

September Booster Minutes
September 11, 2007

Present: Laura Darden, Betsy Hoehl, Ed Hockenbury, Jeanne Barnes, Lori Pinard, Sandy Sherman, Carolyn Krug, Brad Luck, Jay Austin, Valerie McNamara, Tim Gendron

Brad Luck, Interim Dir., EJ Rec & Parks, made a presentation for Boosters Support of Positive Coaching Alliance workshops. He is working with the Town Rec Dept and EHS Athletic Dept to sponsor four workshops Nov. 6 through Nov. 8 for organization leaders, coaches, athletes, and parents. They are requesting at most \$2,550 from us for support of athlete and parent workshops. Ed thought VPA might get involved with monetary support if other schools hold workshops while this group is in Vermont.

Ed's Report:

- Jay Austin reported that Dave Simendinger has offered help with CAD drawings, tools, advice on remodeling the snack bar. He did not have an opportunity to meet with him to discuss further. Friends of Essex Football remodeled the press box this summer and hope to redo the backside of the grandstand next year.
- Jeff Culkin would like to make a presentation to our group on the Unified Union vote so we can help spread the word on this upcoming vote. Presentation was not quite ready. He will be welcomed next month.
- The Essex Cross Country Invitational is Saturday, September 15, 2007. Jeanne and Betsy H. will help Gary on Friday afternoon. Leighton will have people to help set up the tent. Meet runs later this year, but Gary will open snack bar for MMU football game at EHS at 6pm. Varsity field hockey has been asked to staff this event.
- Homecoming is 10/13. Boosters will hand out alumni buttons at the football game again. Home games are at 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, and 7:00. The spirit rally will be around 1:30 on Friday. Cheerleaders will sponsor Mr/Miss Spirit Award again. They would like approval for a contribution from Boosters.
- Will we be asked to support Student Governments fireworks display at the homecoming football game? Will there be one. Much discussion about whether we should support this frivolous spending. Some felt it helps the draw of families to the game.

We had asked girls hockey if they would work the Wrestling Classic. No word yet from Coach Maddalena. We did give them money for uniforms, so they will be expected to work the Classic.

Jeanne will be looking for help with upcoming Booster clothing sales on 10/5, 10/12, 11/2, 11/8, 11/15. New items to include a standard "boxie" t-shirt and possibly a unisex scarf. The merchandise has been consolidated into one closet, three cabinets. She will clean up an additional old cabinet and move it near the other three. Inventory has been done and a tag sale will be held in November during Parent/Teacher conferences to get rid of older items and odds and ends. She will try to stream-line our offerings to make it easier to run and track.

CTE can't do our winter program. Pam Hemingway has offered to have her class lay it out for us. We will find someone to print it.

Ed asked if we could staff a snack bar for a football playoff game. It has been a while since Essex has hosted one. He will ask for one if we can staff it. JV Girls Soccer will be asked to staff since their assigned freshman football game got cancelled. It would be Nov. 9th or 10th. Ed will let us know.

Ed will give a quick tour of the new weight room for anyone interested after the meeting.

Votes:

Yes to contribute \$100 to Essex Student Activities toward stipend for Leo Labonte for extra time spent setting up the weight room.

Yes for up to \$200 to cheerleaders for Mr/Miss Spirit Awards.

Yes for student council fireworks display.

Yes for up to \$2,550 for Positive Coaching Alliance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.