

**Stow-Munroe Falls Athletic Booster Club Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Last months minutes were reviewed and Tom Harrell motioned with Dale Gaydos seconding that the minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence** – None

**Treasurer's Report** – See attached report.

**Concessions** – Concessions are going great! We had a huge night for homecoming.

**Guest Speaker** – Coaches Corner – John Roseman, the Cross Country coach was our guest speaker. He explained the runners typical practice is running 1.5 to 5 miles, over barren terrain. Our home course is Silver Springs. When running the low score wins and with a team of 7, 5 can score. The kids start in the summer by putting in lots of miles. The focus is on distance, and then hills are added. Cross Country is based entirely on conditioning. In a typical week, the team runs 55 miles per week, repeating miles with Wednesday as recovery day riding stationary bikes. On Thursday they work on speed with hard and light whistle drills for 30-40 minutes. Friday is usually a pre-meet with Saturday being meet day with a 5 K. On Sunday, we're off but team needs to do 20 minutes of something, weight lifting or circuit training. Coach Roseman has always tried to teach the team to win with humility and lose with dignity. We just had an invitational at Silver Springs, which is a great facility. The other teams love to come to Silver Springs. The 1<sup>st</sup> year of the invitational we had 8 teams and this year, our 2<sup>nd</sup> year we had 18 girls teams and 20 boys team. We're scheduled for next year's invitational for October 10<sup>th</sup> and plan to get the booster club more involved.

**Membership** – We are up 38 members from the last meeting.

**Advertising** – We're getting ready to do the Winter program and need the records for the winter sports. Jim asked for other schools programs and Coach Tinkler has them to look at. The deadline for the winter program will be one week before the first home girls or boys basketball game.

**Volunteers** – Val thanked al the volunteers. Boy's basketball volunteers did a great job this Friday. We have a lot of new people stepping up to volunteer.

**Facilities Maintenance** – The Board was 100% behind us but it was decided that we will keep what we have been doing – football, practice fields and soccer fields. The superintendent declined our offer of asking for \$14,000 and instead the understanding is we can draw on those funds for the supplies necessary to maintain those fields. Thanks to Karen for all your help. Tim Bohannon recommended that an Environmental Class do a soil sample to help us. Time will contact the teacher and review with Fred.

## **COACHES REPORTS**

**Swimming – Cyle introduced Athena as the new swimming coach. She attended Wadsworth High School and Mt. Union. Thanks to Chuck Duchon for his help. The team hopes to be in the water by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Softball – Currently in winter workouts and leagues. We're looking into re-doing our home dugouts with money the softball team has raised.**

**Girl's Basketball – 26 days until our first practice. Thanks to Buddy for his help.**

**Golf – The girl's finished 12 –2 overall and 10-0 in the River Division. They finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the district. The boy's finished 10-1, 10-0 in the River Division. Brandon Nixon, freshman missed going to state by 1 stroke.**

**Bowling – We're starting open bowling from 3 –5.**

**Field Hockey – Tournaments start Tuesday night. We finished with a 5-5 record.**

**Boy's Volleyball – Open gym is starting. We're very encouraged with the team.**

**Girl's Lacrosse- Currently working with Stow Parks & Rec. on a feeder program for the younger girls. We just finished up a lacrosse clinic for grade 5-8. We'll start lifting in November.**

**Cheerleading – We have our first competition this month.**

**Girls Track – We're starting conditioning.**

**Girl's Volleyball – We're 13-4. We're 1<sup>st</sup> see in districts.**

**Boy's Basketball – We started conditioning and open gym.**

**Wrestling – We had 33 boys show up for conditioning. We'll be in Aurora 1<sup>st</sup> week in December.**

**Girl's Soccer – We finished 11-1-3 and are the 3 seed in the district. Thanks to everyone for attending the games.**

**Boy's Lacrosse – There a winter lacrosse league and forms are available in the athletic office.**

**Boy's Soccer – We have a game this Sat. night. Our annual night at the Races is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

**A big thank you to the Cross Country parents, Aaron and John on the successful Cross Country Invitational.**

**Our winter sports parents meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00. Please plan to attend. There will be a guest speaker from Right Fit Sports.**

**Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Golf teams on being River Division Champs.**

**As part of the 5-year strategic plan, this year's action step is to update the code of conduct. Cyle will be working with a committee to complete this step.**

**Please get out and vote YES for the school levy. This is a very important levy and we need to get everyone out to vote. Mike Weddle reiterated his sentiment to get out and vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS** –

**By-Laws** – Tim Bohannon reviewed the changes proposed at the last meeting. If there are no other changes to the by-laws we will vote at the November meeting. The by-laws are posted on the Booster web-site.

**NFL tickets** – Please turn your tickets and money in at the end of the meeting.

**BCS Building** – Plan to meet with the city next week. We want to get all necessary permits in within this year. WE need more money to finish the project. We also need a sign to post to let community know how this is being funded.

**Superintendent** - Dr. Jones appreciates the Club and members for all you do for the kids and the schools. We have a good board, great school system, great things going on – remember to get out and vote. We appreciate your support and all you do.

**Lower Gym Painting** – Bob Podges mentioned that we're hoping to paint the weekend of Oct 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. Bob has someone who may be able to blast the walls with a dry kill and Sherwin Williams may donate the paint and sealer. We need 53 gallons of paint and 10 gallons of sealer.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

We have discussed the need to become a 501 C 3 trust, which would enable the club to participate in non-profit fundraisers that could raise a substantial amount of money. We would like to have John May, CPA from the Stow Schools Foundation file the paperwork with the IRS in order to become a trust. It will cost \$1,200 to do the filing and complete an initial audit. Neil Stuber motioned and Tom Harrell seconded that the club spend the \$1,200 to complete the process. The motion carried unanimously with the membership.

This will require us to modify the Articles of Incorporation to state that if the Booster Club would go out of business the monies from the 501-C3 will go into another 501-C3. It also needs to be modified to add an Audit Committee.

**Chili Dawg Open** – Ed Ferencez is heading up a committee to bring back the Chili Dawg Open, but to do it at Silver Springs in February. Look for more info to follow.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**Submitted by Kim DiSanto**