

Cross Country / Track Booster Club
Meeting Minutes – prepared by Camille Joiner
December 01, 2015

Officers Present: Libby Hartter, President
Bob Brands, Vice President
Tracy Spruell, Treasurer
Camille Joiner, Secretary

Coach C, Coach Kelly, Coordinators and BC members were in attendance.

Agenda Items

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| 1. Call to Order | Libby Hartter |
| 2. Minutes from last month's meeting read | Camille Joiner |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | Tracy Spruell |
| 4. Coaches Report/Team Needs | Coach C &
Coach Kelly |
| 5. Membership Update | Bob Brands |
| 6. Updates | All |
| 7. New Business | All |
| 8. Adjourn | |

Discussion

- 1. Call to Order**-Libby Hartter called the booster meeting to order at 7:00.
- 2. Minutes** – Reviewed and approved by Bob Brands and Colleen Gaccione seconded the motion.
- 3. Treasurer's Report** – Budget was presented by Tracy Spruell. We have approx. \$18.0k in the bank this month. (See attached report). Still waiting on (2) teams to pay from the Fall Festival. Also need a few girl and boy athletes to pay for their state hoodie. Parents, please make checks payable to the booster club.
- 4. Membership** –We have approx.. 85 high school members and approx.. 38 middle school members. We want to make sure all track families know about the booster club and the benefits it provides to the track and field athletes. Planning a track and field social soon. More details to come.
- 5. Coaches Report: Team Outlook.**
 - a) Coach C (Distance Girls and Boys):** The State Meet went awesome. Winning State Runner-Up was such a boost to the athletes and program overall. We also had two middle school meets on Nov. 10th & Dec. 1st at Celebration. We have one more on December 8th in Rockwall. There are approx.. 150 7th and 8th grade runners.
 - b) Coach Kelly (Track):** Track season is fast approaching. The Arkansas Indoor is on Jan. 16th with more information to follow. The team will be staying at the Staybridge Suites and the athletes will pay online through the school store for their rooms. It will be \$90 for the hotel room for two nights and \$20 per event and \$8 per relay event. We will host a pole vault meet on Jan. 23rd and we may charge an entry fee. We will host two WSMS track meets on Mar. 3rd and Mar. 24th. We have (5) teams signed up. We will have our Lovejoy Invitational Meet on Mar. 5th and we will need parent help with this meet. We have (8) teams signed up. Our track schedule is posted on the web site. Coaches are also looking at a fundraiser possibly held at the Sloan Creek track to be called the Chocolate Milk Mile for the distance athletes and the Chocolate Milk Dash for the sprinters. More details to come. Everyone loves our Twitter messages. Thanks Coach Kelly!

6. Updates and New Business

1. **Spirit Wear** –New spring track gear is in the works from Fancloth. **All athletes that received a state hoodie need to pay the booster club \$35.**
2. **Scholarships** – The booster club awarded 4 scholarships. Recipients were Carol Xia, Katherine Powell, Will Wise and Noah Landguth. Spring Track and Field scholarships with have two recipients.
3. **Fundraising** – Sign up now. To enroll in the Kroger card program, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com Click on “Create an Account” or “Sign In” if you already have an account. Our NPO number is 94850. See Carey Tiff if you have questions. Firehouse Subs will help us with a fundraiser/donation later this year. There is also a new fundraising card coming out soon similar to the one the football team sells. All clubs will benefit from the proceeds. Look for more details on the Chocolate Milk Challenge shortly.
4. **Website** – Jim McGuinness is our webmaster and we have a new website. Go to the Athletics page on the Lovejoy website, click on Cross Country, find the link LJXCTF.org, enter *user name harrier* and *password trecho* to access. It will have archived photos and information from 2007 to current. There is also a new website for Lovejoy that includes recaps of all athletics – Lovejoyathletics.com.
5. **Cross Country Banquet** – The banquet as a huge success again thanks to Colleen Gaccione and her team. The banquet also received high praise from Mr. Moore and Mr. Puckett. Will look at the option of lowering the price of the banquet next year to insure that everyone that wants to attend is able to come.
6. **Steeplechase Barriers** – The barriers are approx.. 50% complete after working hard all weekend with an awesome group of parents and athletes. The barriers will be ready for our first meet this spring. The next work session will be posted shortly.
7. **Posters** – Colleen Gaccione would like to bring a surprise to the winners of the poster contest. Some of the athletes could help hand out the surprise. Look for more information.
8. **Public Affairs Liaison** –Contact Monica DesJardins with anything you would like to include in her broadcast. We now have someone from the Red Ledger attending our meets and including a write-up and photos.
9. **Giant Leopard Head** – We need an artist to repaint our tiger head to look like a Leopard.
10. **Country Run** – Each club (sport) will need to find \$1500 in sponsors to participate in the fundraising and every club will have to run in the event. Carey Tiff will head up our subcommittee. Also need a title sponsor for \$10.0k
11. **Taos High Altitude Training Camp** – The camps are already being planned and we are adding two weeks for a developmental camp for our incoming freshman athletes. The more exposure our athletes have on the front end, the better for depth and experience down the road. Dates coming soon.
12. **Middle School Liaison** – Cindy Bittlestone will be coordinating an end of season celebration for our middle school athletes shortly. More details to follow.
13. **Officers** –
 - **President** – Libby Hartter
 - **Vice President/Membership** –Bob Brands
 - **Secretary** – Camille Joiner
 - **Treasurer** – Tracy Spruell
 - **Banquet Coordinator** – Colleen Gaccione
 - **Senior Gifts** – Grace Sutter
 - **Fundraising** – Carey Tiff
 - **Hospitality/Concessions** – Christin Hockersmith

- **Spirit Wear** – Marlo Ballard, Betsy Bittner and Paige Meyers
- **Public Affairs/Historian** – Monica DesJardins
- **Newsletter** – Stephanie McGowen
- **Scholarships** – Flora Brands
- **Middle School Liaison** – Cindy Bittlestone

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm. Next Booster Club meeting is January 5.