

**Hilliard Darby Athletic Boosters
June Meeting Minutes
6/18/07**

Meeting Site: Otie's Restaurant & Pub, Hilliard, Ohio

Call to Order: 7:05 pm by Dawn Blankenship

Trustees, Officers, and others in attendance: Dawn Blankenship (Pres.), Patti Hueter (VP), Carl Scheiderer (Treas., CHR), Traci Haynes (Sec., SB), Chip Ebert (AD), Chuck Clark, Carol Lentz (BSC), Suzy Lowery (BSC), Candace Ramsey (GK), Denise Greene (GTN), Craig Greene (GTN), Sue Crawford (BK), Kristie Gamble (GYM), David Gardner (SW), Tom Chumita (BA), Molly Logan (BLX), Susan Lanka (GLX), Lori Dhiraprasiddhi (GTK)

Officers and members were introduced

Secretary's Report: minutes from May's meeting were presented and approved. (Motion to approve-Denise Greene, 2nd- Susan Lanka, passed.)

Treasurer's Report: Carl reported that all known bills for the 2006-2007 school year have now been paid and that there is currently \$23,000 in the checking account

- There were 5,450 bags of mulch sold and delivered this year. Carl was not sure how that figure compared to last year's sales.
- Still need to know how to allocate mulch sale funds to participating teams. Chuck Clark indicated that he would get the figures from Sherry Long.

Treasurer's written report was presented and approved. (Motion to approve-Lori D., 2nd- Sue Crawford, passed.)

Athletic Director's Report: Chip reported that the baseball team won the District Championships for the first time in school history and that the track teams had numerous State qualifiers

- Athletes will be selling the coupon books again this year. Chip says they are even better than last year and that there is so much competition among vendors to be included that he has actually had to turn some of the lesser offers away

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee- Patti Hueter shared the initial draft of an informational brochure that the committee is creating to increase awareness and encourage participation in the Athletic Boosters and asked members to look over the brochure for further discussion later in the meeting

- Patti discussed the items that the committee has decided to provide along with memberships this year, which included new member decals, t-shirts, and knitted blankets for lifetime members

Concessions Committee- Chuck Clark reported that we have a coffee maker and a popcorn machine at Heritage Middle School that need to be returned to Darby. We also need to bring over the leftover pop, nachos, and condiments from Heritage.

Fundraising Committee- no report

Awards/Scholarships Committee- Chuck Clark has drafted a letter to the Hilliard paper to recognize the achievements of Darby athletes this year

- There are still some plaques coming in for Spring sports

Finance Committee- no report

Spirit Wear Committee- Traci Haynes and Dawn Blankenship reported that the committee is currently reviewing new items to order for the upcoming school year. We want to have all items ordered and received by Darby Days in August, as these are typically our best times for sales. We need to take inventory of last year's surplus before ordering for this year.

Old Business:

Golf Outing- Chuck Clark reported that Russ Edgington presented sponsorship forms to all coaches in attendance at a recent meeting, but that there were only about 10 coaches there

- Teams will earn half the sponsorship amount for any corporate sponsorships they sell
- Be sure to write the sport on form for any sponsorship sold
- Some prizes have already been donated (lessons, free rounds), but still looking for prize donations
- Chuck Clark will send out pdf of application forms to all trustees to give to parents
- All communications between now and 7/18 about golf outing should be directed to Chuck Clark at email address on form
- Don't have addresses for all of last year's participants, but Chuck suggested we should try to contact all of last year's golfers. If you know of any golfers from last year, please let Chuck know.
- Mail completed forms to PO Box listed on the form- DO NOT send forms to the Athletic Office at school
- All foursomes must be paid in full when participation form is submitted

New Trustees and sports without a trustee-

- Dawn Blankenship proposed new policy to allow all sports to have two designated trustees (though each team will still retain one vote), in order to better ensure team representation at meetings
- Traci Haynes will send an email out to all coaches to inform them of the new policy and to ask for designee names and email addresses for notification of next meeting
- Motion to remove the Hilliard Heritage Middle School trustee from the Standing Rules of the Association since there has been no known participation from HHMS. They were originally granted a trusteeship due to a joint concessions venture that no longer exists. There was also never any provision for a trustee from Hilliard Memorial Middle School, which also sends students to Darby.
- Motion to remove HHMS Trustee from Standing Rules of Association was passed. (Motion to approve-Lori D., 2nd-Dave Gardner, passed)

New Business:

Membership-Discussion of draft of membership brochure.

