

Barnstormer Booster Club Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Subject

Attendance 14

Committee Updates

Location	Date	Start Time	End Time
Clipper Magazine Stadium	9/15/09	6:30 p.m.	8:45 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 Jerry Kipphorn
3. Introduction of Lancaster Barnstormer Representative – Kristen Simon
4. Kelley Breniser and Deb Paules made the motion to approve the August 11, 2009 Board Meeting minutes. The entire Board approved the motion.
5. Treasurer's Report – Deb Heisey
 - a. General Fund
 - i. Balance \$2,020.43
 - ii. Checks
 1. \$433.50 to Darrenkamps for Subs
 2. \$99.23 to Giant for the Player Meal
 - iii. Check Card Items
 1. \$266.80 to Pin Pros for the Membership Pins
 - iv. Interest - \$0.10
 - b. Activities Account
 - i. Balance \$963.19
 - c. \$25.00 is kept in Cash Bag during the season as change for the table.
 - d. Jim McNaught and Vicki Sauders made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The entire Board approved the motion.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Historical – Jerry Kipphorn on behalf of Jeff and Barb Rule
 - i. Reminded committee chairs and members to forward pictures of club events to Barb and Jeff.
 - ii. The committee submitted documents on LBBBC letterhead for the Lancaster Barnstormers time capsule. The documentation included photos of the first LBBBC board members, a membership pin from 2008, the 2008 issues of the *Cowbell* and letter to "future" Lancaster fans and club members highlighting our mission and activities during the first two years of the LBBBC. While they hope to see many of the same activities carried on through the years, it will be exciting to see how the club evolves in its service to Lancaster baseball.

- b. Membership – Vicki Sauders
 - i. Pins were received and Wes began handing them out. There are still a few members who have not picked them up. Mindy Reed will email the members on the list submitted by Wes to let them know they have arrived.
 - ii. The 2010 pin contest flier was reviewed. A free membership was approved at the last Board meeting for the person's idea that is chosen for the 2010 membership pin.
 - iii. Vicki is planning to step down from as the Membership Chair next year.
- c. Charitable – Mindy Reed
 - i. An update was provided on the Cardboard to Leather program
 - 1. Received letter from John Ross of the Orioles Advocates, read it to the Board.
 - 2. Passed photos of the items that were collected.
 - 3. Contributions were received from SALSA Baseball, East Petersburg Youth Baseball and Softball Association, Ephrata Baseball Association and Mountville Baseball Association.
 - 4. Mindy Reed will prepare a letter to send a formal thank you to the organizations that supported our efforts.
 - ii. You and Me on a Comeback
 - 1. Shared Jed Morris's story of what he is hoping to do in the development of the "Comeback" Center.
 - 2. The Board voted via email to provide volunteer support, but no formal commitment of time has been developed at this point.
 - 3. The letter that was written from Jed Morris and the LBBBC to the doctor he is working with and the representative from the United Auxiliary was read to the Board.
 - 4. Based upon feedback received from Jed, the efforts may begin prior to the actual opening of the "Comeback" Center.
 - iii. Lancaster Project for the Needy
 - 1. A signup sheet will be available at the general meeting for the annual event on December 24th.
 - 2. More details will follow.
- d. Communications & Website – Laurie Fuller
 - i. The Cowbell will be published again in December. Content should be submitted by November 30. When submitting committee reports, please keep them to 500 words or less, so that there is room for multiple committees' reports and other contributions. The hope is to have more submissions by members and not just the committee chairs/ reps. There are often photos to go with the Activities Committee report

and the photos along with the captions, may take up a lot of space. Brief announcements are also welcome, anniversaries, website recommendations (for baseball info, or something fun you think everyone might enjoy checking out).

- ii. The next edition after December will be March and then we will go back to a monthly edition in April.
 - iii. The website continues to be updated whenever requests are received. Please continue to funnel through Mindy Reed and who will pass them on to Laurie. This is working well.
 - iv. The Facebook site could use more entries, wall posts, photos, etc. Please encourage your friends who use Facebook, even those not with the LBBBC at this time, to become fans and share posts. If they get involved in any way, they may want to join the club. However, please refrain from posting things that are not related to the Barnstormers or the club.
- e. Finance – Deb Heisey
- i. No news to report.
- f. Activities – Vicki Sauders and Deb Paules
- i. Bowling will be held on January 16th at Leisure Lanes at 6:00 p.m.
 - 1. Cost will be \$3.50 per game with 4-5 on a lane
 - 2. You are able to bring in food. However, no popcorn, peanuts or alcoholic beverages may be brought in.
 - ii. End of Season Club Picnic on October 10th from 12-3.
 - 1. Deadline to sign up is October 1st.
 - 2. A signup sheet for attendance will be available at the General Meeting
 - iii. Trip to Cooperstown, NY. Likely the third weekend in October, 2010
 - 1. Two options are available.
 - a. Two days - \$183 per person for double occupancy
 - i. Tour Howe Caverns
 - ii. Dinner at Big Brooks BBQ
 - iii. Overnight at the Holiday Inn
 - iv. Breakfast
 - v. Baseball Hall of Fame
 - vi. Farmers Museum
 - vii. Fly Creek Cider Mill
 - b. Three Days - \$288 per person double occupancy
 - i. Howe Caverns
 - ii. Dinner Big Brooks BBQ
 - iii. Baseball Hall of Fame
 - iv. Farmers Museum
 - v. Guided Tour of Cooperstown
 - vi. Fly Creek Cider Mill

