

Barnstormer Booster Club Meeting Minutes
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Meeting Subject Attendance 42

General meeting

Location	Date	Start Time	End Time
Clipper Magazine Stadium	5/19/09	6:34 p.m.	7:05 p.m.

Objective

To provide committee updates to the general members

Meeting Notes/ Agenda Items

1. Welcome – Jerry Kipphorn
2. Call to order
3. Introduction- Lancaster Barnstormer Representative
 - a. Kristen Simon – Assistant General Manager, Ticket Sales and Service
 - b. Maureen Wheeler – Box Office Manager
4. Frank Greenwood and Lester Rowe made the motion to approve the March 17, 2009 minutes. The entire Club approved the motion.
5. Treasurer's report - Debbie Heisey
 - a. General Account
 - i. There is a balance of \$3,394.06.
 - ii. 4 checks were written:
 1. 1048 for \$50.00 to David Peiffer ESQ.
 2. 1049 for \$310.00 to Southern Maryland Blue Crabs for deposit on picnic tickets.
 3. 1050 for \$58.00 to Postmaster for one year's PO Box fee.
 4. 1051 for \$49.00 to a member to refund overpayment of his club dues
 - iii. \$0.15 interest posted (\$0.38 year-to-date).
 - iv. The Club now has a debit card available to use in emergency situations.
 - b. \$25.00 is kept in a cash bag during the season to use as change through the season when we have a table on the concourse.
 - c. Activities Account
 - i. The activities account was created to keep the funds for activities separate from the general funds. All future payments for activities should be made payable to Debra Heisey – Activities Account.
 - ii. There is a balance of \$1,742.00

- iii. No checks were written from this account.
- d. Dan Ranck and Wes Kurtz made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and the entire Club approved the motion.
- 6. Player Liaison – Kelley Breniser/Deb Greenwood/Olivia Lancaster
 - a. Player Meal Sign-Up Sheets were passed around and the Club was reminded that the next meal is Friday, May 22. The Board approved that the Club could purchase the main course for a value up to \$100.00 per meal. This meal will be baked and fried chicken. The Club members are asked to contribute salads and desserts. The next meal will be Thursday, June 4th with an Italian theme.
 - b. The Player Snack Basket is always in need of being filled, if you are able to provide any individually wrapped snacks it is appreciated.
 - c. There are still a few players who are living in a hotel that the team is attempting to place. The goal is to provide an apartment type setting for the players and they will be in need of any household items. Please email the info link on the website if you have any items that you are able to donate. The team has assured us that they will find storage over the winter to store any donated items so that they can be used again over the coming years.
- 7. Membership Committee – Deb Paules on behalf of Vicki Sauders
 - a. We currently have 109 members.
 - b. 5 individual memberships have been given away to day with the combination of FanFest and the tables on the concourse at select games.
 - c. We are still looking for volunteers to work the Booster Club Table on the following dates: May 27, June 7, July 3, July 19, July 30 and Sept. 8).
- 8. Charitable – Mindy Reed/Olivia Lancaster
 - a. The new program that the Club will be supporting is the Cell Phones for Soldiers campaign. There will be mailing envelopes available after the meetings and at the Club tables where individuals can mail in their old, unused cell phones and they will be refurbished and a contribution of a phone card will be sent to our troops. The return address label with our club address has been placed on the mailers so that the organization will be aware of where the phones are mailed from.
 - b. Once again, the Club will support the Orioles Advocates Cardboard to Leather program. This program provides new and gently used baseball and softball equipment to underdeveloped countries such as Nicaragua and Venezuela. Representatives from the Orioles Advocates will be at the stadium in August. Also, there is a box for the equipment in the Box Office for collection. A great place to pick up these items is a yard sale. You are often able to get a better deal if you tell them what you are going to do with it.

9. Communications and Web Site – Mindy Reed on behalf of Laurie Fuller
 - a. The deadline for the upcoming *Cowbell* is May 30th.
 - b. There will be a new feature in the *Cowbell* for a Member Spotlight. The forms were distributed at the meeting and will be available on the website and the tables on the concourse. The forms can be completed and handed in at the tables as well. A member will be chosen each month and featured in the newsletter.
 - c. If you have an item you would like included in the newsletter, please email it to the info link on the website.
 - d. Any information that you would like to have posted on the website, please email it to the info link or to the Secretary.
10. Finance – Debbie Heisey
 - a. No additional report
11. Activities – Vicki Sauders/Deb Paules
 - a. There were 32 attendees at the PreSeason Social
 - b. There were 65 attendees at the Spring Training Picnic.
 - c. The Southern Maryland Bus Trip is sold out. One member, Stephanie Lancaster, received two free tickets for the bus trip.
 - d. The deadline to order tickets for the Camden Bus Trip is June 1. The cost is \$34.50. This trip is now open to the public.
 - e. The first Field of Dreams opportunity is Wednesday, May 27. A ticket to that night's game is required to participate.
 - f. The next Field of Dreams opportunity is July 1.
 - g. The next opportunity to watch batting practice is tentatively June 18. More details will be sent via email closer to the date.
 - h. The York game is Sunday, September 13. The cost is \$7.00 each, only 14 seats remain.
 - i. Dutch Apple Holiday Show – Wednesday, December 9. The cost is \$47.00 each which includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. 30 seats remain
12. Governing Documents – Debbie Heisey / Cindy Geib (not present)
 - a. Due to several new members in attendance who did not have the opportunity to review, the vote on the new *Code of Ethics for Officers and the Board of Directors* was postponed until the July General Meeting. A copy was provided to the new members. Due to the presence of the new members, the entire Membership agreed that the vote would be tabled until the next General Meeting in July.
 - b. The committee is reviewing a *Conflicts of Interest Policy* for the Board. This document will be distributed to the Board for comments and then to the General Membership for their review.
13. Fundraising – Shirley Miller/Jason Pollack
 - a. The Committee is researching some fundraising options.

14. Historical Committee – Jerry Kipphorn on behalf of Jeff and Barb Rule
 - a. Request for photos and digital artifacts from club gatherings for archiving.
15. Barnstormer Liaison – Lori Baxter
 - a. No news to report
16. Comments from Lancaster Barnstormer Representative – Kristen Simon
 - a. Gates open at 5:30 on Friday, May 23 to allow ample time for all of the Salute to Veterans activities.
 - b. Giveaway items were detailed for the coming weekend.
 - c. The tour of the stadium will take place following the adjournment of the meeting. Two tours will be provided.
17. Old Business
 - a. No Old Business was outstanding
18. New Business
 - a. No New Business was noted.
19. Calendar/Dates – All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Clipper Magazine Stadium
 - a. Board Meetings
 - i. June 9
 - ii. July 7
 - iii. August 11
 - iv. September 15
 - v. October 13
 - vi. November 10
 - vii. December 8
 - b. General Meetings
 - i. July 14
 - ii. September 22
 - iii. November 17 (elections)
20. Adjournment
 - a. Frank Greenwood and Linda Reed made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The entire Club approved the motion.