

Barnstormer Booster Club Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Subject

Attendance 54

General meeting

Location	Date	Start Time	End Time
Clipper Magazine Stadium	3/17/09	6:33 p.m.	7:08 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
4. Frank Greenwood and Elaine Erb made the motion to approve the January 13, 2009 minutes. The entire Club approved the motion.
5. Treasurer's report - Debbie Heisey
 - a. There is a balance of \$1,537.29.
 - b. Three checks were written:
 - i. 1035 to Elite Bus Co., for deposit for Camden bus trip.
 - ii. 1036 to Elite Bus Co., for deposit for Southern Maryland bus trip.
 - iii. 1037 to Lancaster Barnstormers for deposit for Spring Training Picnic.
 - c. \$0.06 interest posted.
 - d. Frank Lefever and Frank Greenwood made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and the entire Club approved the motion.
6. Historical Committee – Jeff and Barb Rule
 - a. No report
7. Membership Committee - Vicki Sauders
 - a. The committee is seeking volunteers to work the table at FanFest.
 - b. The committee is seeking volunteers to work the tables during the season – April 26 & 30; May 9 & 15; June 7 & 18; July 3, 19 & 30; August 5, 17 & 29; September 8.
 - c. Prior to the meeting there were approximately 26 membership renewals received.
8. Charitable
 - a. Jerry Kipphorn announced that a Letter of Resignation was received by the Club from Jim Hannah and the Board approved the resignation on March 10, 2009.
9. Communications and Web Site – Jerry Kipphorn on behalf of Laurie Fuller
 - a. The Web Site was updated with the latest Board meeting minutes, a calendar of events for the entire season (which will be updated as the season progresses) and there will be a new password as of April 1. This will be emailed to new and renewing members with their welcome letter.
 - b. New membership applications are also available online. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to use the Vendor application so that they can advertise in the *Cowbell*, both in print and online.
 - c. Articles for the April edition of the *Cowbell* (to be published April 1) were due on March 15, but will be accepted through March 27. Email any text and photos (with captions) you would like published to laurie@limehat.com
 - d. Articles for the May edition (published May 1) should be submitted to Laurie by April 20.

- e. Any committees who wish to have a press release written about an upcoming event should send the information directly to Laurie at least two (2) weeks prior to the date they want the news to appear in the paper.
10. Finance – Debbie Heisey
- a. No additional report
11. Governing Documents – Cindy Geib/Debbie Heisey
- a. A new *Code of Ethics for Officers and the Board of Directors* was provided to all members via email and at the meeting. Please provide any comments in writing to the info link on the website, to the Secretary or to Cindy directly within the next week. If there are any changes, the *Code* will be reviewed and resubmitted to the membership for voting at the next general meeting.
 - b. The committee is also planning to begin work on a Conflicts of Interest Policy for the Board. This document will ask that any Board members fully disclose any possible conflicts of interest if we explore a working relationship with someone/a company.
12. Activities – Vicki Sauders/Deb Paules
- a. A PreSeason Social is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 from 2-4 p.m. at the Ross Street United Methodist Church (parking is in the rear and please enter the Fellowship Hall from the rear of the church). During that time, we will be assembling the Player's Welcome Packets. There is no cost for this event. Please RSVP by March 20.
 - b. A Spring Training Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, April 19. The cost is \$20.00 and will include your ticket to the game and a 2 hour picnic. The game starts at 1:30, gates open at 12:30. The deadline for registration is March 20.
 - c. The holiday event is scheduled for the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre to see "Holly Jolly Christmas" on Wednesday, December 9. The show is at 7:30 and the cost is \$47.00 per person.
 - d. The table at FanFest will be outside from 10-11 and inside the stadium from 11-1.
 - e. There will be three (3) Field of Dreams opportunities this year – May 26, July 1 and September 8. A ticket is required to the game.
 - f. A Bus Trip has been scheduled to Southern Maryland (open to the public and will be advertised in the newspapers) for June 28. The cost is \$52 per person. The cost includes your ticket to the game, round trip coach and a two hour picnic. The deadline for registration is May 1.
 - g. A Bus Trip has been scheduled to Camden (Members only at this time) for July 25. The cost is \$34.50 and includes your ticket to the game and round trip coach.
 - h. A minimum of 30 people is required for both bus trips.
 - i. A group event has been scheduled for the final War of the Roses game, September 13, in York. Ticket purchasers are eligible to win the opportunity to throw out a first pitch. The cost is \$7.00.
 - j. The committee is in the planning stages for an end of year picnic and other fall/winter ideas. If you do have any suggestions please see Vickie Sauders, Deb Paules or let them know via the info link on the website.
13. Player Liaison – Kelley Breniser/Deb Greenwood/Olivia Lancaster
- a. April 19 is the first meal to be provided for the players. The theme is "Taste of Lancaster County". Please sign up to provide part of the meal. Food should be dropped off in the front office by 12:30 p.m.
 - b. Player Welcome Packets will be assembled at the PreSeason Social. They will include phone books, a map of Lancaster County, information on the Strasburg Railroad, etc. There will also be additional information provided for the Latino players on Spanish speaking doctors, restaurants, grocery stores, etc.
14. Fundraising – Shirley Miller/Jason Pollack
- a. No news to report
15. Barnstormer Liaison – Lori Baxter

- a. The Club has received a response from Vince Bulik regarding the dates for many of the requested activities. We are still awaiting the final approval on the player meal dates.
16. New Business
- a. A “Go Phone” was purchased to allow members who do not have access to email or the internet to contact the club. In addition, the phone number will be used in any advertisements for Club activities that are open to the public. All calls will go to voice mail and they will be picked up and the calls will be returned as necessary. The phone number is 717-875-7219.
 - b. A request was received from a fan of the Camden Riversharks who is interested in starting a Booster Club there. The Club provided him with information on the necessary steps to begin, a copy of our By-Laws and offered templates for a website and for him to attend any of our meetings. We also notified him that we are planning a bus trip to their stadium and he is looking forward to meeting us.
 - c. The Club had a sweatshirt with the Charter Member logo on it that was given away. Evelyn Lefever was the winner.
 - d. A new chairperson(s) is needed for the Charitable Committee. Anyone interested in chairing this committee should contact Jerry Kipphorn, Lori Baxter or send an email to the info link on the website.
17. Comments from Barnstormer’s Representative – Kristen Simon
- a. FanFest is April 4 from 11-1.
 - b. There are four Spring Training games scheduled. Two with local colleges, one with Somerset and one with York.
 - c. Opening Day tickets are still available. There are many surprises in store for Opening Day, but that information is top secret.
 - d. A request was made for a stadium tour after the next General Meeting. Lori will email Kristen regarding this and it will be posted on the website after final confirmation is received.
18. Calendar/Dates – All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Clipper Magazine Stadium
- a. Board Meetings
 - i. April 14
 - ii. May 12
 - iii. June 9
 - iv. July 7
 - v. August 11
 - vi. September 15
 - vii. October 13
 - viii. November 10
 - ix. December 8
 - b. General Meetings
 - i. May 19
 - ii. July 14
 - iii. September 22
 - iv. November 17 (elections)
19. Adjournment
- a. Jim McNaught and Rosie McNaught made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The entire Club approved the motion.