

**Cross Country / Track Booster Club
Meeting Minutes – prepared by Kim Tedford
September 4, 2012**

Officers Present: John Ruhala, President
Linda Jones, Vice President
Libby Hartter, Treasurer
Kim Tedford, Secretary

Coordinators and some BC members were also in attendance.

Agenda Items

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| 1. Call to Order | John Ruhala |
| 2. Review Minutes from the last Meeting | Kim Tedford |
| 3. Treasurer Report | Libby Hartter |
| 4. Membership | Linda Jones |
| 5. New Business | All |
| 6. Adjourn | |

Discussion

1. Call to Order

John Ruhala called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm on September 4th in the high school lecture hall. John welcomed all and shared in the excitement of a growing program. This year there are 110 athletes in the program.

2. Review Minutes from Last BC Meeting

Kim Tedford sent out minutes prior to meeting and had some copies at the meeting. Libby Hartter suggested a change to the May 8th meeting to reflect different verbiage regarding the scholarships. The wording was “*It should be noted that \$1.5K of the current balance reflected above is earmarked for this year’s scholarship recipients. At the meeting, Gavan mentioned that three applications were received and all those who applied will receive one.*” A motion was made by Linda Jones to attach Bruce Coachman’s email to Libby Hartter reflecting that we had more applicants and awarded 4 scholarships amounting to \$2,000 that was originally budgeted for. (see attached email). Maureen seconded the motion to attach email. Linda Jones motioned to approved amended minutes and Camille Joiner seconded it.

3. Treasurer Report

Libby Hartter presented the proposed 2012-2013 budget (see attached):

She raised the question of the need for an expense line reflecting the cost of the items given with the upgraded membership options. Maureen Miller offered that a separate line would be the best way to handle that expense. Libby will add the new line item and submit the proposed budget. Maureen moved to approve the working proposed budget – Marlo Ballard second it. Just a note:

XC scholarships will be awarded at the XC banquet this year and just the Track recipients at the Track Banquet in the spring.

4. Membership

Linda Jones reported that we currently (more were turned in during the meeting) have around 41 athletes representing 32 families. 10 of these families joined at the upgraded Olympic level. This amounts to about \$3,100 collected so far in membership. The hope is to gain more of the 110 athletes. A reminder to share with parents that their membership dues account for free admission for athlete into the banquet later in the season.

5. New Business

a. Meet Recap and upcoming Oct 6th Lovejoy meet

Greg shared that he feels good about the meet last weekend. He reminded the kids that they train differently than other schools so he likes where they are in their training and feels optimistic. For a more complete breakdown of the meet- refer to Greg's recap email on the website.

The October 6th Lovejoy meet will be held at Myers Park (same place our District Meet will be held). We currently have around 9 teams signed up – so we are at breakeven point- yea! ;) We hope to get a few more before meet day.

There will be several areas of need for that day:

I. Friday race path **set up**. John Ruhala offered to help. We will need a few others as well.

II. **Hospitality** table for the coaches (Jana Carmichael offered to head up): simple-donuts & coffee

III. **4 Gators** for the race guides. Keith Griffith (offered by Patti), Camille Joiner (or Jeff), and Marlo Ballard are possible gators owners and willing to help. We need one more gator.

IV. **Course monitors**: 6-8 parents to help with course monitoring. Need to be at race from around 7:00am – 12 Noon. A few names that offered were: Maureen Miller, Mary Ruhala (from John), Wally Jones (from Linda), Patti Griffith, Libby Hartter

Greg will send out a reminder and a plea the closer we get to the meet with any corrections or additions to needs.

b. Arkansas Travel – Chili Pepper

October 12th /13th - Greg will take the top 10 boys and girls (20 athletes) to Arkansas for the Chili Pepper race. He has enough in his budget to mostly cover the hotel arrangements for the athletes. The athletes will be asked to pay for their food (dinner Friday, breakfast Saturday, lunch Saturday) and registration fee for race. They do not have to register to run. But if they want to get timed and recorded, they need to register. He will ask a few parents to drive the athletes. Greg will publish the list in a week or so.

