

Ike Athletic Booster Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 6, 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: 10

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President, Mike Rutkowski.

Vice President, Tammy Steele, and Membership Chair, Rose Bertucci, are not able to make tonight's meeting.

- 1) Board Member Updates
 - a) Membership – information supplied by Mike Rutkowski
 - i) 151 Active Members, ended last year with around 160-170
 - ii) Noted that we still aren't back to our pre-Covid numbers
 - b) Vice President – information supplied by Mike Rutkowski
 - i) Mike shared the open board positions. Vice President role is primarily to help find new ways to bring in revenue. Tammy Steele has talked to Ford Field about opportunities (definitely a good option, especially considering how well the Lions are doing). We are looking for someone who can continue looking into that and other options to grow our revenue. (Avoiding Poker Nights – rules and liability are beyond what we want to get into.)
 - c) Secretary, Kim Vaughn
 - i) Be sure to scan the QR code to sign in tonight
 - ii) Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Minutes are posted to the Eisenhower Athletics website
 - (1) Meeting Minutes for this meeting will be up by this weekend
 - iii) Culver's Fundraisers – on our Culver's nights, we get 5% back. No flyer needed, no need to mention anything – dine in and drive thru. It's an easy way for our community to support us.
 - (1) October Fundraiser \$185
 - (2) Waiting on total for November Fundraiser

- (3) Next Culver's fundraiser will be scheduled for January – keep an eye on Eisenhower Athletics Facebook Page for Culver's dates! Even if you can't attend, it helps if you share it.
 - (4) Thank you to our NHS and Key Club volunteers...they've been great to meet and serve with!
- iv) Eisenhower Athletics Facebook Page
- (1) Follow us!
 - (2) Blankets make great Christmas Gifts!
 - (3) Winter Sports Season Schedules shared (this is based on schedules on EisenhowerAthletics.org page at the time) – feel free to comment on a post if there are updates/changes.
 - (4) Boys Varsity Basketball
 - (a) If you like the posts you're seeing, this is something that your team can do! Gipper is available to all teams, lots of options for graphics and professional looking social media posts.
- d) Treasurer, Tammy Schutter
- i) November Month End (report below)
 - (1) \$59,489.51 ending checking account balance, no change to savings and charitable gaming account balances (\$18,933.05 savings and \$8493.19 charitable gaming account), total balance of all accounts \$86,915.75 (\$1100.00 check needs to clear)
 - (2) Books/statements/balance sheets are available for anyone to review – a lot of time has been spent getting things better organized, let her know if you ever want to look through this or have a question.
 - (3) Adding YTD information to report
 - (4) Dec-March are lean months with money coming in (typically around \$5-7K, winter sports don't bring in what fall sports do). Girls Soccer usually does well and is a big help in the spring season.
 - (5) Scholarships come out in Spring
 - (a) Pay to Play – 6 scholarships for students heading into sophomore/junior/senior year (2 per grade level)
 - (b) Senior Scholarships (announced at Senior Honors Night) – 8 scholarships \$500/ea (4 boys / 4 girls)
 - (c) Be sure to read rules and apply
 - (6) Membership revenue includes blankets and square fees, so not a true picture
- e) President, Mike Rutkowski
- i) See below.
- 2) New Board Member Vote
- a) Noted that we need 4-5 people to fill positions that are open/will be open at the end of this school year (Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, Volunteer Chair)
 - b) Introduction of Jessica Aniel (parent of two graduates and a current student at Ike, all who have been involved in various sports) for the Membership Chair position (starting in the 2024/2025 season).

- i) Mike shared that the Membership Chair maintains membership records and information. This person reaches out to new members to get their contact info, child's info, and sports they're involved in. When teams come with requests, we do see if they've fulfilled their team volunteer obligations and look to see if they have members in the athletic boosters.
 - ii) Vote (zero opposed, all approve) – welcome to the future Membership Chair, Jessica Aniel!
- 3) Set Schedule for the Remainder of the Year
 - a) General Membership
 - i) February 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 - ii) April 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 - iii) May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 - b) Board Only Meetings
 - i) 2 other meetings, TBA
- 4) Banking Update
 - a) As mentioned in our last meeting, we are planning to open sub accounts for our athletic teams. We will use booster funds to keep the \$500 minimum balance (to avoid fees), and anything beyond that is the team's money. This has been cleared by the Athletic Director and by our accountant. Mike has reached out to all varsity teams (not club, as they won't need this) – several have already confirmed interest.
 - b) Looking into PNC (our current bank) and Independent (new option), weighing the options to see what will work best.
 - i) Independent seems to have a higher cash deposit allowance (without additional fees) and a lower minimum balance requirement.
 - ii) PNC is the bank our account has been with for years.
- 5) Coaches Requests
 - a) HUDL contribution approved
 - b) Dave Weinert (Boys Lacrosse President) submitted a request for (2) 10x20 pop up canopy tent for boys lacrosse / multi-sport benefit (boys & girls lacrosse – varsity and JV, boys & girls soccer – varsity & JV, other Ike teams at Swinehart). One for the scoring table and one for the home team. Spring weather is all over the board, this will help give our home team and officials a place to shelter from the elements – snow, rain, hot sun.
 - (1) Questions / other information:
 - (a) Originally thinking a blue and white – advised to go with just blue (white shows dirt easily, and can look worse when stored wet)
 - (b) Will it obstruct view? No, spring sports have both team benches on visitor side, all spectators in the grand stand.
 - (c) Storage? Shed at Swinehart.
 - (d) Canopy is plain, has sidewalls and sandbags.
 - (2) Great idea. This is something teams need to leave at Swinehart (not take on away games) – all teams need to know this and have this understanding. We will need to bring to Ike when Swinehart demolition begins.
 - (3) Board will vote on this.

6) Round Table Discussion

- a) Question from the floor about Swinehart/Concessions for fall
 - i) Mike responded that the bond is expected to come through in May (spring sports may be okay with their season), but likely construction will start early in summer. We don't know how concessions will look – it depends on the school we play at and what they offer. Fall sports is our big money maker, we need that. But we aren't going to be carting inventory back and forth.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES:

- February 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- April 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Have a Merry Christmas and wonderful holiday season!

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)

November 2023 month-ending Report

Bank Account Summary

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Additions	Checks / Deductions	Ending Balance
Club Checking	\$52,616.58	\$15,097.27	(\$8,224.34)	\$59,489.51
Club Savings	\$18,932.90	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$18,933.05
Charitable Gaming Checking (not available for general funding purposes)	\$8,493.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,493.19
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES				\$86,915.75

Club Checking YTD	Beginning Balance	Deposits/Additions	Checks/Deductions	Ending Balance
June	\$42,729.07	\$15,234.36	(\$14,307.29)	\$43,656.14
July	\$43,656.14	\$804.18	(\$8,633.20)	\$35,827.12
August	\$35,827.12	\$6,921.10	(\$6,755.18)	\$35,993.04
September	\$35,993.04	\$21,289.75	(\$11,315.74)	\$45,967.05
October	\$45,967.05	\$14,399.75	(\$7,750.22)	\$52,616.58
November	\$52,616.58	\$15,097.27	(\$8,224.34)	\$59,489.51
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				

Minimum Account Total Balance must stay above
\$30,000