

Cougar Athletic Boosters
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Kettle Run High School
Wednesday December 10, 2009

- I. **Meeting called to order** at 6:52 p.m. Joe Ryan presiding, and Chris Dorsey, recording. Motion was made by Carol and seconded to approve the agenda. *Motion approved.*

- II. **Members in Attendance:** Carol Begley, Maggie Clare, Kerry Cornwell, Chris Dorsey, Doug Farmer, Dave Leonard, Tammy McGilvery, Anna Monroe, John Rathbone, Liz Rodemsky, Joe Ryan

- III. **Guest Speaker:** Dick Whiting from the Catlett, Calverton, & Casanova (CCC) - Ruritan Club spoke. The CCC-Ruritans conduct annual fundraisers such as golf tournaments, auctions, and breakfasts in order to be able to spend approximately \$20,000 each year on community support. For example, they provide holiday baskets to needy Fauquier Co. families with school-age children and present scholarships at both Fauquier HS and Liberty HS. They have budgeted \$5000 for their scholarship program.

Beginning this year and ongoing annually, the CCC-Ruritans would like to partner with the Cougar Athletic Boosters at KRHS to provide scholarships. Mr. Whiting's proposal presented on behalf of the CCC-Ruritans is to give the Boosters \$1500 that we would then match with our funds to provide three \$1000 scholarships. The CCC-Ruritans would permit the Boosters to set the scholarship criteria and select the recipients. The CCC-Ruritans name must be attached to the scholarship in some way. Recipients with their family members would be invited and honored at a CCC-Ruritan dinner in Catlett.

Mr. Whiting said that the CCC-Ruritans often give their own scholarships, without partnering with another group and generally use the following types of criteria for selection (including but not limited to): GPA, SAT scores, school attendance, salaries of parents, and commitment to attending local or community college. They have chosen to partner to stretch their budgeted dollars, be able to provide at all three county high schools, and increase the number of scholarships from what they could present without the matching funds.

The Boosters will discuss whether to accept the kind proposal of the CCC-Ruritans and if so how to set the scholarship criteria and conduct the selection process. The Boosters have Mr. Whiting's contact information and will be in touch with him soon.

Brief follow-up included discussion of perhaps matching the funds but providing two \$1500 instead of three \$1000 scholarships. The applicants for the partnered CCC-Ruritan / CAB scholarship would be required to write an essay and take part in a merit selection process which is not required for the

four \$1000 lottery-selection scholarships being offered by the Boosters this year.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Doug and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting. *Motion carried.*
- V. **Secretary's Report:** No report.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** No report.
- VII. **Athletic Director Report:** No report.
- VIII. **President's Report:** Joe reported that he had told Teresa Hopkins that we had not voted to provide sweatshirts to the Auburn Middle School (AMS) PTO at cost. It was understood that the request had been denied. In fact we had tabled the vote last month awaiting a written request form providing more information. A motion was made by Joe and seconded that when the form is submitted the Boosters provide 10 sweatshirts at cost to the AMS PTO for needy student's Christmas baskets. *Motion approved.* Joe noted that when doing bookkeeping we should mark the profit lost to the Boosters as a donation.

Note: Later in the meeting, between Committee Reports, Liz Rodemsky on behalf of the Auburn Middle School PTO asked to speak in order to discuss and clear up rumors that were circulating about the Auburn Middle School PTO and the Cougar Athletic Boosters. The AMS PTO heard that allegedly the Boosters had denied the AMS request last month for sweatshirts at cost because there were rumored reports that last year the sweatshirts provided at cost by the Boosters for the same cause had been given away or sold to AMS staff. Liz assured the Boosters that this was not the case. She had helped wrap the apparel and include it in baskets for needy students. The Boosters assured Liz that we had already voted tonight to approve the request again this year and had no part in believing or perpetuating rumors.
- IX. **Vice President's Report:** No report.
- X. **Committee Reports:**
 - Concessions:** Anna reported that she had requested and Paul had agreed that a walkie talkie would be left in the concession stand on game nights so that the concession stand could communicate with Paul if they needed money or had any troubles.

This week Anna will move the cases of sodas inside from the outside concession stand storage area.

Fundraising: Carol reported that she sold another (\$1000) sign to a law firm. Their contract will run from January to December. They purchased a stadium sign, baseball sign, and became a sponsor on the KR sports website.

Lucia Coffey has agreed to help with the March dance. Lucia has already contacted the Inn at Vint Hill to set up a meeting in early January to select the menu. We need to start selling tickets by the end of January. Lucia, Tammy, Chris, and Carol will have a Dance Committee Meeting to plan the details and get us ready to sell tickets.

Membership: No report.

Spirit Shop: Tammy reported that she has provided \$90 worth of merchandise to Debbie Childress for the Staff Holiday Party.

All merchandise has been moved to the inside 'Cougar's Den.' We only sold \$225 at the 1st basketball game but Tammy will continue to open the shop regularly at home games. She will check with Paul about a winter pep rally and will plan to set up at lunch that week.

Volunteer Coordinator: Kerry reported that she needs lots of concession volunteers for the all day wrestling tournament on Saturday.

- XI. Old Business:** *Winter Programs.* A student designed the new cover; Karen Frye and her graphic imaging students did the design and layout. 500 copies were ordered and should be ready by next week.

Event entrance cards to disadvantaged students. John and Paul still plan to approach Principal Warner about the Boosters providing entrance (not membership) cards to disadvantaged KRHS students so that they can attend athletic events for free.

- XII. New Business:** *Car Show.* May 22, 2010 has been set as a tentative date for the Cougar Classic Car Show. Date needs final approval from Paul and Major Warner.

- XIII. Other Business:** None.

- XIV. Announcements:** The next meeting will be held at KRHS on Thursday January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

- XV. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Carol and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned.