

XC and Track & Field Booster Club General Meeting

October 2, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Quorum was present – sign-in sheet attached

Minutes from Sept. 4, 2018 meeting emailed, reviewed and filed

Coaches Reports:

Carly Littlefield : out sick

Logan Kelly:

- Boys team looking good; times are consistently dropping; proud of JV boys for putting in hard efforts; acknowledgement that missed meets are frustrating for all but proud of performance despite rainouts
- Girls have shot at winning State; should meet goal of winning district; Girls currently ranked 4th in state; while at State – El Paso Eastwood will be solid competition; all race success depends upon multiple factors
- Uniform update – Girls uniforms are now in; all Boys uniforms in; Nike Spiritwear order in; MS uniforms ordered and should arrive within next few weeks
- Small hospitality station needed for coaches and staff only during District Meet; no concessions needed

Question for Logan: Why no Team Captains for XC this year?

Discussion: Possible team drama from years past a factor in this decision; everyone brings something different to team; let all carry own weight instead of having title

- Students athletes may be seeking leadership role prior to graduation; Team Captains position provided that opportunity
- Having Team Captains could help in Booster communication with information dissemination; usually Jr/Sr were captains and used this as a teaching tool
- Perhaps having a student communication liaison would be helpful; discussion on benefit of having one spokesperson
- Logan's emails go to student athlete's email as well

What do we know about MS Glow run?

- Apparently, nothing! Funds raised will go to MS account via Robin Bass/Athletic Department; no Booster Club involvement in planning process

Officer Reports

President Report - Misty Gueller

- Due to rain LLI Golf Tournament postponed until Monday, Oct 15.
 - Have 2 gifts donated and NEED 2 volunteers willing to help with registration
- Lovejoy Country Run – XC/T&F Booster receives \$\$\$ from both Golf Tournament and LJ Country Run
 - Date of Country Run has been moved in May and now conflicts with State; hoping they move date/location again so we will have larger participation (therefor \$\$\$ benefit) in Country Run

VP Report – Matt DuBois

Leopard Friday was great with huge turnout. Tears of joy (or contact issue) shed for such success!

- Ice bath and hydration challenge
- Healthy treats handed out
- No trophies broken and new large banner looks awesome
- Peaked interest in future runners

Treasurer Report – Greg Pederson

- RAIN...and a ton of it.
- No revised budget presented at current time
- We have some \$\$\$ still in budget that hasn't been reimbursed back to teams, but we have ~18K decrease, becomes loss of ~7k as flows down through budget
- Within 7K deficit – working towards refund from chip timer company, or apply to next year
 - Park fee has been applied to next year
 - \$600 lost on custom bibs
 - Results in true deficit of 5K
- Unfortunately, that money will likely come from Team Donation line item

- While only allowed 2 Fund Raisers per year, Booster Club is open to suggestion on how to recoup lost funds. Discussions:
 - Run-A-Thon – donations per lap? This would be much like Glow Run at MS level; while challenging for MS it would be invitation for injury at HS level; our athletes are simply to fit. 😊
 - “Throw’s Meet” in Feb to generate additional \$\$\$
 - 2nd indoor meet will have shot put
 - middle school mile and adult mile available at distance festival
 - offering concessions and custom T-shirts during Spring Meets
 - possible check writing campaign with direct link via Booster website
 - Snap Fund Raiser - takes 20%
 - Corporate Sponsorship Matching Program; need to investigate with LLI that XC/T&F receives designated funds
 - “Chocolate Milk Mile”

Date of Chili Pepper run could conflict with District for next year; wait and see how season/dates shake out

Membership Report – Stephanie McGowan

- 11XC Senior Families joined; 106 total; currently at 73% membership; 100% is always the goal
- \$4,630 total collected for HS via membership
- \$2,525 total collected via donations
- Need 13 more XC and 10 more track families to meet goal for HS
- In MS we need 13 more to reach goal
- Many thanks to Logan for continuing to keep the Membership Link in weekly email

VP Programs – Lindsay Pederson

- Fall Festival was cancelled! 😞
- Any plans to schedule more meets for next year? Likely no.

Committee Reports

End of Season Banquet Report – Tracy Carty absent

- EOS Committee working hard (Becky Day, Cindy Bittlestone, Gail Rouse, Jennifer Hendrix, Gina Bessa)

- Need to know how budget is affected before finalizing plans
- Sloan can host but will barely fit; squeeze 11 athletes at each table; can use chairs for adults that choose not to eat
- Discussion regarding sacrificing food since \$\$\$ tight; Reception vs Banquet for XC/TF

Hospitality Report – Julie Armstrong

- Will provide Hospitality Tent for district meet with 6 teams; no more than 20 coaches for coffee, donuts, water bottles

Spiritwear Report – Amy Muirhead absent

- Working on rolling out track spiritwear early; will order before Christmas

Senior Gifts – Eleanor Michal

- Email to Senior Parents will go out 10/3; pictures have been taken; all have participated; need to pull pictures from MS days

Public Affairs & Recognition – Jodi Picirillo

- Yearbook ad pictures complete
- Following up with families that have not yet paid
- Planning to submit more pictures to yearbook for greater exposure

Home Meet Concessions – Kristin Murry

- Will use leftovers from Fall Festival for MS meets.
- During T/F season will continue to bring in healthy options

Scholarships – Kelly Terwege

- No completed applications have been turned in yet
- Email has been sent noting new due date of **Oct 16 at 8pm**
- Athletes likely need reminder so Letters of Recommendation can be confirmed

WSMS Liaison – Kate Morefield

- Season starts Nov 13th; 4 meets total
- HS athletes help run meet

New Business

- Adjustments to Budget – items not being adjusted are scholarships and paying for athletes' banquet meals
- LLI Golf - New date set for Monday, Oct. 15
- Nike South – Boys must run sub-18:30 to qualify; Saturday, Nov. 17th
- Need hotel details for State Meet from Greg
- Possible Vol Opp. For Athletes with Feed My Starving Children in Richardson – packing meals; have weekend opportunities available to participate as a team; great way to give back to community; program welcomes team as they get competitive and pack more boxes.
- Discussion regarding what to do with old uniforms (that melted) Is it possible to sell to athletes as keepsake?
- UIL rules must be followed with regards to gifting athletes with Senior Gifts; all parents of Seniors actually pay for own Senior Gift
- UIL has approved purchasing of State rings by Booster Clubs

Upcoming Booster Club Meetings and Events

- Nov 8th – End of Season XC Event at Sloan Creek
- January 8th - General Membership Meeting
- Reading with the Leopards:
 - Hart - 11/ 9
 - Lovejoy - 11/16
 - Puster - 11/30
- XC Team Posters were a hit! Made \$50
 - Can be distributed to local business
 - Banner looks great and was successfully used at Leopard Friday

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