

April 2009

The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 1 Number 5

The 2009 Season Begins!

A familiar slogan in our inaugural year, we're happy to announce that "Baseball is back!" for a fifth season. Opening day is April 23rd – a moment Booster Club members in particular, and all Barnstormers' fans have been pining for since September of 2008! Being able to watch some of the team's spring training and attend a pre-season game on April 19th against York (and enjoy a picnic at that game for Booster Club members) assures us a fun-filled month, and the start of what we all hope will be a championship season. We've got high hopes with Von Hayes returning, Tommy Herr back in the picture, and some great new players signed.

We're sad to see some of the players we've loved and cheered for move on to other teams and pursuits, but we wish them well – and send our vote of confidence and a pledge of our support to the 2009 Barnstormers! ★

Committee Reports

Each edition of the newsletter highlights a variety of committees and their activities, depending on what's going on that month. The Committee Chairs, or their designated representatives, provide the reports.

Activities

Greetings from your Activities Committee! On March 28th from 2 'til 4 p.m. a Pre-Season Social was held at the Ross Street United Methodist Church. We had 28 members attend. A good time was had by one and all as we socialized and talked about memories of baseball seasons past and baseball seasons yet to come. We assembled 40 Welcome Packets for the players, and



Each player will receive a packet to help him become familiar with Lancaster, finding places to eat, have fun, find essential services, and enjoy their summer here.

made a huge welcome banner for the player locker room. Shirley Miller and Richard Mark also brought their scrapbooks and baseball memorabilia for us to view. Thank you to both of them!

When it comes to Activities, we're going to have lots of fun things to do this season – including Spring Training Picnic at Clipper Magazine Stadium on April 19th and a bus trip to Southern Maryland on June 28th. A picnic in their picnic area is included in the price of trip. Deadline to order tickets for this trip is May 1st.



At the social, an assembly line forms to stuff the Welcome Packet envelopes.



There will be a bus trip to Camden on July 25th (deadline to order tickets is also May 1st), followed by a War of the Roses Game in York on September 13th (deadline to order tickets is July 27th). One lucky Booster club Member will be able to throw out the first pitch for this game, and



The banner, created at the Pre-Season Social, will adorn the locker room to give the players a warm welcome.

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there will be a Field of Dreams opportunity on Tuesday May 26th and a First Pitch opportunity on August 3rd.

Looking to the 2009-2010 off-season, there will be a Holiday Event at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on December 9th (deadline to order tickets October 30th).

Of course, all members are encouraged to participate in all club-related events that they wish to. Please keep an eye on the website for more information and updates.

Wes Kurtz, for the Activities Committee

Finance

The Finance Committee is again happy to report that new and renewal membership fees and money from our off-season activities have been deposited regularly. For those who were interested, the details of our finances are discussed at all Booster Club

meetings, and you can find the dates for upcoming meetings at the Club website: www.barnstormersboosters.org.

The website also provides links to all meeting minutes, which you can review online to find out exactly how much money has been taken in and how much has gone out to cover expenses. You can send questions to our general email address, info@barnstormersboosters.org, and they'll be forwarded to me for a timely response.

Thank you!

Deb Heisey, Finance Committee Chair

Website & Communications

The work to be done by these two committees always increases during the season – and we're happy to have so many things to report on the website, the newsletter, and through press releases to the newspapers and TV. We want the public to know all the things the Booster Club does for the team and the fans, if only to increase membership and fan support of our activities as they impact the players. From meals for the

team to stocking the players' snack basket, from attending away games to give our guys a little "home field advantage," to attending off-season social events so we can all stay in touch, we hope lots of Barnstormers' fans will get involved – preferably as members of the Booster Club, but certainly as active and enthusiastic fans. Our ventures are truly an example of "the more the merrier!"

Toward that end, we hope that Club members will submit articles for *The Cowbell* editions running throughout the season (monthly) and then on a quarterly basis during the off-season. The more fun and interesting items we can report here in the newsletter, the more support we'll have for Club and fan-based activities in the future.

