

**Minutes of the March 11, 2014
CHS Athletic Booster Club Meeting**

Members in Attendance:

Paul Anello	Mary Huettenmoser
Robert Barnett	Todd Huffman
Sue Barry	Mark Kellstrom
Sue Beattie	Jane Maltby
Ellen Blazoski	Dan Marino
Martha Bowles	Cathy McAuliffe
Bill Brown	Bernadette Mitchell
Jennifer Cosgrove	Alan Routh
Joe Diaz-Saavedra	Celeste Stinson
Michelle Ford	Jennifer Terry
Nora Graham	Jeanne Washuta
Patty Hart	April Wingate
Christy Hartigan	

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Minutes were read and approved.

Secretary's Report: Cathy McAuliffe read thank you notes from the boys wrestling team, and the District on behalf of the baseball team.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Anello reported on behalf of Tony Proto that we paid \$1250 for baseball equipment and \$2416 for buses to the Hockey games. We took in an additional \$600 in Annual Solicitations for a total of \$37,400 to date. This is \$10,000 ahead of last year at this time. Concessions took in an additional \$900 netting a \$483 profit.

Copies of the entire Treasurers' Report were provided for review.

Head Liaison's Report: Mary Huettenmoser reported the following;

Winter Team Liaisons Liaisons were requested to forward pictures to Thea for the CHS ABC website, to begin collecting pictures for the golf event and to review parameters for tweets. A similar request will be sent to the Spring liaisons now that the season has begun.

2014-2015 Winter Liaison volunteers are needed for Men's Basketball, Indoor Track, ice Hockey, Ice Hockey and Women's Fencing.

Spring Team Liaisons A request that the snack shack be open for track meets was forwarded to Concessions.

Liaisons were scheduled to make a brief presentation about the CHS ABC at the Spring Coach/parent meeting and to hand out the fundraising flyer to those in attendance. (Winter and Fall Liaisons were

also requested to forward the flyer to their distribution list)

A 2014 Spring Liaison volunteer is still needed for Softball.

Twitter reps are needed for baseball, Men's Lacrosse, Men's Golf, and Men's Tennis.

All Liaisons were asked to send a note out advertising the girls Morris County Semi-Final Basketball game.

All received meeting reminder (with new location).

Master Concession (MC's) Report: Lisa Tencic reported that Concessions would be opening for home lacrosse games and two track meets. She is currently looking in to replacing the freezer.

Athletic Director: Bill Librera reported that the Spring season started last Friday.

Winter sports teams, in particular wrestling, fencing, girls swimming and winter track, had a great season.

Varsity Letters - Dr. LaSusa and Bill streamlined the process for obtaining a varsity letter before the start of the year. The new criteria were submitted to the BOE, where it was approved and placed in the new coaches' handbook. The policy as it stands is, if a Senior makes the team, and is in good standing, they earn a letter. For all underclassman, if a player gets in a varsity game, for even a minute, they earn a letter. NJSA follows the same policy.

A discussion followed. One suggestion was that each team (coaches) determine the policy for their team. It could be submitted for approval. Jen Cosgrove volunteered to head a committee with Jennifer Terry, Jeanne Washuta and Jane Maltby. They will open a dialog and recommend some changes.

Board Approved Purposes: The Board approved the following;

1. Lacrosse Coaches Convention for Girls LAX staff (2 @ \$160) = \$320
2. Fan bus for Girls Swimming States Group B Championship = \$441

Voting on Previous Coaches' Requests:

The following was discussed, voted on and approved:

1. Girls Lacrosse filming = \$2,000
2. Boys Lacrosse filming = \$2,000

It was noted that everyone should benefit from watching the films, not just those being recruited.

3. Spring Sports Coaching Stipends = \$12,000 (2013 = \$11,500)

New Coaches' Requests and Membership Requests: The following was discussed and will be voted on next month:

1. Signage Project for Hass Field -Martha Bowles
Looking to place 2 signs within the CMS complex (left and right parking lots), and 2 signs (both sides) at CMS main entrance (on existing brick sign). Estimate is \$5,800. There were no objections to the project. It was voted to approve up to \$5,800. Two additional bids will be obtained, and we will try to get the BOE to contribute some of the funds required.

2. Girls/Boys Tennis is requesting \$700 for an iPad Air WiFi 16GB with Tennis Trakker Pro app. This is a teaching tool that both programs plan to use. Up to \$700 was approved.

