

Wadsworth Grizzlies Youth Football Boosters Club “Grooming Grizzlies for Tomorrow”

**Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 29th, 2010**

In Attendance: Rich Egleston, Michelle Miller, Scott Doepker, Jen Lakhia, Rick Mooney, Catina Stecz, Stephanie Might, Ed Hauenstein, Dawn Knotts, Kim Kirven, Mike Callow, Alan Baughman.

President, Rich Egleston, called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed all in attendance.

Administrative Report by Jen Lakhia

After reviewing and approving the March, 2009 minutes. Motion made by Stephanie Might, seconded by Kim Kirven to approve meeting minutes as submitted.

2010 Registration Dates, Location & Times

- **Registration Dates/Times:**
 - May 22nd - 9AM – Noon
 - June 18th – 9AM – Noon
- **Physicals will be Off Site:**
 - inmotion physical therapy
 - fee - 10\$,
 - thurs June 24th 6-8p; sat
Dates/Times: june 26th 10-2
- **Registration Form**
 - Must be out to schools by May 12th
 - Additions to form: delete the “140 lbs or lighter” language; add that players cannot be 13 prior to Nov 1st
- **Reg fees will not be changed** for 2010, late fee of \$10 will be enforced after June 19th deadline., add Rick & Alan’s cell phone numbers to reg form.
- **Marketing of registration:** Jen will handle, will potentially include but not limited to: High school marquis, sacred heart marquis, wctv, high school print shop can do cheap copies – jen will find out carla’s connection for this!

Financial Report by Scott Doepker

- **Current Month Statements Review** – IRS Determinatin Letter – Scott needs to discuss this with Russ Corwin’s office, this was re: a United Way donation that needed addt’l paperwork.
- No changes in checking acct whatsoever!

Directors' Reports

Rick Mooney

Temporary Storage: Rick advises will need another storage unit at 57/76 storage temporarily, will be for \$110 or so a month for 3-4 months. Motion to approve expenditure. Approved by Mike Callow , seconded by Melinda.

Alan Baughman

New Helmet Proposal: Alan has been considering a proposal from Riddell for much needed new helmets. Riddell Attack is the helmet under consideration, and is attractive not only not only for its quality but also the cost effectiveness for our program. It has additional protection against concussions by adding strength in construction on sides.

Directors are asking for \$8-9K to replace 1/2 of the total helmet inventory (we can get them for \$55 vs \$76 retail price). We are looking to negotiate a deal for \$50 per helmet, would include the hard-cup chin strap, etc. However, the savings would be approx \$2500 if we are able to replace the entire inventory over the next 2 seasons.

Furthermore, the OLD helmets could then be used in lieu of trophies – at awards, the teammates would sign eachothers' helmets as keepsakes – this would ALSO save over \$3700 on not purchasing trophies.

Coaches Tshirts , jerseys, girdles pants, etc – ALL of this would be included in the \$20K Alan & Rick are asking us to approve. Alan and Rick will finalize negotiations with Riddell prior to asking the Boosters to approve use of funds.

Equipment Fitting: Principal Roger Havens is giving permission for us to have equipment fitting in the Franklin Elementary Gym, we would just have to pay \$100 for janitorial fees.

Cheer

Kim Kirven, Dawn Knotts, Marsha Bebout:

- Budget is same for 2010
- No new uniforms needed; adding football team moms to the budget
- Picture dates – will be mid August, still shopping for photographer/vendor

Flag

Ed Hauenstein, Mike Swinehart:

- Picture Dates – To be determined
- Changes for 2010:
 - Age requirement – must be 4 by Sept 1st.
 - 8 yr olds can do tackle OR flag!
 - More flexibility: if a child would like to go from tackle down to flag, they can do that!
This may keep kids in the program that may otherwise drop out after 1st year of tackle
- High school football players will be trained on becoming refs or helping in other ways

Executive Report – Rich Egleston

- **By Law Review** – can only be changed in march and april meetings; therefore, this cannot be done till nex year
- **Functional Organizational Charts** – Rich updated the organizational charts, will also add it to the website
- **Media Protocol** – outside communications – our system is that this all would go through Jen Lakhia (secretary), communicated via email, will be managed by just one point of contact.
- **Meeting with the Mayor & Superintendent** – Rich met w/Mayor Laubaugh & Superintendent Fortner– basically during the meeting, they reviewed the plans for the new community rec ctr/high school, which also illustrated the lack of facility / space dedicated to youth football in Wadsworth. They did agree to help us build the field house / concession area we need at Fieldcrest.
- **Field Committee**
 - Progress Update – The building will be a concession stand, press box & small storage facility. Will cost our organization approx \$25K, the city will contribute ½ of total project. We will handle bid process, all control of project will be with the WYFB Boosters. The boosters can enter into an agreement w/the City of Wadsworth not to exceed \$25K. The goal is for the facility to be ready for the 2010- 2011 season. The city will also be helping us obtain additional storage, as this structure will not meet all of our storage needs – the commitment from the city is that this will begin with the next 6 mos.
 - Next Steps & Outlook – we will begin my May 15 to hit an August 1st completion – or June 1st start will give an August 30th competition.
 - Motion to pass by Mike Callow, passed by Rick Mooney.

Fundraising

Michelle Miller, Vice President:

Grants: Michelle is actively pursuing opportunities for available grants.

Web Site Changes – Tom Ozbolt is working with Michele to redesign our website, the goal is to make this more instinctive and easy to use, also makes it so that we can easily manage the content ourselves.

Fundraising Chair Report, Catina Stecz: Although not present, Catina is still at work planning the Night at the Races.

Team Moms, Stephanie Might:

Student Volunteers– Stephanie met with Steve Moore re: getting student volunteers to assist with some of the staffing of the concession stand. The goal is to do a quick orientation, then on game days, have one student & one kid on duty. Other uses for the volunteers would be assistant to the coaches, etc. Stephanie already has a flyer out to the high schools to get the volunteers going.

Sponsorship, Mike Callow:

• 2010 Program & Plans

Changes or Updates – Mike advised the group thatlast year we had 21 sponsors, 9 of which gave cash, 3 of which accounted for 60% of donations. A lot of overlap of services is an issue as well. Mike is suggesting we get more specific with sponsorship programs, such as offering people the chance to have their name/logo on a field banner, name on a brick at the new facility, etc. Mike is building this from the ground up and is open to ideas!

Spirit Wear, Marsha Bebout: Marsha not present, is working on finalizing vendor selection.

Concessions, Cathy Morello: Cathy not present.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Rick Mooney, seconded by Michelle Miller.

Next Meeting:

Thursday May 20th 7-9 Wadsworth Public Library