

Essex Athletic Booster Minutes
May 9, 2006

Present: Tim Gendron, Betsy Weischedel, Laura Darden, Ed Hockenbury, Jill King, Shawn Montague, Valerie McNamara, Jay Austin

1. Basketball clinic for boy's basketball coaches requested helped with the \$665 cost. It occurred last weekend and the coaches found it very helpful.
2. Captains' Leadership Program - Ed brought some pamphlets about this program run by a licensed sports psychologist. It is currently being done in South Burlington and they are very happy with the results. It is 4 1.5 hour sessions per season for all varsity captains. There is a lot of time put in over and above these sessions, the woman checks in with the coaches and take phone calls from the captains if they are having some problems. It would be \$4,500 for the year, payable at \$1,500 each season. It would be a year long commitment.
3. Ed wanted us to know that he has \$8,000 in next year's athletic budget for uniforms. He knows that they will have to replace the boy's basketball home jerseys, the new VPA rule is the home uniform must be white and ours are currently gold. He is also aware that football is going to need to replace some uniforms.
4. Burlington Invitational track meet last weekend – Ed apologized for not letting us know of the time of the second day. It was still a very profitable event grossing over \$3,000.
5. Transportation update – thru fall and winter sports he has spent \$51,500 and has a yearly budget of \$65,000. He is going to try to get the school to pay for a part of the overage.
6. One Campus Project Update – Breaking ground July 8, 2006 to be completed Sept 07. They will start on the tennis courts (between the library and the baseball field), the rink cooling system, the downstairs locker room, and the downstairs of the library. We will not be able to use the front door of the hockey rink for this season. He is contemplating not charging admission for this season (but putting in a donation box) since people will have to park in the Junior lot and there will be no sheltered admission area. The construction firm has offered to build something temporary there.
7. ALC Varsity Night – they will decide on Thursday if they are really going to do this. If they do, it will be June 8. Ed asked if the boosters would be willing to supply the lanyards again as they did last year. We agreed.

8. Women's Rugby – came to the meeting to request to work a track meet to raise some money for their program. It was explained that their uniforms work in a different way from most teams, each position is assigned a specific number and if you change players they currently have to switch jerseys with the person who was just wearing it. They would like to buy more jerseys so that they could have multiples of the same number. They also need some help with transportation costs. We advised that all meets had currently been assigned, but that if they wanted to come to us to request money we could bring it to another meeting and perhaps approve some funding, since we did just approve some money for the boy's rugby.
9. Treasurers Report was submitted by Betsy Weischedel.
10. It was discussed that per by-laws Jill and Maria would need to step down as presidents since they are only allowed to do so for two years. It was discussed that perhaps Laura Darden and Valeria McNamara would be willing to be Co-Presidents.
11. Softball had been offered to run the Hershey Track Meet in the summer to earn the money to pay for the batting cage that they requested and we did not approve. They have declined this offer and we will need to staff this meet ourselves.

VOTES:

- A) Basketball Clinic – Approved \$510 (the same amount approved for the girls coaches)
- B) Captain's Leadership Program – Approved \$4,500 under the notice that this is not a guarantee of funding for any future years and due to the fact that Ed now has some uniform money for next year our expenses should be lower.