

STOW-MUNROE FALLS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2006

President Chuck Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Mike Weddle informed the Booster Club that the meeting minutes from January 11, 2006 were unavailable due to a computer malfunction, and indicated that once completed they will be placed on the website for review prior to the March Meeting.

Correspondence: None to report.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Neil Stuber. See attached Treasurer's Report. The Chili Dawg open generated \$2,356.00 this year, which is a record for this event as compared to \$926.00 last year. The Booster Club has made various commitments to the teams; however, the teams have been slow to submit documentation for these expenses. The Board is moving toward a Use-it-or-lose-it approach to these funds. Over \$23,000 in the checkbook, \$12,239.00 of uncommitted funds with an additional \$18,000.00 predicted to be received through fundraising. This leaves the Booster Club with approximately \$30,000.00 to spend between now and the end of June.

Chuck indicated that the wish list is being approached as a two-year effort, and that \$43,000.00 has been committed, with some additional allocations mentioned tonight which will push the total up some. He indicated that approximately \$50,000.00 of Wish List items has been requested; however that total represents requests from only 14 of the teams. We are hopeful that next year the teams will be more responsive to the wish list request once the word gets out that to the coaches the Booster Club is funding these items.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Presented by Chuck Obendorf – Carrie emailed Chuck that two additional memberships have been received. The Booster Club needs to get the word out to all of the Spring teams of the Booster Club's efforts and boost membership.
- **Advertising:** Presented by Tom Harrell – Tom indicated that there is nothing new to report.
- **Chilidog Open** - Presented By Ed Ferencz – Ed thanked Cyle Feldman for his assistance on this event. Over 20 items were donated to the silent auction, and attendance was 46. \$1,260.00 in admissions, \$343.00 of raffle tickets, the silent auction generated \$2,016.00. Expenses were about \$1,300.00. Many of the coaches and teachers attended the event.
- **Booster Club Men's Golf League** - Fred Bonacci reported that a Booster Club Men's Golf League is being started at Fox Den Golf Course. The league will be on Thursday nights. It will consist of 12, two-man teams with tee-offs between 4:30 – 5:15. Players need to be a member of the Booster Club, and that the league will be set up based on individual players' handicaps. The league will run for 12 weeks, starting the first week in May through September.
- **Hall of Fame** – Presented by Cyle Feldman – Cyle shared that the originally scheduled meeting has been rescheduled, and as such, there is nothing new to report at this time.
- **Mulch Fundraiser** – Tom reported that the bag pickup date has been set for April 29th. Bulk delivery dates are set for April 17th and 24th, and May 1st. There will be announcements on the Community Access Channel. Tom also reported that the Band Booster Club has joined the effort, and that they have added an announcement on their website. The split between the

Athletic and Band Booster Clubs was agreed at 75/25 respectively. Future revenue distribution between the two clubs will be renegotiated in subsequent years. The Athletic Booster Club will pick up all of the set-up expenses, and will receive a larger share of the revenues for the current year. The forms will have a check-off area indicating that the mulch purchase is intended to support the Athletic, Band or both booster clubs. The ad and application form has been sent to Tipton to be placed on the website. An email address, yahoostowmulch@yahoo.com has been established. Clay and Tom have placed their phone numbers on the forms to accept phone in orders. The teams need to step up to serve as spreaders, assist in the bag pick-up efforts, and in calling the purchasers to inform them of the pick-up or delivery options. 5,000 flyers have been recommended at a cost of approximately \$100-150. The flyers will go home through the elementary school students. High school and Middle School arrangements have yet to be made.

Cyle was asked if the High School can serve as a drop-off/pick-up location. Cyle recommended that Silver Springs be considered instead. If the parking lot adjacent to the Field House at the High School is used, then a one-way in and out configuration can be arranged to facilitate traffic flow, and ease of handling the product. It was generally accepted that the Field House location is the best option, and Cyle indicated that he would check on authorization. Tom indicated that delivery of the mulch would likely be on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the bag pick-up day. Pick-up day can be accomplished in as little as four hours if organized properly.

- Concessions – Presented by Galvin DePompei - The trailer repair is 90% completed. It has been completely rewired by certified electricians at a cost of \$17. The rear of the trailer has been completely rebuilt with treated lumber, and only molding and other small repair items remain to be completed.