New Business:

1. Spring Sports Field Access - There was a discussion regarding the snow conditions on the fields at Haas and Cougar. Bill Librera reported that as of today, Cougar and Haas were cleared, tennis courts were cleared but not dry, baseball/softball fields were still snow covered but hoping that weather would cooperate and they would be clear by Monday or Tuesday.

April Wingate commented that parents/players would have liked more immediate action. Bill explained that the District waited for conditions to be correct before they took action. They wanted to avoid plowing the turf. It was only plowed because it is at the end of its life. They will not plow new turf in the future. This was an exceptionally bad winter in terms of weather. The District has learned other things they can do next year to avoid this situation.

2. Graffiti at Haas - The graffiti has been cleared. Police will be notified to add the field to its patrol route.

3. Outstanding Athletic Achievement Recognition - It has been suggested that we recognize individual achievements. For example, 1000 points scored in Basketball, a no-hitter pitched in Baseball, 100 goals scored in Lacrosse. We would like to give a plaque to the individual that acknowledges the achievement, as well as placing a larger plaque in the school lobby. Bill indicated that there is currently a project within the AD's office to consolidate the lobby plaques to free up some walls. Record boards have been updated. They are attempting to research and verify some statistics regarding records and major achievements.

4. Boys and Girls Golf - A question was raised as to why the girls have a JV team and the boys do not. There are a very large number of boys trying out for golf this year for a very few number of spots. A discussion followed.

Old Business:

1. CHS-ABC Spring Event - Paul Anello gave an update as follows;
 - a. The event will be held at Fairmount Country Club on Tuesday, May 27th
 - b. Several sponsors have already been lined up.
 - c. Prices have been adjusted in attempt to gain more golfers and event attendees.
 - d. Paul is working with Fairmount to arrange possible golf and or tennis clinic options.

2. Cougar Field Complex update - No update at this time.

3. Sailing Program - Dan Marino is hoping to soon get BOE's approval to be a parent funded extra curricular club. He is meeting with them on Monday. (Previously scheduled meeting was snowed out.) In the meantime, he has been sailing with 3 team members in Perth Amboy. As soon as approval is granted, he will start advertising to increase participation. Each boat (FJs) just needs an experienced skipper and one crewmember. He would like to be able to purchase gear that would be owned by the club, similar to what fencing did when they started out. It would allow students to try the sport without a huge financial commitment from their parents. The nice thing about Sailing, is that it is a Co-Ed sport that participates in the Spring and Fall. Practices are currently on Mondays, with races on Tuesdays and Saturdays. A student was present who spoke up to fully support the development of a CHS Sailing Team.

4. CHS Booster Board - 2014-15

Nominations are still being accepted for the positions of VP, Treasurer, Secretary and Concessions Manager. Currently we have the following;

VP - Rob Barnett, Treasurer – Mark Steward, Secretary – Dawn Avallone. Celeste Stinson has agreed to become Head of Liaisons for next year (a non-Board position). We are still in need of a Head Concessions person. Concessions will be reorganized next year to include a Head (Board Position) and then a lead person that would be in charge of concessions for each season. Please let Joe know if you are interested.

5. Cougar Classic Charity - The following charities have been nominated to be the recipient Charity Organization for the 2014 Cougar Classic Holiday Basketball Tournament;

a. Thomas LeBreque Foundation – supports research for non-smokers lung cancer

b. Sunshine for Simon – support for Simon Rosenau, who is the oldest son of CHS chemistry teacher, Mrs. Rosenau. Simon has a rare genetic disorder called Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD)

c. Strides for H.O.P.E. – “Help Overcome Pediatric Epilepsy” will benefit the St. Barnabas Medical Center Pediatric Epilepsy Program and FACES – “Finding A Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures” funds research to improve epilepsy care, advances new therapies, and fosters a supportive community for children & families

Other Business:

1. Alan Routh – Education Counts is celebrating its 10th Anniversary

Alan encouraged everyone to get out the vote for the school budget in April. Some statistics

- In 2003, the school budget passed by only 3 votes.
- 1/3 of Chatham parents are not registered to vote
- 80% of voters who vote by mail vote YES
- Only 17% of Chatham parents vote

Alan encouraged everyone to vote by mail if you are not going to be in town, send ballots to college age voters, send emails to your friends and attend the open finance meeting. We will put a reminder to vote on our website in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 1st, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the CHS Media Center.