- Motion to accept membership levels as written in draft of brochure as:
Blue (\$15 annual fee, includes membership and member decal)

Black (\$30 annual fee, includes member decal and member t-shirt)

Panther (\$125 lifetime fee, includes lifetime membership, member decal, member t-shirt, and exclusive lifetime member knitted blanket)

Motion approved to accept membership levels. (Motion to approve-Chip Ebert, 2nd-Tom Chumita, passed)

- Numerous suggestions were made for changes in wording/emphasis/formatting of the new brochure
- Carl Scheiderer invited all those interested in helping 'refine' the brochure to stay after the meeting for further discussion
- Suzy Lowery agreed to work with the committee to create the final brochure

Concessions- Patti Hueter proposed an incentive plan for encouraging team participation in concessions:

- Teams will be awarded \$50 for each concession shift that they staff
- "Shifts" would be based on time commitment, with approx. 2 hr duration/shift
- Teams would need to fully staff concessions during event AND remain open throughout event
- Motion to accept the incentive amount was made by Lori D. and seconded by Carl Scheiderer, but the motion was tabled until the July meeting to allow for further discussion of how events will be broken into shifts, how teams will be assigned events, and how team accounts will be handled.

Meeting Attendance-An incentive policy was proposed to encourage greater active participation in the boosters

- Teams will be credited \$25 for each monthly HDAB meeting attended by either a team trustee or coach. Attendance will be recorded at each meeting and accumulated funds will be reported each month in the Treasurer's written report. Requests for disbursement of funds can be made in writing to the HDAB and must be accompanied by a coach's signature.
- Motion to approve the policy was passed and it was determined that we would begin it with the August 2007 meeting. (Motion to approve-Lori D., 2nd- Candace Ramsey, passed)

Trustee Shirts-we would like to order embroidered polo shirts (approx. \$20 ea.) for all HDAB Trustees and Officers in order to thank them for their participation and to make our organization more visible. We'll have sample sizes at the July meeting and request that all trustees pay current membership fees before ordering. Motion to approve the purchase of t-shirts passed. (Motion to approve-Lori D., 2nd-Molly Logan, passed)

Committee to look into away game bus trips- We'd like to form a committee to look into the possibility of chartering buses to transport students/fans to the football games in Toledo and Cincinnati.

- We're thinking of busses as more of a community service and athletic support endeavor than a fundraiser. However, we would like to be able to charge enough to break even.
- Chip said that we can get school busses, but that we can't charge students to ride them.
- Chip suggested offering some sort of a game ticket/ bus ticket/ box meal deal.
- Tom Chumita suggested that we might consider working together with the Gridiron Club. Chip will check with Terry Reed.

Additional New Business-

Wendy's game ball raffle

- Chip said that Wendy's will sponsor a game ball give-away raffle at each of the home football games and that he'd like either the Boosters or individual teams to do it.
- Dawn Blankenship expressed concerns with covering both the 50/50 raffle and an additional one. Maybe we could combine them.
- Further discussion was tabled until the July meeting.

Carabba's Dinner

- Carabba's has graciously agreed to offer dinners for the Darby/Davidson basketball games again this year.

Darby/Davidson football game

- Chip announced that the Darby/Davidson football game MAY be played at Crew Stadium, but the proposal hasn't been presented to the school board yet
- Chip is concerned about how we will accommodate the expected crowd, without installing additional fencing

Motion to adjourn: 9:00 pm (Motion to approve-Denise Greene, 2nd-David Gardner, passed)