Laurie Fuller, Website & Communications Committee Chair



The Booster Club is Under New Management!

Top: Jerry Kiphorn, president, first row, left to right: Mindy Reed, secretary, Deb Heisey, treasurer, and Lori Baxter, vice president.

Barnstormers' games since opening day in 2005. He is a self-employed electrical contractor, and he also works at special events at Hershey. At the games, he and his wife sit on the third base side of the stadium, but can be seen throughout the stadium socializing with other Booster Club members. Their home served as home base for Jared Ball during his stay in Lancaster last season. Stop and introduce yourself to Jerry at the stadium.

Assisting Jerry in managing the team is **Lori Baxter**, who has been an avid Barnstormers' fan for four years. She is a fourth grade teacher at Fairview Elementary School in Elizabethtown School District. Lori sits behind the Barnstormers' dugout in section 7 with her mom and stepfather. On the bus trips to away games, she was the bingo caller, and served as the Activities Chairperson for the Club last year.

If you see Lori, be sure to ask her about her jersey collection and the players who wore them.

The next member of the management team is **Mindy Reed**. Mindy started out as a twenty-two game season ticket holder in 2006 and this year has become a full season ticket

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The Lineup for the New Year

As the Lancaster Barnstormers prepare their starting lineup for the 2009 season, the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club wants to introduce you to their new officers for 2009.

The officers are: Jerry Kiphorn, president; Lori Baxter, vice president; Mindy Reed, secretary; and Debbie Heisey, treasurer. In sharing some information about themselves, they hope that the club membership will feel comfortable in communicating with them.

Managing the Booster Club team is **Jerry Kiphorn** who has been attending

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holder. Mindy is a supervisor of the InForce Underwriting Department of Delta Dental of Pennsylvania. She sits in section 19 with her mom and dad. In case you can't find her, just listen for the "LLOOOOYD!" when Lloyd Turner comes up to bat, and Mindy will be sitting beside the man (her dad) who is doing the yelling. When not at the games, she enjoys boating with her family and scrapbooking.

The final member in the lineup is **Debbie Heisey**, who has been a Diamond Club season ticket holder since the opening season. At the games, you will find her and her husband sitting near home plate. Debbie has been instrumental in handling the Booster Club's finances from the inception of the club, and returns as the club's treasurer this year. She works as a travel agent when she is not at the stadium. She also enjoys taking trips to Arizona to watch the Diamondbacks in spring training. ★

Booster Club Members BIRTHDAY LIST!

April

Connor Bair
Sam Bolton
Peter Geib
Brian Gossman
Diane Greenawalt
Deborah Greenwood
James Hannah
James Nolt
Barbara Rule

Note! *If you're a new member and we missed your April birthday, please let us know – we'll be sure to list you in the May edition!*

Thank you!

We also thank Mindy Reed, our Membership Committee Chair, for providing the Birthday list.

Meetings!

The next two Board and General meeting dates are always listed on the website, but here's a list for the rest of 2009 – please retain this for reference, so you never miss a chance to attend a meeting and get involved! We look forward to seeing a strong turnout at General meetings, and hope more members will volunteer for committees.

General Meetings

May 19
July 17
September 22
November 17 (Elections)

Board Meetings

April 14
May 12
June 9
July 7
August 11
September 15
October 13
November 10
December 8

All meetings will be held at Clipper Stadium, and begin at 6:30 pm.



Attention Lancaster Area Businesses!

Your ad would look great in this spot! We circulate this newsletter online and in print, to many of your potential customers. Check out our Vendors link at our website (www.barnstormersboosters.org) or email our new Vice President and Chief Information Dispenser (Lori Baxter) at info@barnstormersboosters.org for more information on our opportunities to "boost" your business!

Have a story idea for The Cowbell? Send it to Laurie Fuller, via the Info@BarnstormersBoosters.org email address. Send an article, with or without photos, and we'll use it in an upcoming edition. Our next *Cowbell* will be coming out in MAY, and content for that edition should be received no later than 4/30/09. Thanks!



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