the spirit shack or from any sports teams leftovers.)

2. Membership

John Brosnahan spoke about membership and renewals:

- a.** Please be aware that memberships must be renewed yearly. This is based on a school year renewal (September renewal for current school year.) Approximately 60% of parents renew their memberships every year. It is important for families to know that they need to renew every year their child is a member of a sport team. This not only helps their team with the 50% of the membership fee collected going to the specified teams individual fund, but also gives the ABC more money to help with long-term goals, scholarships and financial aid requests.
- b.** Annual membership can run as low as \$25 (per family not per person.) There are also additional sponsor levels and corporate sponsors are always great to have. Any monies paid for memberships is split so that 50% of the amount pledged goes into that dedicated sports individual fund and 50% goes to the general fund.
- c.** Membership numbers are about the same for the ABC as for last year, there may be a slight increase this year.
- d.** Please encourage more parents from the individual sports to attend the meetings and join the booster club! This is especially important when it comes down to a team asking for financial assistance. If the team requesting the help has a large number of families who are members, they are more likely to get the help. Participation is key! A roster will be passed around at every meeting to help keep track.

3. Website

Our new website is up and running!! www.BattlefieldBoosters.org.

Michelle Curry and Jennifer Fowler will be doing any updates/changes to the website to keep our costs down. Please email Michelle Curry if you have anything you want posted on the website.

4. Other reports/notes/actions from Membership, Spirit Wear and Concessions.

Spirit wear sales are going well. Nancy Brosnahan informed the members that a picture was taken by our school photographer of the Football team with the American Flag and BHS flag coming on to the field and was framed. This beautiful picture is going to silent auctioned off at the spirit shack and the money donated to the ABC.

V. Other Business

A. Financial Request:

Coach Al Ford, the boys Basketball coach requested a loan from the ABC to purchase the spirit packs (practice jersey and basketball gear) for the team. The squad will be chosen on 11/19 and the spirit packs will be ready to give to the individual players at that time. The loan is needed to pay for the spirit packs in advance then will be reimbursed to the ABC when the packs are passed out and paid for by the parents. This motion was made to approve this loan by Nancy Brosnahan, seconded and approved by all in attendance. The amount to purchase the spirit packs is approximately \$1300 of which approximately \$850 will be needed as a loan and the remaining \$450 to come from the basketball teams' restricted funds.

B. Fund Raisers: Team-wise vs. ABC Coordinated

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Significant ABC Events Committee

This committee consists of the following people:

1. Matt Britton
2. Stan Livingston

The committee is meeting on Wednesday, October 20th to start planning events to raise money for the ABC.

One of the events discussed at the meeting was a 3 on 3- basketball tournament possibly in March. The Varsity basketball players would be available to referee. The tournament would involve 3rd through 8th graders. Each game would be approximately 12 minutes with 3 minutes to rotate. The questions brought up were:

How big would this tournament be? How many volunteers are needed?

This will all be discussed along with logistics and will be reported by the committee at the November meeting.

D. Long term goals Committee

This committee helps to prioritize goals and make suggestions to the board/membership. The planning committee consists of the following members:

1. Kristen Chambers (Chair)
2. John Chambers
3. Wess Kyzer
4. Nancy Brosnahan
5. Chris Brady

The long-term goals planning committee is to be meeting soon with Mr. Stutler to start listing out goals and prioritizing them. They will then report back to the board at the November meeting.

Ron Fairbanks is looking into ways to possibly fund a turf football field. This endeavor was being worked on previously to attempt to get funding from some outside corporations and will now be taken over by Ron. The Grizzlies have also previously discussed funding a turf field at BHS if they could play on it for their games on Saturdays and practices. They currently have another facility in progress, but still may come back to BHS if that doesn't work out.

If anyone else wishes to join either of these committee please see one of the board members.

E. Scholarship Fund (Committee Needed)

Every year the ABC awards \$2000 to one male and \$2000 to one female graduating athlete. Most of the applications we receive are in the spring. We need a committee to help form a rubric and to help choose the recipients of the BHS ABC Scholarship. The committee will also help to find ways to increase awareness of the scholarship program, especially with the fall sports. We received about 23 applications last year (14-15 girls and 7 boys.) We would like this number to be larger! We may even be able to increase this scholarship to 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring at some point depending on our long term goal planning. Scholarships are awarded based on SAT scores, grade point averages, teacher & counselor recommendations, plans for playing college sports, and how well he/she did on their sports teams while at BHS.

VI. Review of Action Items

The following items were put in place during this meeting:

- a. Boys Basketball loan approved for spirit packs to be purchased then will be reimbursed by the parents once the team is chosen.
- b. Scholarship committee to be formed to help increase applications and to form a rubric to help choose the recipients.
- c. Long term goals committee to meet with Mr. Stutler and report at the November meeting.
- d. Significant events committee to meet and report at November meeting to possible events and fundraisers.
- e. Ron Fairbanks to check on website to see if teacher recommendation is listed on the scholarship application.
- f. Nancy Brosnahan to look into possibly using BHS photographer Jorge Jatib to make a plaque for winners of Golf Tournament.
- g. Location of existing Golf Tournament Trophy (that stays at the school) to be investigated.
- h. BHS ABC Fiscal year changed retroactive to 2008-09 year.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30 pm at the Lion and the Bull Restaurant in Haymarket. The December meeting date is TBD with the holidays and will be announced soon.

VIII. Adjourn