

STOW MUNROE-FALLS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

August 13, 2008

Mike Weddle called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Fred Bonacci explained how the Soccer and Football coaches came to us at the June meeting with a request to fix the playing and practice fields before someone gets hurt. The Booster Club took over and the fields are now in much better shape and look great! Coach Kosmala noted how great the field looks and thanked John Prusa and the Boosters for how quickly we reacted. Coach Tinkler thanked the Boosters and said how the players noticed and thanked the many volunteers who helped get it all in shape.

We introduced our 1st guest speaker of the year. Linda Nahrstedt from the City of Stow talked about the Summer Sunset Blast that will be happening on Sat. and Sunday of Labor Day weekend. It's the city's second annual event and it promises to be bigger and better this. There will be a corn-hole tournament. It is a free event open to the community. It starts at noon and ends at 10:00. There will be fireworks on Sunday night that promise to be even better than last years. There will be more inflatables and carnival games. T-shirts will be sold and a commemorative cup with beer and soda sales. Sat. will kick off with the high school band, then Operation Green at 1:00 and 3:30 with Marvel Characters. Hard Day's Night Band will play Sat. night from 7 – 9:30. On Sunday Radio Disney will be back with more energetic and interactive activities. Also a balloon clown will be roaming the crowd. Twist band will play Sunday night with fireworks at 9:00. There will be food, fun and a good time for all ages! Thanks to Linda for speaking to us on this upcoming event!

All reviewed the minutes of the June meeting and Chip McClintock motioned with a second from John Daymon that they be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

We are looking at a Facilities Maintenance Proposal. John Prusa thanked everyone for helping get the fields in shape – Chip McClintock has been mowing the soccer fields. We've made attempts in the past to keep up with things but we need to control the whole process. By mowing, watering and maintaining we are on our way to try create safe, playing conditions. We need to form a committee to negotiate and present to the school system a proposal for the Booster Club to take on all the maintenance of the athletic fields. Our long-term solution is to gain control for the benefit of the athletic department and put in place proper controls to maintain the playing and practice fields. Karen Powers asked for a proposal to take to the school board in order to get on the next school board agenda. Essentially a proposal for coaches and volunteers to have the right to take care of the facilities. Cyle Feldman added that it needs to be presented in the right way, a non-adversarial communication to the board. Mike asked the membership for any comments, concerns and there were none. Mark Iwanski spoke regarding what happened at Stow Youth Football as they maintain their fields that are school property. A motion to form a committee to present a proposal to the school board was put to the membership. Chuck Duchon motioned, John Daymon seconded and the motion carried unanimously. John Prusa added that we can have a win-win with Ed in maintenance but we need to solidify the relationship. Coach Tinkler thanked Mike, Fred, Cyle, John, Chip and all the volunteers. The officers will convene a committee and let you know. Karen Powers mentioned to the membership that any time to contact her with any questions.

By-Laws - Tim Bohannon, Mark Iwanski and Kim DiSanto got together and were the by-law committee. Tim looked at several different schools by-laws, researched and came up with 6 or 7 that were comparable to what we wanted. Mark brought his experience from Stow Youth Football as he was instrumental in their by-laws. Mark discussed how we need to let the executive committee work effectively for the membership. There are the Articles of Incorporation which are vague and the By-laws, which are very specific. There needs to be a segregation of power to ensure the executive committee doesn't have too much power and the membership has enough power. We're operating under Roberts Rules of Order. If everyone could review and especially if you have any by-law experience, tear it apart and let us know if you have any suggestions/comments/ etc....send it to Kim. The proposed by-laws will be posted on the web-site for your review.

Treasurer's Report - See the attached report. Barb and Fred changed the format to simplify for the membership.

Correspondence - Received a thank you note for the scholarship from Kris Maruna.

Concessions – Fred reported for Tom Harrell. We bought a new freezer and fixed the fry trailer wall. Thanks to Chuck Duchon and John Prusa for all the help with the Trailer and the Press Box, which will be ready by game time.

Membership – Kathy Maruna reported that we currently have 115 members and more are coming in daily.

