

**Cross Country / Track Booster Club
Meeting Minutes – prepared by Kim Tedford
November 6, 2012**

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

Coach C, 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 7:00 pm. And Greg gave another recap of the Regional Meet and State Outlook. Please refer to Greg's email that is now on the website for a full breakdown and description. www.lovejoy-running.org

2. Review Minutes from Last BC Meeting

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

3. Treasurer Report

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

All teams have paid for the Lovejoy XC Meet! We lost a little bit of money on the meet but that was expected. Next year will hopefully not be the case with the expectation of the meet growing. There was talk about doing T-shirts for the meet next year to sell to all participants.

4. Membership

Linda Jones reported that we gained about 5 more memberships in alumni.

5. New Business

a. Tax Grant

Taos Ski Area wants to reward people that come up and use the ski valley and infuse life into the Taos area in the summer. So they are offering a Tax Grant and have contacted Greg to see if our Booster wants to take advantage of this new program. A few concerns were voiced over the details needed for the exactness of receipts as well as making this an 'official school event'. Enough interest is there however to also pursue gaining more understanding before a decision is made. **Greg will pursue and investigate to meet the deadline of November 26th.**

b. XC Banquet Update – Camille Joiner

Invites are out and Greg sent out a reminder to his distribution as well to alert parents to ask for the invite. Camille has already received a few responses- others, please get your response in so Camille can give caterers a count on FRIDAY ;)

Tables will be hauled from Creekwood UMC at 1:00pm to Sloan Creek for Banquet set up on Thursday. **CALLING ALL MEN- please let Camille know if you can swing by and help quickly with the loading and unloading and then we promise to let you go home!** Any others that are available to help decorate at the school from around 1:30/2:00 for a couple of hours- you are needed and appreciated! All other tasks have been picked up by individuals (thank you) so bodies are just needed afternoon of to help transform the room for our athletes! Thank you Camille for all your hard work!

c. Fall Fundraiser Update – Cheryl Cox

The Kroger cards are a-go! Cheryl ordered 100 cards with \$1 on each to activate them. **PLEASE get your Kroger card and start using them!** 25 cards have been purchased and \$2700 of transactions have occurred giving us \$135. We won't receive any monies though until we hit the \$5000 in transactions. Cheryl will have them at the banquet for all to get one- such an easy way to help the booster! 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. (**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*)

d. Scholarship Committee

Patti Griffith stepped up and was our Scholarship Liaison for the new process of awarding the XC scholarships now in the fall. She did a GREAT job of helping us fine tune the process and carrying it out. She has finished the process and has received confirmation from our scholarship committee and will be presenting the scholarships at the banquet next week. She also recommended that a few changes/additions are made to the scholarship application to further fine tune and aide in the process. She will mock up the existing application with the suggestions and send it out for approval. Thank you Patti!!!

e. Reading with the Leopards

Kim Tedford emailed the head of LLI to inquire about our actual slot for the XC/Track Booster Club. She will communicate that information when she receives word back from LLI president. **Still 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 elementarys. The time, place and verification of getting themselves to and from need to be coordinated. If you are interested, contact Kim Tedford at kimtedord@sbcglobal.net

f. **Recognition Room**

Greg shared that Jim McGuinness is working on gathering the pictures for the recognition room/team meeting room. Once that is accomplished, we can frame in simple black frames and 'identify' them in a certain manner (by plaques or mats). Jennifer Lindelof and Camille Joiner offered to help with that process when time comes.

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

The morning of Friday 10/19, the booster (Linda Jones and other Middle School athlete parents) provided breakfast items to help celebrate the Middle School XC season! Greg gave a season breakdown speech as well. It was well received so we will do it again next year.

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

Marlo reported that she sold over 60 shirts with the last order that was placed! The shirts were a hit and now it has Marlo brainstorming some items for the spring. She is going to work on a 'catalog' of sorts with items to choose from as well as looking ahead to the Track Lovejoy meet in March to sell a Meet t-shirt. She does have a few things in her bag of goodies, so please contact her at 4theballards@dbcglobal.net if you want to know her inventory.

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.

6. Other Business

Future meeting dates will start at 7:00pm in the Lecture Hall at LHS: **NO December mtg**

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

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. Banquet meeting happened after Booster but notes included above. **Next Meeting is January 8, 2013 at 7:00pm in Lecture Hall.**