



DRYDEN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday April 20th, 2022

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: High School Library

MEETING DETAILS

Call to Order — 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: President Nathan Spencer*, Vice President Lori Hall*, Secretary Laurie Hickmott*, Treasurer Sandy Biggs*, Shawna Penn*, Stacey Abromaitis*, Derek Buffo, John DelCampo (joined via Zoom) (*Voting Members)

I. Secretary's Report

- a. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2022. Secretary accidentally sent January minutes to voting members to review instead of February's. Will approve February's minutes at the next meeting.
- b. Communication – Received banner ad renewal from Alan Graham Insurance. Mail also received from Cumings Memorials regarding new pricing for engraving bricks (used previously for a fundraiser).

II. Treasurer's Report

- a. Monthly Financial Report March. Total cash available as of 3/13/22=\$18,081.62. Estimated cash available after upcoming expenses=\$15,697.94. Motion for Approval of Financial Report by Laurie Hickmott, 2nd Stacey Abromaitis. All in favor.
- b. Monthly Financial Report April. Total cash available as of 4/17/22=\$18,082.26. Estimated cash after upcoming expenses=\$15,698.60. Motion for Approval of Financial Report by Stacey Abromaitis, 2nd Lori Hall. All in favor.

III. Athletic Director's Report – Report given by Lori Hall.

- Spring sports season in full swing. Softball & baseball have their first games this Friday. Maintenance Department working on getting fields ready. Trying to work around the weather.
- May not have a JH Track team. Started with 6 players, currently down to 4.
- Dryden hosting 2 track meets, May 3 & May 10. Track still needs to be painted & bleachers repaired.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. **Social Media (website/Facebook)-Hall** – Website updated with meeting dates. Looking at deleting old spirit wear link. Facebook page can be updated with events when they happen. Need to share & invite people to like the Boosters page.
- b. **Spirit Wear-Finnigan** – No report at this time.
- c. **Banner Ads-DeVlaminck** – Three banner ads not currently paid: Dryden Bar & Grill, Oxford Bank, Charlie Browns. Discussed to leaving Dryden Bar & Grill up due to struggling through the pandemic and still receiving support from them. Lori H. to stop by Oxford Bank. Charlie Browns has new owners, Sandy B. to stop in. Discussed putting sponsor signs in the gym (other schools have ads in their gym). Two possible types: vinyl/canvas which requires holes and anchors in the wall, or thicker plastic/cardboard which may be able to use 3M velcro strips. Assuming these types of signs may be cheaper than the current outside banner signs, it might draw more sponsors in. Stacey A. to contact local companies for quotes.

- d. **Concessions-Penn/S. Abromaitis** – Keeping concessions inventory low. Only have 2 home track meets left to sell concessions. Shawna P. stepping down from concessions manager, but will be available next year to help train incoming people. She advised in addition to going to Sam’s Club for supplies, she also travels to Lansing for popcorn oil, kernels, cotton candy and also for repairs to the popcorn machine when needed.
- e. **Ace of Hearts-Cronkright** – Taking Cronkright off as lead of the committee due to not having Ace of Hearts currently. May bring back Ace of Hearts if membership increases.
- f. **Golf Outing-P. Abromaitis/Buffo** – Golf outing is April 30, tee off at 11am. Will have a couple of Dixon Golf holes. Also, will have 3 to 4 nice sized raffle baskets. Need volunteers and donations of water.
- g. **Grants-Spencer** – Nothing to report.

V. Old Business

- a. Scholarship Report – Only 2 girls submitted essays, did not receive any essays for the boys. Proposal to extend essay deadline to receive more essays. Held vote via email with voting members. Result of voting was: 6 not to extend, 3 to extend and 1 abstained. Will continue with voting on essays received. Discussion to possibly change to just two scholarships available, not separated by gender. Would need to check on current scholarship laws, and what’s involved with changing how the scholarship is currently done.

VI. New Business

- a. Concession cooler retrofit – Mary F. offering different coolers for the Snack Shack. Current cooler is 1 whole unit with sliding doors, Dryden Cardinal sign on top and has 1 plug. Proposed cooler is 3 separate coolers with swinging doors and uses 3 plugs. The Shack already has electric issues. Boosters decline due to space & electric problems. Thank you to Mary F. for the offer.
- b. Retiring committee chairs- concessions – To discuss next month.
- c. Outgoing president – To discuss next month.
- d. Boosters membership campaign – “Save out Boosters” May 18 will be a Boosters welcome event to recruit new members. Nathan S. has a video ready, just need to edit to make shorter and may add fight song or background music. He also has a letter drafted to go to parents and coaches. Will be sent by all-call and posted on social media. Need to encourage coaches to send to parents also.

VII. Open Discussion

-- A few voting members are close to not meeting the requirements to be an eligible voting member; however, they do help in additional ways. May need to review voting members rules and amend if necessary.

-- Need to postpone April elections due to lack of members. Motion to postpone April elections to next meeting, 1st Shawna Penn, 2nd Lori Hall. All in favor. May want to consider changing election month due to it’s so close to the end of the year. Need to check Boosters by-laws.

-- Sandy B. has tri-athlete and scholar athlete pins for award nights.

Adjournment—8:18p.m.

Next meeting May 18, 2022

Booster Voting Members (As of April 20, 2022)

Paul Abromaitis

Stacey Abromaitis

Sandy Biggs

Loraine Brinker

Deanna DeVlaminck

Mary Finnigan

Lori Hall

Laurie Hickmott

Shawna Penn

Nathan Spencer

To be a voting member an individual must attend 3 meetings and work 2 events OR attend 5 meetings within the last 12 months.