

March Booster Minutes

Attendance: Sandy Sherman, Betsy Weischedel, Betsy Hoehl, Laura Darden, Ed Hockenbury, Dean Corkum, Jeanne Barnes

Ed's Report:

--Cheerleaders request funding for 16 girls to attend New Englands at \$50 each.

--Gymnastics team requests funding for 15 girls who attended New Englands at \$50 each. The girls came in 7th out of 8 and beat Manchester, NH.

--Wrestlers request funding for 2 wrestlers to go to New Englands at \$50 each.

--Only 6 track and field athletes went to New Englands. Ed has a \$150 credit because we gave him a check for 9 athletes.

--Yearbook is doing a spring supplement this year. Their deadline is May 1. Everyone who ordered a yearbook will get one. Coaches have the option to order some for their teams. Boosters will not sponsor a program this spring.

--Betsy was unable to attend the coaches meeting, but a hard copy of the booster talk was distributed along with the spring concession schedule.

--April 9th is Meet the Coaches night. 6:30-7:00 in the auditorium followed by individual team meetings.

Dean Corkum, varsity boys lacrosse coach, came to request funding for new jerseys. VPA has changed the rules on uniforms. There are new restrictions on color combinations and the size of numbers. The team last bought uniforms five years ago. They would like to pass the old uniforms down to the JV team. They are currently wearing the original varsity uniforms that are 20 years old. These uniforms will be passed down to the freshman team. \$1575 would cover one set of jerseys. Athletic budget would pay for the other set and team fund raising would pay for the shorts.

The spring concession schedule is on line. We need to find team parents to attend team meetings on Meet the Coaches night. Ed mentioned another ADL track meet that will probably be added. We will ask varsity softball to cover it. May 2nd 3:30. Boys and girls rugby have back-up status this spring in case of cancellations.

We need to find new officers for next year. Betsy Hoehl would consider being co-president and working with Gary on the concession side. Discussed the direction that boosters should take in the future.

Need for new faces, more involvement. Evaluate the structure. Maintain good positive relationship with the athletic department and coaching staff. Ed brought some thoughts on the subject.

1. Define mission, purpose—Supporting athletic program as a whole without looking at individual team or coaches personally. Should Ed stay through voting process to offer clarification when needed.
2. Keep track of expenditures by team. Betsy W. said she does have this information now.
3. Have a philosophy of what we spend our money on. Just as an example. South Burlington has a large uniform budget so their booster organization does not spend money on uniforms.
4. Status—Do we want to pursue 501(c)(3) status.
5. Other fund raising and budgeting ideas. Should all requests for funds be made at the beginning of the school year and voted on then—approve, deny, delay action.
6. Ed has a lot of vintage hornet gear. We could use it for a sale to raise funds.
7. Do we want to approach Friends of Football about joining forces. We do not feel that their mission conflicts with ours. The only conflict would be competition for volunteers as their numbers appear as small as ours.
8. Come to next meeting with some ideas on:
 - People for Ed to contact about getting involved.
 - Do we want 501(c)(3) status
 - Should we change our meeting frequency
 - Other ideas for fund raisers
 - Things Ed can do better working with boosters

Votes:

--Approved \$1,575 for lacrosse jerseys

--Approved \$50/athlete for cheerleading New Englands

--Approved \$50/athlete for gymnastics New Englands

--Approved \$50/athlete for wrestling New Englands

--After discussion about whether the vote for the Student Leadership Conference should have been revoted, we decided to move on and let the amended decision stand to fund only members of the Athletic Leadership Council.