

Nauset Warriors Booster Club Meeting
November 4, 2013
Minutes

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In Attendance: Michael Mahoney, Kevin Lowey, Ken Fowler, Michele Treese, Paul Bohannon, Keith Kenyon, Kate Malloy, Joan Roberts, Cathy Chamberlain, Ken Taber, Heather Hill, Frank DeStefano, Debbie Harry, Lynn Larkowski, Sue Moynihan. Prospective board member: Vickie Burke Majewski.

President Kevin Lowey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Acceptance of Minutes: Heather Hill moved to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2013 meeting. Frank DeStefano seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In Julie Drake's absence, Kevin reported on finances. The summary report for the fiscal year to date shows inflows of \$72,732, outflows of \$29,574, and net revenue of \$43,158. Debbie Harry moved to accept the treasurer's report. Ken Taber seconded, and the motion passed.

By-Law Changes: Ken Taber moved to add scrimmages to the tournaments and leagues sentence in Article XII, item 2. Ken Fowler seconded, and the motion passed. Following discussion later in the meeting, Ken Taber moved to add to this same article a provision for the NWBC to consider providing up to \$200 per coach per year for clinics and professional development, with appropriate documentation. Ken Fowler seconded, and the motion passed.

Meeting "Agreements": At an executive committee meeting Kevin, Ken T., Julie, and Sue discussed ways to improve the effectiveness of board meetings. A list of agreements was drawn up and Kevin shared them with the board. There was consensus from the group that the agreements are reasonable. Joan asked that the agreements be placed on future meeting agendas as reminders.

Nauset Card Committee Report: In Mike Gomez' absence, a Nauset Card report was shared. The program has been very successful so far this year, with revenues approaching our 2012 total, even prior to the completion of team selling.

Concessions Committee Report: Joan distributed a report on concession finances, showing a net of \$7,239 for this fall. The committee has been busy with playoff games, the Bluefins game, and the Columbus weekend soccer tournament. It continues to be difficult to find volunteers to work at the shack. The committee's focus is shifting to basketball following the final playoff games and a late November JV game. The committee is exploring a free on-line volunteer sign-up program, Jooners.

Seasonal Sports Programs Committee Report: Debbie Harry reported that she and Mike G had a very productive meeting at Cape Tech. Cape Tech will provide the layout and Curley Direct will provide the printing of the fall program, which the executive committee decided we needed to get out by awards night. All ads will run, including family ads, but their money will be refunded with apologies for the delay. Many thanks to Mike and Debbie for making this happen! There was discussion on the deadline for winter. It would be good to have winter programs available on 12/13. The printer needs 7 days, so ad, roster, schedule, and photo deadlines will be appropriately backed up to meet the print deadline.

Winter Orientation: The date is set for 11/25 for all winter athletes and parents to attend orientation. Keith Kenyon asked if we wanted to sponsor a speaker, and there was agreement. Kevin circulated a list of teams for boosters to sign up to present our short orientation during the break-out sessions. Kevin will confirm our talking points.

Unfunded Teams: Last year we funded 1/3 of the unfunded teams' costs, for a total of \$13,500. Keith believes the budgets for these teams will be similar in 2014. We discussed the importance of having the per family cost come down this year, as this did not happen with all teams last year, perhaps because we approved the funding further into the winter season, after family payments had been made. This provision will be made clear to coaches this year. There was agreement to approve this level of funding again in 2014, but we need to see the budgets. Ken Fowler moved to fund 35% of the approved budgets for the five unfunded teams. Lynn Larkowski seconded, and the motion passed.

Artificial Turf Update: Keith met with all of the affected coaches. They are compiling lists of potential \$1,000 donors. Michele, Paul, Ken T, and Stephanie are participating in this project. A business plan and fundraising strategy will be developed and shared with the board.

Other Business—Baseball Team Request: Varsity Coach Lou Elia submitted a lengthy list of needs, including a JV dugout to remedy a safety concern, scoreboard, field maintenance, and pre-season umpires. A long discussion ensued, including a description by Ken T. of the baseball foundation's improvements by volunteers over the years; the personal equipment costs to the athletes for this sport; ongoing field maintenance needs; the degree to which the school's maintenance department is responsible for some of these maintenance items; issues involved with contracting for this type of work; and whether there are line items for some of this work in the district budget. Board members expressed concern about the dugout safety issue. Because Keith needs to discuss the requests, especially site work with the principal, we did not approve the requests. However, we did approve \$300 in reimbursement for a coach's attendance at a baseball convention in January 2013. Keith will report back after his discussion with the principal.

Funded Teams: Keith shared some basics on how team funding works. There is one line item in the district budget for coaches, transportation, officials, basic equipment, and the purchase of uniforms on a rotating basis. A certain number of coaches are paid. They are part of the teachers' union. Currently, Nauset's pay is lower than other ACL coaches. Coaches of unfunded teams are also paid, however teams with multiple coaches, such as football, do not pay these additional coaches with district funds. Teams may fundraise for this, or find some other way to compensate. Similarly, teams find other funds for pre-season scrimmages and transportation.

Hall of Fame: Keith reported that the committee has had several meetings. Criteria have been established, and 24 people from the past have already been identified for recognition. NWBC is the governing body for the Hall of Fame, but our role is expected to be minimal. There will be an induction

on May 31, 2014 at the high school. Keith requested approximately \$2,000 per year from NWBC to support the program, and there was agreement.

New Board Member: Sue Moynihan moved to nominate Vickie Burke Majewski to the board. Ken T. seconded, and the motion passed. Welcome Vickie!

The next meeting will be held on December 2 at 6:00 PM at the high school library.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Sue Moynihan, Clerk