

Barnstormer Booster Club General Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Subject

Attendance 32

Committee Updates

Location	Date	Start Time	End Time
Clipper Magazine Stadium	7/19/10	6:35 p.m.	7:46 p.m.

Objective

To provide committee updates to the General Membership

1. Meeting Notes/Agenda Items
2. Welcome & Call to Order by Jim Reed
3. Introduction of Lancaster Barnstormer Representative – Kristin Simon
4. Introduction of the representative from the Community Homeless Outreach Center – Tom Fasnacht
 - a. Tom Fasnacht described the Center and the type of volunteer opportunities that are needed. He also mentioned their first annual CHOC and Roll event scheduled for Sunday, July 25. The Booster Club has been asked to assist in staffing the event at the stadium.
5. Frank Greenwood and Frank Lefever made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting. The entire Club approved the motion.
6. Treasurer's Report – Deb Heisey
 - a. General Fund
 - i. Balance - \$2,000.43
 1. Interest \$0.09, YTD \$0.60
 2. Debit Card payment to Staples for pin envelopes - \$13.56
 3. Debit Card payment to Giant for player meal - \$138.97
 4. Debit Card payment to BJs for a cake for the player meal - \$19.99
 5. Debit Card payment to BJs for a cake to welcome the players back for the second half - \$30.99
 6. Debit Card payment to Darrenkamps for player meal - \$129.53
 7. Debit Card payment to Party City for balloons for locker room - \$12.73
 - b. Activities Account
 - i. Balance \$1,032.58
 1. 8 refunds will be paid at \$100 per person for those who registered for the trip to Cooperstown
 - c. Lori Baxter and Kelley Breniser made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The entire Club approved the motion.
 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Historical – Barb Rule
 - i. The committee requests a list of committee chairs and members for the historical records. Photos of the committees will be taken after the meeting.
 - ii. In addition, those who have signed up for the Baseball Buddy program, Barb would also like to take photos after the meeting.
 - b. Membership/Activities
 - i. Pins have arrived and are being distributed. We still have 8 to distribute.
 - ii. Wes Kurtz noted we will have a drawing at the end of the meeting for the remaining 2009 pins.
 - iii. There are extra 2010 pins for sale for \$5 each. We have 11 pins, one of which will go to the Historical Committee for the archives.
 - iv. The Cooperstown bus trip has been cancelled due to the minimum number of attendees not being met.
 - v. The Camden bus trip was a success, but in the future we will not be purchasing a parking pass ahead of time.
 - vi. The fall social was discussed. Originally, we discussed the Rocky Springs venue as our location, but we also brought up the possibility of a covered dish event at another location. Further discussion will take place under New Business.
 - vii. The Winters Social was also discussed with the possibility of the American Music Theater, Bube's Brewery or a dinner at the Stadium. It was discussed that there was a recollection of this item being voted on previously along with the Fall Social. Mindy Reed will check the

minutes to determine what was voted on. (Note – The Board of Directors did vote Bube's Brewery's Holiday Dinner as the venue for the Winter Social. This was voted on as of December 8, 2009.).