- vii. 2 Nights at the Holiday Inn
- viii. 2 Breakfasts
- ix. Corning Glass Museum

2. Kelley Breniser and Deb Heisey made the motion to present the information to the general membership at the next meeting and have a vote on offering a two or three day trip and of offering the trip to non-members at the additional cost of an individual membership.

The entire Board approved the motion.

- g. Governing Documents – Cindy Geib/Deb Heisey
 - i. The draft of the *Board of Directors Conflicts of Interest Policy* was distributed to the Board. Please submit any comments to Cindy Geib or Deb Heisey in writing by October 1. The update policy will be distributed to the general membership at the November 17 meeting for approval.
 - ii. Now is the time to also update the By-Laws if there are any changes. Please submit ideas via email to the committee chairs.
- h. Player Liaison – Olivia Lancaster, Kelley Breniser & Deb Greenwood
 - i. There is an upcoming player meal on Thursday, September 17. The main meal of Chicken Parmesan is being provided by the club at the cost of \$106.00 (\$100.00 plus \$6.00 sales tax) from Garganos.
 - ii. Mindy Reed and Kelley Breniser made the motion to purchase items for a large salad to accompany the meal. The entire Board approved the motion.
 - iii. A suggestion was made for the player meal signups to be made available on-line. Lori mentioned that this is able to be completed through Google Docs.
 - iv. A question was asked to possibly ask for donations from restaurants for the player meals. Kristen Simon stated that this is fine as long as it is coming from the Club. A thank you could be provided on the club website to the restaurant. Also, an idea was presented to go to the vo-techs or York Technical Institute to see if they would be able to donate items as well. Another idea that was presented for next year was to purchase a ham and/or turkey and cook it off for them main portion of the meal. Club members would still supply the sides and desserts.
 - v. Laurie Fuller and Deb Heisey made the motion to explore the avenue of donations from restaurants, vo-tech and/or York Technical Institute. The entire Board approved the motion.
 - vi. There is a possibility that volunteers will be needed to help clean out the household items from Gomez's apartment. (*as of several days after the meeting, this is not needed as one of the players is remaining in Lancaster for at least a month after the season and will be using the housing*).

- vii. Any small household items that may be used by the players in the future may be delivered to the stadium during the off season.
 - i. Fundraising – Shirley Miller
 - i. Ideas for future fundraisers are still being explored
 - ii. Vicki Sauders mentioned a possible bus trip to Atlantic City as a fundraiser – the bus driver we had for the Camden trip mentioned that they work best in January through March or July and August. \$30 to \$40 is the cost of the trip and the participants receive about \$30 back. The group receives about \$8 back as well. The amounts are subject to change based upon what is available from the casinos and based on the charge of the coach. The Activities committee is willing to work with the Fundraising committee if assistance is needed.
 - j. Barnstormer Liaison
 - i. No new news to report
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Concerns about the future of the club were opened after being tabled in August.
 - i. Any problems should be brought up and discussed.
 - ii. Some Board members feel as though some changes should be made in the avenues of when Booster Club business should be discussed.
 - iii. Are there other things that the Member's would like to see as an advantage of membership in the Booster Club?
 - iv. Should the Club continue to remain a Booster Club or should it become more like a Fan Club?
 - v. Based on the feedback from Kristen Simon, the Club is an asset to the Barnstormer organization.
 - vi. It was requested that the By-Laws will be reviewed and possibly major changes will be made in order to allow more flexibility with the Club. Jerry will read a statement at the General Meeting requesting assistance from the membership and to notify the members that we will hold an extra General Membership meeting on October 22nd to discuss the expectations of the members.
 - vii. In addition, the Board discussed that Club business should occur at Board Meetings, General Meetings and at a table on the concourse.
 - b. End of Season picnic purchase of paper products and drinks. Deb Heisey and Kelley Breniser made the motion to purchase paper products, utensils and drinks for up to \$100 from the general funds. The entire Board approved the motion.
 - c. A question was raised about using the general funds to pay for the player meals and whether or not the attorney that the officers met with in the spring noted that we were able to do so. Lori Baxter confirmed that she received a voice mail notifying us that this was acceptable.

8. New Business
 - a. Mindy Reed received items from the Orioles Advocates as a thank you for our collection. The three items were given to the Activities committee to use as giveaways at the picnic.
 - b. Elections will be held on November 17th. Bios will be due in writing, by the general meeting on October 22nd.
9. Upcoming meeting dates were announced
 - a. General Meeting - September 22.
 - b. Board Meeting – October 13.
10. Vicki Sauders and Deb Heisey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The entire Board approved the motion.