

**Minutes of the October 3, 2017
CHS Athletic Booster Club Meeting**

Members in Attendance

Michael Bessette	Kim Logsdon	Susie Robertson
Dana Browning	Sharon Lubrano	Steve Schelling
Chris Carlin	Kristen Luzi	Lisa Schroeder
Stephen Deletto	Dan Marino	Cheryl Scott
Carol Delsandro	Allison Nash	Chris Strutt
Chris Delsandro	Tracy Ness	Tracey Tango
Dawn Druhot	Darryl Petrullo	Bruce Torkelson
Bonita Kirton	Mike Pompeo	April Wingate
	Jeannette Reed	Jeff Wingate

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Copies of the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting were provided for review. April Wingate asked that everyone please sign the attendance sheet.

Secretary's Report: Dana Browning mentioned that Boosters is considering "Smore" for all future communications. April and Dawn will review and make final decision.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Delsandro noted that Ad Sales, Annual Appeal, Spirit Wear and Back to School revenue is in and reflected in September report. Tracy Ness asked for last year's Annual Appeal figure and Carol confirmed at \$28,000. Carol also confirmed this year's Annual Appeal is currently at \$15,162.15 as of 9/30/17.

Copies of the September Treasurer's report were distributed for review.

Head Liaison's/Concessions' Report: Dan Marino confirmed the Cougar Den has all volunteers in place for the remaining fall games and Cougar Weekend. Football will cover Soccer and Soccer will cover for Football.

Athletic Director's Report: Bill Librera reported that he appreciated the support and patience with Cougar Field under construction. Everything is in place for Cougar Weekend. Bill would like to acknowledge and congratulate Girls Varsity Tennis for their fifth straight Morris County Title win. This is an amazing accomplishment for our Tennis program.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

New Coaches'/AD's Requests: No new requests.

New Business:

1. **Concessions Manager.** We are in need of a Concessions Manager volunteer. Please reach out to April if you are available to assist with this important Boosters role. The details of this position include; placing the food/drink orders, maintaining the Cougar Den in a clean and orderly condition and keeping food inventory for future orders. The Concessions Manager will have to be present for all deliveries. Volunteer recruitment is not part of this role. Dan Marino will coordinate all volunteer staffing for sales. Winter concessions is held at CHS and inventory is stored in Bill's office. This position can be shared (fall, winter, spring concession leads) or by one Manager.
2. **Balloon Arch Cougar Weekend.** All sports team have access to the Boosters balloon arch for Cougar Weekend or during any event. Please contact April or Dawn if you are interested in using the balloon arch. Boosters supplies everything you will need - electronic blower and balloons. We ask that you please pack all supplies away in the bins provide when finished with your sport event.
3. **Booster Bash.** Our Boosters Bash will take place on January 27, 2018 at Fish and Game. Dawn has confirmed a band. She is also in need of volunteers to decorate the room for the event. If you are interested, please reach out to her. She has decorative items available. In addition, each sport team will donate one auction item. Golf outings and Trips/Events are popular bidding items. We encourage Fall teams to begin securing donations for auction items while sport is in season.
4. **Football Discussion.** A group of Football parents raised the issue of direct fundraising campaigns, using the Booster's 501c3 status for tax deductibility purposes for their sport. After much consideration and discussions with Executive Board, April Wingate noted that Boosters decided to continue to operate under our By-Laws referencing - Article 2 "Purposes", section 7 (...to be deposited into the general funds of the Club) and section 9 (...to serve as the sole fundraising organization for all athletic teams and related activities as deemed necessary by the Board). A copy of our By-Laws is available on our website chs-abc.org. Chris Carlin, Football Liaison, mentioned that a few Football parents are willing to donate many high-end items for Boosters Bash in addition to financially assisting with other team programs if Football can direct \$7,000+ exclusively to their sport through Boosters 501c3 status. Bill noted that ear marking funds to specific sports would require Boosters to form new tax Ids and change the structure of our organization. Carol Delsandro recommended hiring a Bookkeeper to manage multiple athletic team budgets because the financial role will be too demanding for a volunteer position. Carol suggested the concerned Football parents contact the School Board for direct donation funding. Tracy Ness commented that the Football program has always received everything that has been requested from the coaches. In closing, the current By-Laws structure will not be amended for the current school year.

5. Introduction of Training Facilities Capital Campaign at both Cougar and Haas.

April and Bill introduced the idea of a single focus goal for CHS-ABC to develop two training facilities, one at Cougar Field and one at Haas Field. The School Board is aware and approved Boosters to pursue as a project. This project would include a weight room, locker room, training and stretching room areas for both fields. Bill noted that the cost for this project is roughly 1MM -2MM at each site, but no exact figure can be determined until plans are drawn. Bill explained that the feasibility of the land, testing and plumbing assessment must first take place. Bill also confirmed that the Board is committed to caring the cost of the survey. This will not be a referendum but a community and corporate donations funded project. April has a "wish list" from the coaches and trainer regarding equipment needs. April mentioned to please consider this project as an opportunity to galvanize the community and alleviate the space constraints our facilities are experiencing due to the student increase. Have a training facility will provide opportunities for our athletes to train, maintain a competitive edge and bring the trainer down to the field where the athletes are playing. Members raised questions about who would maintain these facilities and fund additional trainers after they are built.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

All meetings held at 7:00 pm in the CHS Media Center. Below is our schedule:

November 4th

December 5th

January 9th

February 6th

March 6th

April 10th

May 1st

June 5th

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