

**Cross Country / Track Booster Club
Meeting Minutes – prepared by Kim Tedford
October 2, 2012**

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

Coaches, Coordinators and some BC members were also in attendance.

Agenda Items

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| 1. Call to Order | Greg Christensen/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/ Oct 6th Lovejoy Meet

Greg Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on October 4th in the high school lecture hall. Greg gave an overview of the meet this coming weekend October 6th and gathered volunteers for areas of need and then the official BC meeting was called to order following. We have 11 teams signed up for the race. The meet will be held at Myers Park (same place our District Meet will be held). Those signed up to help:

- **Registration:** Eric & Libby Hartter
- **Hospitality for Coaches:** Jana Carmichael and Shannon Broussard (Lori McCutcheon?)
- **Start:** Gavan Goodrich (**Eakins will give their air horn**)
- **Lead Vehicles:** Joiner, Brand, Griffith, Myers (and Eakins as backup)
- **Chute Pushers:** Eakins, Spooner, C. Goodrich, Gonzalez
- **Awards:** Hartter's giving awards to runners #1-20
- **Course Monitors/Positions:** 1. Wally Jones; 2. F.Brands; 3. J. Gueller; 4. Bayman's; 5. R. Wise; 6. P. Griffith; 7. D. Tedder; 8. M. Ballard; 9. D. Printz; 10. C. Joiner
- **Timing/scoring:** done professionally

All of you that emailed and offered to help with meet and did not get placed somewhere- there will still be some needs. You can coordinate with any of the Course Monitors above and 'tag' one another while your athlete runs. We just need the course watched/covered at all times, so coordinate individually for the different races. We will also have needs with hospitality for parent's tent.

Details and To Do's:

1. Race set up on Friday- meet at 8:30 am at Field house and travel to course together- Greg, Bob Brands and John Ruhala
2. Volunteers, please, be at race on Saturday by 6:45/7:00 wearing a red Lovejoy shirt and black warm up bottoms.
3. **Linda Jones will inquire with Linda Green about vests for Course Monitors to wear**

2. Review Minutes from Last BC Meeting

Kim Tedford sent out minutes prior to meeting for review. Linda Jones motioned to approved minutes and Libby Hartter seconded it. Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer Report

Libby Hartter passed out the to-date budget and gave update.

This month's LLI meeting confirmed that each Booster should have been paid for last May's Country Run. **Libby will check with LLI treasurer since we have not received ours.** Libby also reported that the budget reflects that all scholarships have been paid from last spring's Track Banquet.

4. Membership

Linda Jones reported that we currently have **51** athletes representing **41** families. This amounts to about \$3,580 collected so far in membership. We have also heard from 6 alumni families that wish to join at the new alumni level! We are down from last year so the hope is to continue 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

For a more complete breakdown of the meet- refer to Greg's recap email on the website.

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. Greg has sent out the list to the athletes that will be going.

- Parents driving: Tedford (up to 5 girls); Ruhala (4 guys); Brands (5); Joiner (6)
- Leaving Friday morning @ 9:00am – back Saturday around 7:00/7:30 pm

c. **Spirit Wear & Yard sign/decals update – Marlo Ballard (4theballards@sbcglobal.net)**

Decals and signs that were ordered have all been handed out. Marlo has extra decals and will have the newly ordered t-shirts ready to sell by the weekend hopefully. The t-shirts will be \$15 each. She does have a few 'older' items for sale- please contact her at 4theballards@dbcglobal.net if you want to know her inventory. *The order was placed on 9/28 and a motion was made and seconded that 9/28 would mark our tax-free day.*

d. **Concessions Update – Debra Guillemaud**

At the LLI meeting this past month, Jim Bob asked the boosters to send him any problems you have had with concessions or ways to improve the experience. He is eager to make it a better process- so constructively share if you have information. Concessions are 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 Recap – Flora Brands**

The tournament was a success and made a total of \$33,000. XC/Track booster is estimated to receive around \$2,925. LLI is still working through the numbers so the payout will more than likely happen late fall. Thank you to Flora Brands for stepping up at the last minute and carrying the torch for our booster!!!

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

Camille has already confirmed the date of November 15th at SCMS for the banquet. Camille presented two options for the meals and Italian won the vote! Invites will go out around the time of the District meet. More information to follow as we get close.

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

The Kroger cards are a-go! Cheryl ordered 100 cards with \$1 on each to activate them. They should be in and ready to purchase soon (maybe even by the meet). As a reminder of how the cards work: you will purchase the cards for \$1 from the booster club. Cheryl will log your name with that number on the card. You go to the service counter at Kroger and load the card with the amount desired and then use it for gas or groceries at Kroger. Once our club reaches the \$5000 mark, we will begin to get 5% back. The card is like a debit card (without a pin)- so it is ready cash. Cheryl will let us know when they are in and we can arrange times to log out/buy a card(s)! If they are in by the meet- she will be at the Registration Table making them available to us all! (**note- if the card goes without a balance for more than 90 days, it is inactivated- you would have to buy a new card to activate yourself again*)

h. **Team Dinners**

We will plan to have a pre-District Team (boys and girls) diner on Sunday, October 21st. **Libby Hartter will check with Seis Lagos to see if we can use their club house.** If that is not

available- we will use Tedford or Joiner house. We will send out a list of things to bring- pot luck with categories. Mark calendars and look for more details to come.

i. **Country Run – in May**

LLI is looking for a Chair for this event. 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. **Reading with the Leopards**

Looking for a volunteer from our booster to coordinate our 3 Fridays (that we think are in January). It entails gathering 10-15 athletes for 3 consecutive Fridays to visit each of the elementaries. The time, place and verification of getting themselves to and from need to be coordinated. If you are interested, contact Kim Tedford at kintedord@sbcglobal.net

k. **Scholarship Committee**

Since XC scholarships will be awarded in the fall at the XC banquet instead of in conjunction with the Track scholarships in the spring, a committee needs to be formed to address the applications. **Greg will get the non-parent committee of 3 formed and ask Gavan for the scholarship packet. Once the packet is received and updated, it will be posted on the website as well as sent out in the distribution so the seniors can participate if desired.**

l. **Recognition Room**

Greg will get the ‘okay’ from Jim Bob and then the booster will formulate a plan from Greg’s vision and get it verified. Once plan is ‘okayed’, booster (Camille Joiner offered to be a part of helping) will proceed with decorating meeting room recognizing past athletes and teams that competed at the State level.

m. **Sloan Creek End of Season Party**

Sloan Creek’s last meet is 10/13. The morning of Friday 10/19, the booster will provide cupcakes and drinks to help celebrate their season!

6. Other Business

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

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

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next Meeting is November 6, 2012 at 7:00pm in Lecture Hall.