Galvin reported that the freezer in the field house concession stand has failed. This will need to be replaced. He also indicated that if the trailer is to be taken on the road that the Health Department is requiring that a commercial freezer be installed, rather than the residential unit that is currently in the trailer. Other than the freezer, the rest of the equipment in the Field House concession stand is in good shape. Neil pointed out that the concessions revenues have contributed more than \$17,000.00 to the Booster Club, and that the purchase of a new freezer is appropriate. Galvin indicated that it is not necessary to make that purchase now, but it should be replaced prior to the end of the school year.

Coaches Reports:

- Baseball – Practice starts in 12 days for pitchers and catchers. He indicated that the Reverse Raffle was held this past Saturday. The backstop program is soon to start. A youth clinic is planned for March 25th.
- Softball – Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report on February 20th. Workouts and hitting practice continue.
- Trainer – Finishing up with Winter sports, and working the tournaments.
- Weight Training – This is a very busy time, working in the Weight Room From 2:30-6:30. More space is needed.
- Girls Track - Conditioning is being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Swimming – Boys and girls have records of 7-2, in the Western Reserve Conference meet the boys took second place and the Girls were in third; the Boys were tied with Hudson. The Girls beat Cuyahoga Falls, and both the Boys and Girls teams won the Barberton Invitational,

White set two records: the 200 individual medially, and the 100 Butterfly; Drozen set records in the 100 Butterfly and 100 Backstroke

- Girls Basketball – Record of 15-3. Podges couldn't be at the meeting because he is scouting tonight.
- Lacrosse – Conditioning is under way; there are three teams; 60 athletes are trying out.
- Kimpton – Girls basketball is currently underway. The 8th graders are 4-2, and the seventh graders are 5-1. Wrestling finished with a record of 5-2. There will be a Track meeting on March 1st with a large number of students expected to go out for that team. The boys basketball team reported that they have a week left in their season, they are 14-1 at present, and have two games left. They are currently gearing up for the Spring season. Seventh grade basketball – the current record is 15-1, and won the Hudson Tournament.
- Girls Track –
- Girls Cross Country –
- Boys Basketball – Bowling –
- Boys 9th Grade Basketball –
- Boys Volleyball –
- Boys Golf –
- Wrestling -
- Girls Golf –
- Cheerleading –
- Field Hockey –

Athletic Director's Report: Presented by Cyle Feldman

- Cyle recognized Ed Ferencz on the Reverse Raffle
- On Sunday March 7th at 6:00 p.m. the Spring Sports Parents meeting will be held in the High School Commons area.
- The Division II Section Basketball tournament will be held at the High School. The Booster Club is collecting for parking.
- The Girls Basketball team will be playing for the WRC Championship against Solon on Saturday at 1:30. Their first Sectional game will be on February 22 against Cuyahoga Falls at 7:45 p.m. in Tallmadge.
- The Boys Basketball team is 10-5 overall, and 8-3 in the conference.
- The Girls Gymnastics team finished in fourth place, which is good for a young team. The team has a pair of Freshmen that are level 8 competitors on a scale of 10.
- Wrestling has its sole home match tomorrow night.
- The baseball team will be playing at Jacobs Field on May 5th. Tickets for that, and the June 23 Indians Stow Day game, are on sale. 200 Indians tickets must be sold. Both tickets are on sale for \$20.00. The June 23rd Indians Game is the night of the largest fireworks display of the season.
- There will be a stadium/track cleanup/work day. Date to be set soon.

Old Business:

- A chairman for the Final Four fundraiser needs to be assigned.

New Business:

- Chuck provided a summary of the Booster Club’s Board meeting with the School Board and Administration. Discussed a division of labor between the two parties. Mention was made of the Softball Complex, the need to build a bathroom facility, and the installation of turf in the football stadium. A follow-up meeting will be held in March. It was a very productive meeting. Neil shared the level of financial commitment that the School Board has put into the athletic facilities. The facilities and Coaches’ Wish Lists were shared with the School Board.

Kathy Armstrong discussed the options facing the School Board. Turf isn’t going to happen as soon as what is being requested. She shared that this is an excellent cooperative effort on behalf of both sides.

