

BUENA BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB

General Membership Meeting

January 14, 2009

Board Members Present: Anthony Espitia, Lester Miyasaki, Eric Norris, Kim Wilkins, Tom Burke, Rachel Bravo, John Zeman, Lori Urban, Randy Jordan, Scott Zeman, Jeanne Dietz

Board Members not Present: Julie Boys, Gloria Flores

Also Present: Frank Zablocki, Jana Miyasaki, Brian Richmond, Jack Fitzgerald, Debby Norris, Fran Buker, Terry Buker, Lyssa Brady, Tom Brady, Shirlyn Burke, Matthew Burke, Dave Patterson, Michael A. Espitia, Ken Milbery, Ponch Ortiz, Rob Briner, Chris Russell, Phyllis Zeman, Alan Hammerand, Kathy Hammerand

- Meeting called to order by Lester Miyasaki at 6:35 pm.
- Introduced Mr. Rob Briner who is present to discuss Chad Briner Scholarship. Mr. Briner noted that Chad would be touched by the outreach of the program. Gail Briner is the committee chair for the scholarship. Rob and Gail were flooded with correspondence from all walks of life in the community and decided early on to divert donated funds to the baseball program. Chad was motivated to excel in baseball and was working toward a future in baseball. He was extremely dedicated and was accepted to Newman University. Unfortunately, health issue overtook him and by the time he reported to college, he'd lost around 50 pounds. He still worked diligently. Mr. Briner pointed out that this program really makes a difference for all the kids involved in it. He and Mrs. Briner want to recognize senior talent and leadership accompanied by good grades and attendance. Coaches will nominate scholarship candidates. A teacher must endorse the nomination and the candidate must write an essay to remain eligible for the scholarship.

REPORTS

President – *No Information*

Head Coach

- Has schedule for Easton tournament.
- First official day of practice is 2/16, but will meet every day starting 1/26.
- Pie sales went well. Christmas sales brought in approximately \$1500.00.

Vice President

- Eric reminded everyone to sign in.
- Noted that any money spent should be reported to Julie with receipts to support it.
- Discussed painting bulldog on shed. Presented proposal for design. Tom noted that a design had already been approved in September and Lester pointed out that the design had been drawn on the shed. John Zeman noted that it has yet to be finished. Shirlyn said no deadline had been communicated. Discussion held. Lester noted that it just needs to be finished and was not a reflection on anyone. Motion by Michael A. Espitia to stick with the original drawing with a wording change. Seconded by Randy Jordan – passed. Motion by Alan Hammerand to use the word “Doghouse.” Seconded by Debby Norris – passed. Tom noted that the artist would be available on Saturday, 1/17 to continue work. Discussion held. Lester

noted that we must have a deadline in order to get the painting completed. Motion by Michael A. Espitia to have a deadline of 2/14. Seconded by Randy Jordan – passed.

Secretary – *No Information*

Treasurer – *Eric Norris Reporting*

- \$14,222.55 balance as of 1/14/09.
- Shirlyn would like accounting of profits, etc. for the fall ball snack bar.

Player Representative

- Scott noted that he will be playing in Tucson, AZ for the Under Armour Tournament.

Field Maintenance Chairman

- Tom noted that there was a set back in progress due to a family emergency.
- Both storage units have been cleaned up; new lockers have been cleaned out. Still need to finish paint and need some astro turf for the cage.
- Got a lot of work done last weekend – thanked all who helped out. Robert got some field dirt from the softball side, but still need more. Sod will go in this weekend – thanks to Chris Russell who lined it up. Ken has a roller to compact the JV field.
- Randy Jordan will start on lights next week.
- Ponch and Anthony would like varsity bullpen moved and a crew is needed to help with netting on the batting cages.
- The bleachers need work again. There is a little paint left over from last year.
- Lester thanked Tom for doing a tremendous job.
- Lester noted that there is a mandatory work day on 1/17 from 9 am to 3 pm. Discussion held.
- Shirlyn noted amended Field Maintenance List to show items that Debby Norris got donated. Lester would like to approve amended list as a whole and include money for new fence. He recommended a budget of up to \$2,700.00 to finish up items remaining on the list. Discussion held. Motion by Randy Jordan to allow a field maintenance budget of up to \$3,000.00. Seconded by Kathy Hammerand – passed.
- Tom noted the importance of communication so time isn't being wasted. Discussion held.