Volunteers – Val Bonacci reported we've received a lot of new volunteers from adding it to the membership form. All the football and soccer games are covered. If anyone can work Summer Blast there is a spot open on Sat. evening.

Advertising - Jim Balint reported that lots of good things are going on in advertising. We've received lots of new advertisers. We're changing some things in the program. In the future we'd like to have an art student design the cover and may be able to start that up with the winter program. The order of the program will also be changing. Since this is the 100th graduating senior class we'd like to do something with that on the program. Jeanne Denton will get with Jim and get some old pictures from the library. A Hall of Fame page will be added also along with the booster club membership form. This is a crazy time of year so please be patient with the program. We need to take our time to ensure everything is spelled correctly and in the proper order.

Mike thanked Jim for all his hard work. He also mentioned that we will be phasing in the barricade signs that were introduced at the June meeting with some of our advertisers with hopes of eventually having all the advertising signs changed over to the barricades sometime in the future. We've ordered a couple of pole flags for when you enter the school's oval with hopes of all the poles having flags eventually.

Hall of Fame – Jeanne Denton discussed the Hall of Fame induction will be at the Sept. 5th game with the dinner on the 6th at the VFW hall. We have 10 new inductees and 9 out the 10 will be attending. This is done every 2 years. Reservations for the dinner are due in by August 23rd. Dinner is \$20.00 per person.

NFL Tickets - The NFL tickets are here and Kim explained how they work. All the profits go back to the individual teams, not the club. See Kim after the meeting to get your NFL tickets. They'll be due back in October.

COACHES REPORTS

Softball – It's our dead period now but we're always working on the fields.

Girl's Basketball – Just finished up summer leagues and will be starting conditioning soon.

Baseball – Dead period. Have a great spring and summer and looking forward to next season.

Boy's Lacrosse – We had a clinic and are currently trying to get a grant for a middle school program.

Kimpton – We had our 1st fall sports meeting. Thanks to Cyle and Fred. It went extremely well and we had a great turn out.

Girl's Volleyball – We're currently in 2 a days with our 1st game coming up.

Boy's Golf – We had 21 try out and 13 made the team.

Boy's Basketball – We've had team camps and open gym. It's a dead period with some kids working out in the weight room.

Boy's Soccer – The boy's seem a little more confident this year. Our 1st home game is next Tuesday. It's a great group of kids.

Football – Our home opener is next Friday. We'll finish up 2 a days this Thursday with a scrimmage this Friday against Parma Normandy.

Field Hockey – We have a new coach – Kathleen McKenzie from Kent State and Kelly Wilson as her assistant – a Stow graduate. The parents have been great.

Mike mentioned how important it is for the coaches to get a parent representative to attend meetings. Remember is you have a funding request you need to present it to the club.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cyle introduced the new assistant principal's, Anthony Horton and Kathy Johnson. Welcome!

We have an opportunity to raise some money for the Booster Club by manning 2 or possibly 3 beer stations at the home Kent State Football games. We'll need 10-12 people per station. As soon as details are finalized look for volunteer requests or get

a team of 10 – 12 together and let Kim or Val know your interested. You have to be at the game 2 hours early and are finished right after half time. We could make \$300 minimum per station or 10% of the gross. The volunteers must be a parent or adult and not a recent 21 year old or college student. More info to come later.

Cyle introduced Molly Emery and asked for your support in the upcoming levy golf outing. It's Monday at 10:30 at Fox Den Golf Course. Any questions, see Molly.

The tennis benches have been installed and looked great!

The Soccer scoreboard is up. Thanks to the Goal Club who's done a great job on the soccer fields.

Don't forget the Stadium Clean-up is this Sat. August 16th. We'll start at 9:00 a.m.

Also pictures for the fall sports program are this Saturday beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Mike asked if there was any new business and or questions.

Mike has asked that Advertising review a proposal that was submitted on the program publisher and compare it with what we have now for the winter program.

Mike presented an appreciation plaque to Neil Stuber for his work and dedication as a past officer of the Booster Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.