- Chuck shared the recommended funding for wish list requests:
 - Cheerleaders \$2,000 - Uniforms
 - Softball \$3,000 - Field mix
 - Track \$5,000 – Uniforms, discus pit, auto timer
 - Girls Volleyball \$ 900 – Warm-ups
 - Soccer \$1,500 – Permanent benches
 - Press box \$3,000 – FRP sheeting
 - Trainer \$2,800 – Treadmill
- Galvin indicated that additional materials, and funding, will be needed for the Press Box. Dry wall sheeting will also be necessary to do that project properly.
- Cyle pointed out that the Track uniforms are scheduled to be replaced the first of next year.
- Tom Adams needs to be involved in the approval and construction of the discus pit. The Track Coaches will need to contact Tom Adams to coordinate the project.
- The Booster Club shouldn’t be in the business of purchasing uniforms for the teams according to Cyle. We need to distinguish between needs and wants.
- Cyle indicated that he is not sure that the discus pit can be addressed before the start of the Track season. Neil stressed that it must be done this season for safety reasons.

John Daymon moved, and Ed Ferencz seconded that the Booster Club fund the teams according to the presentation provided above.

Cyle indicated that all purchases must go through his office prior to the purchase. An estimate of the costs, the sources of the item being purchased, how and when will it be delivered... should be routed through the Director of Athletics’ Office. All purchasing needs are to go through his office. For example, the specifications on the purchase of the soccer benches, softball infield mix should be routed through his office. Neil indicated that larger, facilities oriented items should be routed through the AD’s office, and it is assumed that the coaches will be making these requests, and that they should have already discussed the purchases with the AD first. Neil asked about the Press box project, to which Cyle indicated that he will need to know all of the specifics so that he can communicate them to Tom Adams. It was decided that the Coaches should work with the AD’s office first prior to coming to the Booster Club for funding. Cyle indicated that the Booster Club should send notices to the Coaches to make sure that they go to

him prior to making a purchase. The Booster Club is to wait for authorization from Cyle before writing a check to meet the Coaches' Wish List requests

Neil indicated that \$23,000.00 of funding has been allocated, and the Booster Club is now waiting to disburse the funds. The question was posed can the treadmill be purchased now, to which it was decided that authorization must first be received through Cyle's Office.

Coach Close gave a brief reported on the Boy's Basketball Team. He reiterated that the disbursement procedure just discussed is a throwback to how it was done in the past. The Coaches would first discuss their wish list requests with the AD prior to submitting them to the Booster Club.

Chuck then indicated that the coaches for each team will need to appoint a Mulch Team Coordinator. The coaches should notify the Booster Club of their appointee at any time.

Neil indicated that it has been recommended that the teams appoint a parent representative to serve as the liaison with the Booster Club. This representative will help to get the Booster Club message out to the team parents, assist in furthering Club membership, and also serve to relay information back to the Booster Club from the team. He requested that the Coaches make their Parent Representative recommendations to the Booster Club within the next month.

Keith asked how does the Booster club get the word out to the parents as to what activities are going on? Examples are the golf outing and the Night at the Races. He recommended that emails go out to keep everyone informed. Neil indicated that this is usually done through flyers, and Chuck stressed that the Parent Representative could serve in this capacity as well. A volunteer would need to be pulled from the Club to coordinate this rather than forcing it on the Booster Club Board.

Chuck asked for volunteers for parking on the Division 2 Basketball tournament. Neil asked if we charged for parking last year for the Sectionals, to which it was determined that we did.

Chuck asked that the coaches submit Four-Year Commitment Award Winners to the Booster Club and that the Booster Club will coordinate the awards presentations.

Keith then gave a report on the Night at the Races, it will be held on Friday, April 21st at Stow Youth Baseball Hall. Doors open at 6:00, and post time is at 7:30. Admission is \$17.50 per person. Twelve races will be held, and will last to 9:30, at which time a DJ will continue the evening's entertainment. Hopefully every sport will sponsor a race. Tables of eight people are available. Participants can also purchase and name a horse. All monies will be collected at the April Booster Club meeting. 50/50 and instant lottery tickets will also be sold at the event.

Penny asked if a silent auction can be organized for this event, and agreed to coordinate the auction.

Next meeting will be March 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Michael Weddle, Secretary (weddle@kent-ohio.org)