Soft Goods

- Gloria unable to get to the meeting.
- Noted that help with legwork would probably be appreciated.

Fundraising Coordinator

- Sponsorship letters have gone out.
- Lester listed all fundraisers that are scheduled. He pointed out that times are tough and is wondering about the practicality of having the barbeque fundraiser. He also noted how program might be impacted if we forego this fundraiser, i.e. possible school budget cuts, etc.
- Dave Patterson noted possible dates for the golf tournament fundraiser of May 1st, 8th, or 15th, 2009. Pointed out that the tournament could bring in more money than last year's.
- Lester inquired about equipment. Anthony noted that the biggest expense is bats and that dig out tools and spray nozzles have not yet been ordered. Discussion held.

- Pops noted that we need to continue with the fundraising efforts – that this is not a good time to cut back. Motion by Shirlyn Burke to keep the barbeque fundraiser on the schedule. Discussion held. Seconded by Lori Urban – passed.
- Barbeque is scheduled to be held the same day as the Royal scrimmage. Discussion held.
- Ponch suggested having an alumni game with Frosh and JV playing morning games and Varsity playing in the afternoon with the barbeque going on all that day. Discussion held. Issue tabled for future discussion.

Snack Bar Coordinator

- Lori has been talking with Pepsi. Could get a trailer from February to May if we buy a minimum of 50 cases of beverages (40% water, 60% Gatorade/carbonated drinks). We could mark drinks up 45-55%. Initial cost would be about \$1,000.00. This would eliminate the need for tables and a tent. Discussion held. Lori noted that we'd need a place to store it. Discussion held. Motion by Lori Urban to go with the Pepsi trailer. Seconded by Eric Norris – passed.

Program Coordinator

- Randy displayed sponsorship letter. Noted price increase on ads and that forms are ready. Also noted that he'd email the ad letter and form so it could be distributed. Each player must sell \$100.00 in ads. Debby Norris inquired about timing of program distribution.
- Randy needs rosters and date for photo day. Needs rep from each team to coordinate with him for photos and ad sales. Chris Russell can get the photo information for all levels.
- Randy would like a deadline date for ads so program can be distributed in April.
- Randy would like any leftover programs from 2008 season for display when kids sell ads. Discussion held.

Webmaster

- Rachel pointed out that sponsorship form should be posted on the website and mentioned that any photos can be sent to her for the website as well.
- Lester encouraged everyone to use the website as a resource.
- Kim noted that email would be sent out to encourage everyone to send photos for website as well as program.

Member at Large

- John noted that the lights have been fixed on the scoreboard. Looking into getting a new scoreboard donated.
- Foul poles are fixed. Ordered distance markers for varsity field which will go up when the fence does. Will have bulldog flag and American flag for varsity field.
- Trying new method of dealing with gophers. Discussion held.
- Pitching machine is broken again. It needs a new cable. Motion by Shirlyn Burke to buy 2 cables at \$23.00 each. Seconded by Tom Burke – motion passed.
- Pacific Coast Landscape will put sprinklers on the varsity field within the next ten days. Discussion held.
- Flag pole hasn't been ordered yet. Anthony has to discuss with maintenance, but Mr. Loomer is okay with it.
- Noted that we need a National Anthem singer.
- Lester pointed out that John Zeman has donated everything he has mentioned.

Old Business

- Anthony is still waiting for a date to put the fence back up.
- Discussion about banners.
- Rachel asked if a wish list had been given to Dr. Schwartz yet. Anthony confirmed that it had. Discussion held.

New Business

- Lester noted that team representatives are needed. Chris Russell volunteered to be Freshman Representative. Jeanne Dietz volunteered to be JV Representative. Debby Norris volunteered to be Varsity Representative.
- Tom asked if there was any way to get the adult baseball league to move their games to the JV field. Anthony will check. Discussion held.
- Chris Russell needs possible dates to hold MLK tournament once the season ends as he has gotten some interest. Discussion held.
- Lester thanked everyone involved with field for their hard work and donations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.