- c. Charitable – Mindy Reed
 - i. The Orioles Advocates will be at the stadium on July 31 for their collection drive in Lancaster.
 - ii. Deb Heisey is working to put together a meeting with the Humane League to see how we can develop a partnership. She asked for volunteers from the General Membership to work on this item. In addition, Laurie Fuller mentioned that we can profile this in the newsletter and on the website.
 - iii. The United Way has a website set up for the Day of Caring. Mindy will review the website to determine if there an opportunity for the General Membership to assist in the community with this opportunity.
 - iv. Community Homeless Outreach Center – a sign-up sheet was available for those interested in helping to staff the motorcycle ride on Sunday, July 25.
 - v. Kelley Breniser asked for assistance for the Children's Hospital at the Hershey Medical Center. She knows someone who is collecting crayons, coloring books, small toys, crafts, etc. to be donated for the children. The person will take the items to Hershey in September. We will place tubs in the box office for collection of the items prior to September 15th.
- d. Communications & Website – Laurie Fuller
 - i. We are averaging 300 or so hits on the Facebook page each week. More items are being posted on the page.
 - ii. The newsletter will be posted on the website soon.
 - iii. The next newsletter will be August/September.
- e. Governing Documents – Deb Heisey
 - i. No news to report.
- f. Player Liaison – Olivia Lancaster, Kelley Breniser & Deb Greenwood
 - i. Meal Dates
 - 1. August 22 is Casserole Night
 - 2. August 20 is Chicken Parmesan from Gargano's
 - 3. September 5 is Breakfast for Dinner
 - 4. September 13 is a Club bought meal
 - 5. We could still use a restaurant to donate a meal. If anyone has any ideas, please let Kelley know.
 - 6. There were rave reviews of the All American meal night.
 - ii. We are still seeking a storage location for the household items that are available to the players.
 - 1. Some of the items have gone out to the players and we have lost some control over where the items are going.
 - 2. The cost of a storage unit is approximately \$500 per year.
 - 3. Jim Reed was going to check on chain link fencing – a fence company that he checked with mentioned that they do not keep any that is torn down, but we could purchase 100 feet of chain link fence with hardware and posts which would result in a 25 ft. x 25 ft. area. In order to keep the items dry, we could possibly shrink wrap around the top to put some sort of roof over the items.
 - 4. Another option is to no longer offer this service.
 - a. The price of storage is high. If we would do this, we would likely need to look at more fundraising.
 - b. Units are available at a lower rate but are farther away from the stadium.
 - c. If we would only rent for the winter, then what would we do with the items that are not needed in the summer?
 - d. Where did the items come from originally? A lot of the items were collected off Craig's list or were donated from other sources.
 - e. Another option to look into is if someone would have space at their house.
 - f. An option of a small trailer or a small storage shed was also discussed, but would require further research.
 - g. If we would have a trailer, could we look into the cost of an outside storage area?
 - h. These items will be looked into and further details will be discussed at a later time.

5. The Baseball Buddy program is up and running. The players are enjoying it and if one player receives something the others seem to be jealous.
 - a. It was discussed about how often the \$5 items should be provided to the players. It was determined that it should be one time per homestand. The final gift will be up to \$25.
 - b. It was suggested that we coordinate something after the game on September 5, so that the Buddies can meet their Player and give them their final gift. If a member is unable to meet their Player that day, please contact the committee chairs and other arrangements will be made. Members who were not matched up with the Buddy program are still able to join the gathering. Since that is a day for a player meal, it will likely take place in the picnic area after the game.
- g. Fundraising – Deb Ranck
 - i. WOW! Wingery – Thank you to everyone that attended. The total raised was to be \$370.00. However, the manager increased the amount to a \$500.00 donation. A check request has been submitted and the check will be sent to the PO Box.
 - ii. Other meal ideas were discussed
 1. Hoss's – 20% would be given for up to \$1,200 in sales, it would cover a whole day and can be any day of the week.
 2. Friendly's would also offer it from 5 to 8 p.m. from September to April and would give 10%. They would also ask for a minimum of 50 people to visit during that time.
 3. Isaac's would give 25%, but would ask that it only be a Sunday through Thursday and we would need to choose a specific location.
 4. WOW was discussed again, but since we did receive the extra donation, we may want to wait until next year to hold another fundraiser there.
 5. The Membership did note that they would prefer Isaac's, but we will need to choose one location and also compare it to a game schedule.
- h. Barnstormer Liaison Committee – Lori Baxter
 - i. No news to report
8. Old Business
 - a. Lori Baxter and Olivia Lancaster made a motion to purchase tubs for the collection of items for Hershey Medical Center and the Humane League. The entire Club approved the motion.
 - b. By a show of hands, 17 members of the 32 present feel that we should continue plans with Rocky Springs on October 23rd from 2-5 p.m. rather than a covered dish.
 - c. The 2009 pins were distributed by a random drawing.
9. New Business
 - a. Janet Dietrich made a suggestion to provide each player with a pin next year. This will be discussed in further detail when we discuss plans for this type of item next year.
10. Upcoming meeting dates
 - a. The next Board meetings will be August 10 and September 7.
 - b. The next General meeting will be September 14.
11. Comments from the Lancaster Barnstormer's representative – Kristen did not have any news to report.
12. Kelley Breniser and Lori Baxter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The entire Club approved the motion.