

Ike Athletic Booster Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM
ECC Room, Eisenhower High School

Officers Present

President – Mike Rutkowski

~~Vice President – Tammy Steele~~

Treasurer - Tammy Schutter

Secretary - Kim Vaughn

Membership Chair - Rose Bertucci

Coaches Present

Additional Parents/Members Present: 8

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Mike Rutkowski.

Vice President, Tammy Steele, is not able to make tonight's meeting.

1) Board Member Updates

~~a) Vice President, Tammy Steele~~

b) Secretary, Kim Vaughn

i) Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Minutes are posted to the Eisenhower Athletics website

(1) Next General Membership Meeting will be held December 6 at 7 PM

(2) Meeting Minutes for this meeting will be up by the weekend

ii) Culver's Fundraisers

(1) Waiting for the total from our last fundraiser

(2) Next Culver's fundraiser is Thursday, November 30 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

c) Membership, Rose Bertucci

i) 140 Active Members

(1) Participation breakdown of teams (note that some winter/spring sport participants have already signed up, as well):

(a) 59% cheer

(b) 14% cross country

(c) 31% football

(d) 6% girls golf

(e) 27% boys soccer

(f) 44% girls swim

(g) 19% boys tennis

(h) 10% girls volleyball

- d) Treasurer, Tammy Schutter
 - i) September Month End (report attached)
 - (1) \$21,289.75 deposits, \$11,315.74 deductions, \$45,967.05 ending checking account balance, total balance of all accounts \$73,392.97
 - ii) October Month End (report attached)
 - (1) \$14,399.75 deposits, \$7,750.22 deductions, \$52,616.58 ending checking account balance, total balance of all accounts \$80,042.67 (2 checks still need to clear: boys lax bags, girls swim sound system)
 - iii) Concessions Details
 - (1) JV Football
 - (a) \$4,354.57 Net, \$1,153.00 Expenses (pizza only), \$1,300.00 Square sales
 - (2) Soccer - TBD
 - (3) Football (through regular season)
 - (a) \$21,160.47 Net, \$4304.50 Expenses (pizza, hot dogs, buns), \$3,537.00 Square sales
 - iv) Concessions Information
 - (1) Money saved through multiple trips to Sam's Club & Gordon Food Service, goal was to sell out and not overbuy
 - (2) Product loss during summer practices (happened twice) led to having the locks changed and restricted keys
 - (3) Leftover pizza, cheese bread, popcorn = \$865.00 loss
 - (a) Poor weather (rain) contributed
 - (b) District policy of not admitting middle school students without an adult also contributed
 - v) Question from the floor:
 - (1) How did concessions do in year to year comparison?
 - (a) It wasn't recorded in the same way that we do now (breaking down by sport/team), so we don't have a clear picture. We started breaking down by sport last year – Basketball was the first season we did this. We will be able to compare year to year by sport starting this basketball season.
- e) President, Mike Rutkowski
 - i) See below.
- 2) Fall Sports Review
 - a) Our Fall Sports teams had great seasons – some accomplishments to note:
 - i) Boys Soccer – MAC Red Champions
 - ii) Boys Football – MAC Red Champions
 - iii) Girls Volleyball – playing for Regionals
 - iv) Cross Country – 4 to states
 - v) Swim – 2 to states
- 3) Winter Sports Season Preview
 - a) Hockey and Bowling have started, other winter sports team tryouts happening next week
 - b) Winter Sports Meeting November 27 at 6:30 PM (PAC)

- i) Mandatory for all teams – will have representatives in team meetings to share about the booster club. (We did this at fall sports meeting, too – the more we can get in front of the teams, the better.)
 - ii) Taking a different approach to promoting the booster club in the meeting – switching up the slide and sharing what we are doing for the teams.
- 4) Board Openings
 - a) Mike is the only board member that does not have a senior. Mike plans to stay on, but we need candidates for the other open positions. We want to have people in place during this school year, so they can get familiar with the role and be ready to go for next school year. We are hopeful for some Freshman/Sophomore parents who can stay.
 - i) Membership Chair Position – VOTING AT THE NEXT MEETING (12/6)
 - (1) Jessica Aniel is interested in the Membership Chair position for next year. If anyone else is interested, please reach out to Mike. We will be voting at the next meeting (12/6).
 - ii) Other positions to fill: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Concessions
- 5) Swinehart Updates
 - a) Swinehart (Utica/Ike) and Runkel Field (Stevenson/Ford) have complete renovation projects scheduled – the timing will depend on when bond funds come through. The work will take about a year and likely impact both spring & fall sports.
 - b) It's possible this will start before the spring season. Talks are underway to use a neighboring districts field for our home games (Ike is talking to Romeo and Stoney Creek).
 - i) Once that is determined, conversations can happen about how concessions might look / see if there are options that are agreeable between Ike Boosters and the other school.
 - ii) Loss of concessions during football season is huge – they are a lifeline to the booster club's funding (\$21k this year from Varsity football alone). Goals would be to have concessions available, especially for football season.
 - iii) Unknown factors:
 - (1) How concessions would work – the plan / specific agreement with another school.
 - (2) Will we see the same attendance being at another location.
- 6) New Concessions at Ike (added)
 - a) Located in the back hallway behind the gym – it looks exactly like Ford's concessions.
 - b) Mike has reached out to Mr. Manzella to see when we expect to have access to concessions, as he has heard different timelines.
 - i) Disappointed that we weren't able to help volleyball this year due to the renovation, but we are hoping we can resume operation for the full winter season.
 - c) There aren't very many winter home games scheduled (estimating 7 boys basketball, 9 girls basketball, 1 wrestling, 1 cheer).
 - d) Will assign teams to concessions once we know what we are covering.

