

Barnstormer Booster Club Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Subject

Attendance 13

Committee Updates

Location	Date	Start Time	End Time
Clipper Magazine Stadium	9/7/10	6:35 p.m.	7:51 p.m.

Objective

To provide committee updates to the Board and Approve items for upcoming events

1. Meeting Notes/Agenda Items
2. Welcome & Call to Order by Jim Reed
3. Introduction of Lancaster Barnstormer Representative – Kristen Simon
4. Kelley Breniser and Jim McNaught made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2010 Board meeting. The entire Board approved the motion.
5. Treasurer's Report – Deb Heisey
 - a. General Fund
 - i. Balance - \$2,391.95
 1. Interest \$0.16, YTD \$0.76
 2. Paid with Debit Card
 - a. \$132.50 – Gargano's for player meal
 - b. \$5.98 – Weis Markets for player meal
 - c. \$1.52 was placed back in the account
 - b. Activities Account
 - i. Balance \$1,032.58
 - c. Mindy Reed and Kelley Breniser made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The entire Board approved the motion.
 6. Committee Reports
 - a. Historical – Jim Reed for Jeff & Barb Rule
 - i. Jim spoke to Jeff and Barb I regards to having the video ready for October 1. At the time of the meeting, Barb only needed to add the Buddy program on it.
 - b. Charitable – Mindy Reed
 - i. You and Me on a Comeback – The date of the Bowlerama is January 15, 2011. Laurie Fuller will put a press release together at the end of December following receipt of additional information from Mindy
 - ii. Humane League of Lancaster County – a meeting was to be held on Friday, September 10 with the contact from the Humane League. Collection boxes will be placed in the Box

Office and Laurie prepared a drop read to be used on the PA system over the final homestand.

- iii. United Way Day of Caring – several participants signed up to help, but the opportunities filled up very fast. We will try again next year to gather a group together to assist.
- c. Communications & Website – Laurie Fuller
 - i. The Cowbell will be released on or around September 15th. The next edition will be December and then April. During the season next year, we will go back to the every other month format. If we have a great deal of content, we can expand the number of pages in each edition.
 - ii. Please continue to post items on the Facebook page.
 - iii. People have expressed concern that they have had issues sending emailed to the info link. Some of the issue may be with those that are not using the MS Outlook format. Laurie will prepare a video tutorial to be posted on the website to help assist everyone.
- d. Governing Documents – Deb Heisey
 - i. No news to report.
- e. Player Liaison – Olivia Lancaster, Kelley Breniser & Deb Greenwood
 - i. Jim Reed, Deb Heisey and Kelley Breniser met with Kristen and Vince regarding some items, one of them being the storage of the household items. The front office has agreed to store the items during the offseason. Vince plans to check with Move In Self Storage to see if they can create a deal for us to store the items during the season that are not in use. The possibility of a chain link fence was discussed, but there is a concern that there could be rodents or something that may take up residence in the items.
 - ii. Player meals – Deb Greenwood asked to bring up the possibility at the General Meeting to see what the consensus is for making player meals next season. The reason being is that it seems as though many of the same people consistently provide/cook the food items.
 - iii. Kelley would like to have more restaurant meals next season.
 - iv. We may also want to re-think how we provide the meals when they are cooked.
 - v. Another way to seek the opinions of the membership is to place something on the Facebook page or submit an email to Mindy to send out regarding likes and dislikes for the meals.
 - vi. The Buddy program provided for a lot of positive feedback from the players.
- f. Fundraising – Deb Ranck

