

**Minutes of the December 6, 2016
CHS Athletic Boosters Club Meeting**

Members in Attendance:

Mark Steward	Bonita Kirton	April Wingate
Dawn Avallone	Michael Bessett	Robert Barnett
Carol Delsandro	Paul Anello	Ann Ciccarelli
Paul Ivans	Kara Kelly	Eliza Stiner*
Andy Stamford	Bill Karpowic	Mike Pompeo
Stephen Deletto	Nancy Styple	Dan Marino
Cathy McAuliffe	Kristen Luzi	Dawn Druhot
Rich Connors	Ann McCarron	Dana Browning
Tracy Ness	Tracy Hickey	Joanne Levalynn*
Tracey Tango		*(signature illegible)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Copies of the minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting were provided for review. Tracy Ness asked that everyone please sign the attendance sheet.

Secretary's Report: Dana Browning noted that Gmail account (secretarycabcd@gmail.com) is our primary account for all future CHS-ABC email blasts. Minutes, attendance, invites and all correspondence will be saved in Google Drive for future CHS-ABC Secretary/Board. Email Groups for each grade have been formed based on opt-in list provided by CHS Administration. Communication for CHS-ABC meetings, events and updates will now be sent directly from Boosters. Emails sent to info@chs-abc.org on our chs-abc.org website are forwarded to the Gmail account. Our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter channels will serve a greater role as part of our new direct communication strategy to our membership. Liaisons and parent members are encouraged to forward or directly post team photographs and updates onto our social media channels to generate spirit.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Delsandro received the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation 2016 Newsletter and noted CHS-ABC was featured and given thanks for the 2015-2016 Cougar Classic for their \$8,600 foundation donation. Peter Daquila on behalf of School District of the Chathams thanked Tracy Ness and CHS-ABC for the recent donation of \$13,500 for videotaping, tennis equipment, basketball shooting machine and video camera for wrestling and volleyball. Cougar Weekend expenses of \$4,184.35 has been paid and was less than budgeted. On the expense side, we paid \$6,500 for the shooting machine as previously approved by a membership vote. Fall team stipend requests have been paid in the amount of \$1,478.50 and we received \$1,891.55 in the month of November toward our Annual Appeal fund.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were provided for everyone's review.

Head Liaison's Report: Dan Marino thanked everyone for all of the volunteer hours put in over this past football season—it is very much appreciated! Dan filled our schedule for the winter concessions volunteer list. Delbarton is our first Friday evening game and volunteers are in place. We currently need a concessions volunteer to order supplies which are stored in Bill's office. There are only 2-4 supply orders needed in the winter season. We are well stocked for Cougar Classic and Basketball parents will cover for the tournament. During our plea, Kara Kelly graciously volunteered to serve as supply manager for winter concessions.

Athletic Director's Report: Bill Librera reported that we have already transitioned from fall to winter sports and that Bill's office is now gearing up for the Cougar Classic. Basketball starts on December 12, 2016 and Hockey is off to a great start!

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the November 1st meeting were approved.

Board Approved Purchases/Funding: Since the November meeting, the board reviewed and approved the following expenditure: (a) \$1,260 for additional sailing coach (b) \$2,000 for Ice Hockey video taping (c) \$500 video camera for Volleyball and Wrestling to share (d) \$9,000 in Winter coaching stipends, Boys Basketball (\$2,500), Wrestling (\$1,500), and Indoor Track (\$2,500). (e) \$6,000 for Basketball shooting machine for boys/girls' basketball.

Coaches'/AD's Requests: Girls Ice Hockey is requesting \$1,500 in funding to assist the girls Ice Hockey start-up program of a joint Chatham-Madison High School Girls Ice Hockey Club. A request of \$2,100 will be presented to Madison Boosters Club on December 12th to provide funding for the cooperative program. Currently each player's personal contribution is \$525 and there are 7 CHS athletes and 15 Madison athletes. Funding requested is to defray some of the Club's costs and help to obtain the game ice required for the program. Tracy Ness and Robert Barnett would like a two-year commitment from Madison and our funding would be contingent on Madison funding \$2,100. Tracy Ness mentioned that the process for start-up programs is introducing the idea at the first meeting and then opening it up for greater discussion the next month's meeting. We are looking forward to hearing about Madison Boosters Club agreement at our January meeting. On a separate note, a coaching clinic reimbursement for tennis in the amount of \$90 was requested and approved.

Old Business:

1. Provide remainder of funding for Paddle\$750. Paul Ivans reported that our Paddle program is extremely successful with an increase in participation. CAF is funding clinics for CMS students and we are in the process of creating a Mid-Atlantic Paddle League. Second year funding of \$750 was approved.
2. Concession Leads for Cheryl Vivona's replacement. We are still in need of a Concessions Lead for Spring 2017 and 2017-2018 school year.
3. Boosters Baskets. We have a great selection of baskets from our team families this year. Here is what we currently have:
Volleyball – evening in NYC
Baseball – Foursome at Baltusrol with Lunch, Delsandro Window Cleaning
Football – Foursome at Springbrook with Lunch
Softball – Tiffany & Co. jewelry
Hockey – 4 tickets with club access
Girls Lax – Jewelry

Girls Soccer – travel in style theme

Girls Tennis – Tennis items

Field Hockey – wine and dine

Sailing – dinner cruise

Cheerleading – Gary's basket

Wrestling – Mr. A party

Golf – golf gear

Track - Lululemon gear

4. Cougar Basketball Classic. Kara Kelly is working on our program and ½ page ads are coming in. This year we are donating our proceeds to our Fire Departments - Chatham Township, Chatham Boro and Green Village who are all thrilled and thankful to CHS-ABC and the Cougar Classic. Tracy Ness reached out to the Chatham youth basketball community asking if the kids would like to participate to rebound balls, however, it was decided that the event would conflict with youth basketball's scheduled games.

New Business:

1. Budget – discontinuing team stipends. Will discuss in greater detail after our fundraiser.
2. Move January 3rd meeting to January 10th. Approved, next meeting scheduled to January 10th at 7pm CHS Media Room.
3. Reaching out to young alumni network. Good idea to tap into CHS Alumni network for fundraising opportunities. This needs to be explored further.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the CHS Media Center.