c. Spirit Wear & Yard sign/decals update – Marlo Ballard

3-4 decals have been purchased. A deadline of September 15 was placed so Marlo can finalize order and get the items to all timely. Marlo has some left over inventory that is **FOR SALE! ALL Items are \$10 each! The items are:**

- 1) white "iRun barefoot" (w/xc leopard) t-shirt size small
 - 1) heather grey "we be Lovejoy xc" long sleeve t-shirt in youth small
 - 3) lovejoy CC beanies
 - 5) grey "2011 Lovejoy Girls XC State Champions", "Back to Back" t-shirts (all medium)
 - 4) black "2011 Lovejoy Boys XC", "No Regrets" t-shirts (3 mediums, 1 large)
- Car decals
- 1 XC
 - 1 XC/T&F
 - 5 T&F (one is 2010)

Any items still not sold will be available at the Oct 6th XC meet. The XC girls have been working on a t-shirt idea. Marlo will get the design approved and then move forward with t-shirt orders.

d. **Concessions Update – Debra Guillemaud**

Debra reminded everyone that the last training for concessions is **September 11th at 6:00pm at the Sloan Creek MS gym**. Everyone is required to go through training even if you have done it prior. PLEASE take the time to get trained so more people can sign up to help in concessions. It is an easy way for the booster to make money and it is actually a lot of fun! Go to <http://www.lovejoyisd.net/> under the Parent section.

e. **LLI Golf Tournament Update – Flora Brands**

Flora reminded everyone that the golf tourney is Friday, September 21st at Heritage Ranch. The tourney is still receiving donations and player sign ups so register soon! We get 90% of our sponsorship monies. When signing up to play, make sure that XC is referenced as the sport benefitting. Remember that LLI will need about 2 weeks for signage, so get sponsors now to ensure they will be properly recognized.

f. **XC Banquet Update – Camille Joiner**

Camille has already confirmed the date of November 15th at SCMS for the banquet. She also confirmed that our wonderful Jim McGuinness has again offered to do the slide show! Flora Brands offered to help where needed. Kim Tedford offered to do senior gifts(an email will go out to senior parents explaining the UIL rule of no gifts so they will have to pay for the 'gift' if they desire their athlete to have one) Camille will send out an email inquiring about more help later. Linda Jones will get the individuals to Camille that singed up to help out on the membership forms as well.

g. **Fall Fundraiser Update – Cheryl (and Brad) Cox**

Last year we sold poinsettias and greenery for the first time and made around \$1,000. We are putting that option on hold as the Cox's investigate a fundraiser they participated in Allen XC with Kroger cards. The cards are reloadable cards that as they are used, generate points and the points amount to cash. The cards would be purchased for a \$1 and then sold for a dollar. The recipient would load the card (similar to a debit card) with money and then swipe at the gas at Kroger or in the store. It is simple and has the potential to generate more money. The Cox's will see if the program is still running and report back to the Booster. A decision on the fund raiser will be determined then.

h. **Team Dinners**

The athletes have been meeting at restaurants for team dinner and enjoying it. We will discuss at the next booster if a pre-District team dinner might be held at a home or neighborhood clubhouse the weekend before District – Oct 20th/21st .

i. **Country Run – in May**

No formal planning on Country Run except that Ofelia Beaumariage has already secured a \$500 sponsor for us! (she is still outdoing us all and not even in the program ;)) Jana Carmichael stepped up to be our representative when planning begins.

j. **Varsity/Senior Poster**

Pictures will be taken soon. Greg will handle design and details

6. Other Business

Future meeting dates will start at 7:00pm in the Lecture Hall at LHS:

10/2/12; 11/6/12; 1/8/13; 2/5/13; 3/5/12; 4/2/13; 5/7/13

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. Next Meeting is October 2, 2012 at 7:00pm in Lecture Hall.