- i. The check for the WOW! Wingery fundraiser was received.
 - ii. The Isaac's fundraiser is set for Tuesday, September 28th from 5-8 p.m. Coupons are available on the website. We also have some available in the box office and we received permission to hand out fliers as people leave the game during the last homestand. In addition, Deb is to prepare a drop read for Lori to send to Pam. John Witwer will read it during the games.
 - iii. The sub sale and WOW fundraisers covered this past year's food. Perhaps we are able to earmark the Isaac's money towards something else.
 - g. Barnstormer Liaison Committee – Lori Baxter
 - i. Coupons were received for the team store. If anyone has not received one, they should see Lori Baxter.
 - h. Membership/Activities – Vicki Sauders
 - i. Fall Social – 25 people have RSVP'd. However, they are not necessarily noting if they will need shoes. Another email will be sent out. The social is from October 23rd from 2-5 p.m. The deadline is September 21.
 - ii. Winter Social – Vicki contacted Bube's Brewery.
 - 1. Alios – they have two public Nutcracker Murder Mystery dinners. December 9th or 10th. The cost is \$38. They may have small rooms and some people may need to split up. Dinner begins at 7 p.m.
 - 2. Catacombs – December 12th a Christmas Feast is available for a cost of \$38. There are a lot of steps to get to the Catacombs.
 - 3. The Board prefers the option of Alios on December 10th.
 - a. We could purchase tickets in advance
 - b. People could purchase their own tickets
 - c. Jim Reed will stop in to see how many each room seats and is it possible to have a private event? Vicki mentioned that they said they fill up quickly, what do they mean by that?

7. Old Business

- a. Mindy Reed spoke to John Ross from the Orioles Advocates. He mentioned that the person who was concerned about the items being sold on eBay is no longer employed by the Orioles. Therefore, we can explore this as an opportunity to sell the bobblehead. Mindy will do research on this after the season is over.

8. New Business

- a. Mindy Reed received items from the Orioles Advocates. Deb Heisey and Kelley Breniser made a motion to pass the bobbleheads that were received along to *You and Me on a*

Comeback for the silent auction at the Bowlerama. An additional idea is for the additional items to be giveaways at the fall social or to provide a gift bag of items to *You and Me on a Comeback*.

- b. Elaine Erb donated a bear and a bat hanger to the Club for a giveaway.
- c. Jim Hannah donated a blanket to the Club for a giveaway as well.
- d. Kristen said she is willing to gather some Barnstormer items as prizes for the socials.
- e. Kelley Breniser mentioned that she noticed that there were a lot of emails for money throughout the season. She suggested that all Committee Chairs be present at the October Board meeting to present a budget for 2011 to the Board. However, Deb Heisey noted that the By-Laws are written to state that all disbursements require Board approval before funds are released.
 - i. Perhaps we should earmark some funds for the player meals.
 - ii. It was noted that the funds for the social are coming from the excess funds from the bus trips.
 - iii. If we know what amount of funding we will need, it would give us more of an idea of the fundraisers we will need each year.
 - iv. It was brought up that we all need to think about things more and plan ahead so that we don't have as many email votes. This will allow more discussion of the items at meetings and it should not be a problem since the Board does meet on a monthly basis. Unless there is a very tight deadline for something, we should hold our items until the next meeting.
- f. Jim Reed was going to send an email out, but chose to state at the Board meeting that Committee Chairs are doing a great job. However, with the season winding down, we need to approach the chairs to see if they are willing to continue as a Committee Chair. Jim suggested that we ask for that commitment at the October Board Meeting. Then, we will also ask the General Membership to see if anyone would like to be more involved and become a committee member or chair.
 - i. Kelley Breniser suggested that we set up committee emails to possibly cut down on those who have issues sending emails to the info link. However, we may run into the issue where there are too many options for people. A suggestion was made to see how the tutorial works/helps before we take that step.
- g. Vicki mentioned that she would like to split up the Membership and Activities committee and step down as the chair of the membership committee. However, in order to do this, the By-Laws would need to be changed. In either case, she would like someone to take over

that portion of the committee as she feels she is out of ideas to try to obtain higher membership numbers.

9. Upcoming meeting dates
 - a. The next Board meeting will be October 12, 2010.
 - b. The next General meeting will be September 21, 2010.
10. Comments from the Lancaster Barnstormer's representative – Kristen thanked us in advance for our help with the T-Shirt sales. She also mentioned the playbill help and other items in that Vince has asked that if we are going to help we wear our Booster club clothing or pins to identify that we are a part of the Club. We will continue with the sale of the T-Shirts.
11. Kelley Breniser and Deb Heisey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The entire Board approved the motion.