

Barnstormer Booster Club Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Subject

Attendance 45

General meeting

Location

Date

Start Time

End Time

Clipper Stadium

11-18-08

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Objective

To provide committee updates to the general members

Meeting Notes/ Agenda Items

1. Welcome Address- Deb Ranck
Orioles Advocate- Bob Harden, Chairman of the Cardboard to Leather Committee and John Ross, President of the Orioles Advocates.
2. The Orioles Advocates presented an award to the Booster Club for all of our assistance with collecting used baseball equipment. They reported that over all the program had double the amount of equipment that they collect in a year. 233 boxes of baseball equipment were shipped to Venezuela. Out of the minor league stadiums Clipper Stadium collected the most equipment. The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs were second place. Clipper Stadium will support this effort next year. It is not too soon to start spread the word and collecting items for next year.
3. Jason Pollack and Lester Rowe made the motion to approve the September 16th board meeting minutes. The entire general body approved this motion.
4. Treasurer's report- Deb Heisey
 - a. Balance- \$1479.00, interest year to date is \$1.99
 - b. No booster club money was used for the Ron Fenwick collection. However, the booster club did facilitate a collection for his family. A total of \$487.00 was collected. This money was turned over to the Barnstormers for them to send to his family.
 - c. Jim McNaught and Frank Greenwood made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The entire general body approved the motion.
5. Elections- Cindy Geib
 - a. Announced the officer positions to be elected.
 - b. Announced who was running for them and if in attendance had them stand.
 - c. Asked if there were any nominations from the floor.
 - d. Closed nominations.
 - e. Announced that there was a typo on the ballot and that the 15 should have read 12.
 - f. Reminded everyone on what the bylaws stated as far as # of directors and how in Feb. of 2007 the membership voted to amend the bylaws to allow for 12 directors instead of 11. Total number of officers *and* directors is now 16.
 - g. Announced who was running for director and if in attendance had them stand. If there were any nominations from the floor.
 - h. Closed nominations.

- i. Read 1st paragraph of Article 8 Section 9 of the Bylaws titled *Manner of Acting & Voting*.
- j. Read Article 9 Section 9 of the Bylaws titled *Quorum*.
- 6. Membership Committee- Vicki Sauders
 - a. Please complete and return the membership surveys to Wes Kurtz
 - b. Additional membership pins are still available for sale
 - c. The club will be offering new merchandise- lightweight zipper jacket, fleece jackets, fleece vests, and sweaters. Descriptive information will be placed on the website along with the prices. Either one of our logos (Barn or cross bats) with charter member can be ordered through March 1st. After March 1st it will be the logo without charter member underneath.
 - d. Volunteers are needed to work the Booster Club table on opening night of the Ice Park (Dec 5th from 6-8) and on New's Eve (Dec 31st 7-9: pomp). If you can volunteer please see Vicki or send her an e-mail.
- 7. Charitable Committee- Jim Hannah
 - a. Still accepting volunteers for the Lancaster food for the needy on Christmas Eve day.
 - b. We will be collecting baseball equipment in the spring for the Cardboard to Leather program.
- 8. Communications- Laurie Fuller
 - a. Please submit any content, articles or photos to Laurie by Dec 1st for the December newsletter. The newsletter is published quarterly during the off season and monthly during the season. The next issue will be in March.
- 9. Website- Laurie Fuller
 - a. Candidate bios were posted on the website
 - b. The Holiday Party being held at Dutch Apple is posted on the website
 - c. Descriptive text regarding the new merchandise will be added to the website.
 - d. The minutes for all of the meetings have been moved back to the home page- per board decision- it is being done with the intent that potential members can read and learn more about the club.
- 10. Finance committee- Deb Heisey
 - a. We became incorporated this past year
 - b. We may now have money to pay for things that had been being donated
 - c. Looking for volunteers to assist with developing the budget for next year.
- 11. Activities Committee- Lori Baxter
 - a. The activity committee created an activities survey to help the committee know what the members are interested in doing. Pricing is just estimates and is based on 2008 prices. Please provide contact information if you do not have access to the website or are interested in purchasing a mini plan for the York games.
 - b. Holiday party is scheduled for Tuesday Dec 16th at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Information is available on the website. The cost is \$46.00 per person and includes the gratuity.
- 12. Governing Documents- Cindy Geib
 - a. The committee is working on the code of ethics for officers and directors. The chair is soliciting help from 2-3 individuals from the general membership to assist with this project. The committee hopes to present a first draft to the Board at the December board meeting.

13. Player Liaison committee – Olivia Lancaster
 - a. The club will be sending a congratulatory card to Ian Bladergroen who signed a minor league contract with the Seattle Mariners. He also recently got married.
14. Historical Committee- Chairperson not present- written report submitted.
 - a. The written report is available to anyone who desires a copy. It was e-mailed out with the agenda to every club member.
15. Fundraising Committee- Chairperson not present. No report provided
16. Old Business- Lori Baxter
 - a. Southern Maryland Blue Crabs are interested in starting a booster club. The board has approved sharing of information to help them get started. Presently, start information has been shared.
17. New business- none
18. The next board meeting is scheduled for December 9th. It would be nice if the newly elected officers and board members would attend this meeting so that information can be shared. The new elect president and board will need to appoint chairs for the committees.
19. The new general manager of the Barnstormers is Vince Bulik and the assistant general manager is Kristen Simon.
20. Election results
President – Jerry Kipphorn
Vice President – Lori Baxter
Secretary- Mindy Reed
Treasurer- Debbie Heisey
Board members
Kelley Breniser
Laurie Fuller
Jim Hannah
Scott Hurt
Wes Kurtz
Evelyn Lefever
Richard Marks
Jim McNaught
Deb Paules
Jason Pollack
Vicki Sauders
Ann Talbot
21. Reading Royals game- Deb Ranck and Lori Baxter
Several Barnstormer fans attended the Barnstormer night. Cylo dropped the puck. Everything was done in baseball language. They even had cow bells.
22. Kelley Breniser and Rose McNaught made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The entire general body approved the motion.