

**Stow-Munroe Falls Athletic Booster Club Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Last month's minutes were reviewed. Tom Harrell motioned that we accept the minutes as written, Ed Ferencz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – We received a thank you from Renee Oneacre for the Booster scholarship she received.

Guest Speaker – “Coaches Corner” Coach Marty Tinkler spoke to the club about football. There was a valuable lesson taught Friday night. That is to keep playing the game and never give up. The boys saw that the score could be down but that they could come back and almost win the game. Coach Tinkler also touched on the time commitment these young men put forth and reviewed a little about their weekly schedule and the schedule throughout the year. Tinkler stressed the importance of the relationship with the boosters and the community and how all successful programs need successful booster programs and how Stow seems to be on the right track. We currently have 5 Varsity coaches while most teams have 8 and hopefully we can remedy that in the future. It's important to instill that there is value in being on a team, whether you are playing or not, you are valuable to the team and are learning valuable lessons. Come out to the game this Friday in Twinsburg.

Cyle introduced the District Treasurer, Catherine Bulgrin who spoke to the club about the upcoming levy. The district would like to take a different approach, similar to the coffee's, but open our doors to get the communities opinion to make sure we're headed in the right direction. People need to understand our need. She discussed the various levy cycles. Please tell your neighbors and friends to send your e-mail to the web-site and if you cannot attend our meetings, meeting minutes will be available on the web-site and can be sent to you. The Citizen's for Excellence web-site is www.4smfkids.com and is full of valuable information. We are in critical times and as some booster members attributed to look at what has happened in Springfield and other failed districts – we cannot have that happen in Stow.

Treasurer's Report – See attached report.

Committee Reports –

Membership – Kathy reported that membership is down from last year but more members keep coming every day. Coaches and parents of student athletes that have not yet joined, please join. Also let people know the great things the booster club can accomplish with membership.

Concessions – Tom reported that we made a lot of money at the Summer Blast. Let's hope for good weather throughout the rest of football season for the team and concession sales.

Advertising – Tom reported for Jim that we've sold 200 programs so far. We have 14 new advertisers from last year. Spread the word that the fall program includes all of the fall sports. The winter program is just around the corner so coaches please start putting together your records history. It was discussed to have the future years programs become a contest at the school. Chuck Duchon motioned and Ed Ferencz seconded that we announce the contest to the high school students and the deadline for entries with the winner receiving a \$100 Savings Bond. The design of the future sports programs is open to the entire school with the upcoming winter program staying with the 100 year theme.

Volunteers – Val Bonacci discussed the need for volunteers to come up with a team of 10-12 to sell beer at the Kent State home football games. We're covered for the 1st 2 games, need 1 team for October 11th and 2 teams for November 12th. Your team must arrive 2 hrs and 15 minutes before game time and will be done right after half-time. Contact Val if you can be a team leader or would like to volunteer to be on a team.

Hall of Fame – Fred reported that it was a very nice evening and recommended that you consider attending the dinner in 2 years. It was great to listen to the inductees memories.

Field Maintenance – Fred reported that the mowing was going well. We are in the process of proposing to the BOE to take over all athletic field maintenance. So far it has been well-received and is progressing fast.

COACHES REPORTS

Boys Golf – We're getting better every day. We played in a tournament and out of 28 teams finished 9th. Only one team in the NEO finished ahead of us. We're currently 6-0 and girl's golf is also undefeated.

Baseball – We're in our dead period and in maintenance mode.

Boy's Volleyball – Open gym will be starting soon.

Cheerleading – We've had 3 fundraisers so far. We're having try-outs for the competition squad and things are going well.

Swimming – We've hired a new coach – she's a 4 year swimmer from Wadsworth and Mt. Union College. Pre-season practice starts today.

Boy's Basketball – We're conditioning and having open gym to gear up for our upcoming season.

Boy's Lacrosse – We submitted our grant proposal. Winter league will be starting soon.

Boy's Soccer – We're currently 5-1-1. We face Strongsville on Saturday. Thanks for the maintenance and care of the bus garage fields – they look great!

Kimpton – Cross Country has 48 kids out and they're doing very well.

Cross Country – We had an NEO meet and finished 2nd. In a Division 1A we were 19th out of 33. Girl's came in 2nd in the NOC meet and have a Div. 1A meet at Tiffin and are looking very good.

Girl's Track - We're in our off-season.

Girl's Volleyball – Our freshman are 5-0, J.V. 4-1 and Varsity 5-3. We're the only team in 6 years to beat Solon 25-10 in a match. The girls are doing great but need to be convinced as to how talented they are.

Softball – We're in our dead period and are in maintenance mode.

Girl's Basketball – We're conditioning.

Football – Come see us in Twinsburg on Friday.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Cyle explained about the conference for some of the teams and the cross over's and how his stance is more about geography but he is in the minority. It's tough to travel to Elyria and Lakewood when you've got Hudson, Nordonia in your back yard, but he's trying to get some cross- over games to be those closer to home.

The records board for swimming will also be at AGMC. We will have the new records boards for Swimming/Diving, Track/Field shortly. He also discussed the need to update the League Banners that hang in the gym.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Bohannon and Mark Iwanski reviewed the changes to the by-laws that were made. There was a motion to define quorum but then it was noted that quorum was defined. There was a question to define the process for requesting monies. The procedure will be set by the executive board and the executive board will be able to determine and approve an emergency request. We'll make those changes and once again review and send any suggestions to Tim or Mark. We will vote on the final by-laws at a subsequent meeting.

NFL Tickets – Kim reminded everyone that the stubs and money will be due the 1st week of the October. We ordered more tickets and still have 100 left so if you need tickets, see Kim. All unsold tickets must be returned or we are charged \$3.50 per ticket and that will be the team’s responsibility to pay.

BCS Project - Mike Weddle reported that he will need help with this continuing project and will report later.

Painting of the Lower Gym - Bob Podges reported that he and Molly Emery will be heading up painting of the lower half of the lower gym. Bob received a quote from Sherwin Williams of \$448.00 for paint and sealer. We have a tentative date of September 27th and will be looking for volunteers.

J.V. Baseball Dugouts - Ed Ferencz reported that at the J.V. baseball field there is one bench that maybe will seat 7 kids. There are 15 kids on a team and due to inclement weather the kids need shelter and seating. John Daymon received a quote for \$2,200 for materials – all labor and concrete will be donated. Ed Ferencz motioned – Based on the most recent accurate bid John Daymon provided, the Booster club provides material costs for 2 dugouts, not to exceed \$2,400. Chip McClintock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be October 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kim DiSanto, Secretary