- e) New equipment will likely be needed – we left things here as instructed, but ruined by drywall dust (and some things were ready for an upgrade). Possibly needing hot dog roller, popcorn machine, shelving, etc. Waiting to get in there to see what we can do.
 - i) Mike to reach out to Dereck Raymond for possible shelving donation.
- 7) Potential Bank Opportunity for Teams (added)
 - a) Currently teams must go through the district to get (fundraiser) money from their own account. It can be a process and take a lot of time, we've heard teams have been turned down, and sometimes deal with red tape (ex: district will not reimburse tax, district won't pay a partial invoice – so sometimes requires additional quotes or work to get invoices accepted/paid)
 - b) Utica Boosters holds team accounts as sub accounts under their 501(c)(3) and it has worked out well.
 - c) Ike Boosters is looking to do the same and offer sub accounts to our teams. PNC looks like the best option – any team that wants it could have a sub account. (Minimum per account is \$500, but that could be waived if our main account is kept at a certain balance.)
 - i) This would allow teams to access their money faster (coaches would request). We would still need processes in place, but have a faster turn around than what is currently happening.
 - ii) Current funds can not be moved from district to these new accounts (basically spend down what is held at district and add any new deposits to this account).
 - iii) Teams with their own 501(c)(3) will not need this (football, cheer, hockey, dance, lacrosse), but it will help the others. 2 teams have already expressed interest – Mike will be emailing varsity coaches to offer this option to them.
 - iv) Since our booster club is a 501(c)(3), these teams would be under our umbrella. This is completely legal. This will be a little more for our treasurer to manage, but will allow teams to have access to the money they raised for the things they need, and help the boosters build stronger relationships with our coaches and team parents.
- 8) Round Table Discussion
 - a) We are in a better position that we were 16 months ago, and have not turned down any coaches requests within this time. There are certain things we are not allowed to purchase or contribute toward (ex: jerseys, safety items...like helmets). This year, we have helped with team awards (girls golf, cross country), and coaches requests (new bags for boys lax, coats for the soccer team, sound system for girls swim). We've also been able to have some requests paid for by the district.
 - b) In light of the Swinehart renovation, we will be holding off on making a decision for the new retractable netting request from boys & girls soccer, boys & girls lax – we need to wait and see what is needed when the Swinehart renovation is complete. (It doesn't make sense to invest that large sum with the renovation pending and uncertainty of what features this new stadium will have.)
 - c) Grateful to see relationships building with teams (especially ones that we didn't have relationships with before – girls golf, soccer, cross country). We are starting to see momentum and want that to continue.
 - d) Where did we end up last May?

- i) Overall total was \$71k (\$8,400. in charitable gaming, \$18,900. in savings, \$42,700. in checking)
 - (1) During the summer, \$8k in senior scholarships went out, and \$800-900 in pay to play came out.
 - (2) We saved money on start up costs this year by having Utica stock the small cooler.
- ii) Charitable gaming funds must go to coaches requests / for athletes.
 - (1) Will likely draw this account down to \$500.
- e) Fundraisers outside of concessions
 - i) Poker Nights used to be a fundraiser – however, there were a lot of rules and liability involved. It's not something we really want to get back into.
- f) Heading into next year, how might we adapt to loss of football concessions...will we limit requests?
 - i) We are here to help and want to approve all the requests we can (we do evaluate them now and see if it's something the district will help with, or that Utica will go in with). With that said, if we don't get the money coming in from football concessions that we're used to seeing, we will have to think through the large requests – it wouldn't be right to approve a large request for one team and not have funds for the other team requests that come in.
- g) Does team participation in concessions / boosters membership affect decisions for requests?
 - i) Yes. It is something that is tracked and reviewed.
 - ii) Increase in booster memberships also helps us provide for our athletic teams – we would like see 50% membership per team.
- h) Have we had transportation requests?
 - i) It has happened once, but we don't want to get into that.
 - ii) Varsity sports get bussing, club sports do not.
 - iii) Coaches set up bussing.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES:

- December 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

To add any items to the agenda, please email Mike at ikeathleticboosterspresident@gmail.com.

Be sure to follow our socials/remind, and visit our website at <https://eisenhowerathletics.org/main/boosters>.

Utica Eisenhower Athletic Booster Club
2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year (June '23 - May '24)

September 2023 month-ending Report

Bank Account Summary

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Additions	Checks / Deductions	Ending Balance
Club Checking	\$35,993.04	\$21,289.75	(\$11,315.74)	\$45,967.05
Club Savings	\$18,932.58	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$18,932.73
Charitable Gaming Checking (not available for general funding purposes)	\$8,493.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,493.19
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES				\$73,392.97

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October 2023 month-ending Report

Bank Account Summary

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Additions	Checks / Deductions	Ending Balance
Club Checking	\$45,967.05	\$14,399.75	(\$7,750.22)	\$52,616.58
Club Savings	\$18,932.73	\$0.17	\$0.00	\$18,932.90
Charitable Gaming Checking (not available for general funding purposes)	\$8,493.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,493.19
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES				\$80,042.67