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The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 1 Number 7

Stormin' Into Summertime

Late spring has been quite rainy, and as *The Cowbell* goes to press, we're watching the rain come down and hoping a double-header, designed to make up for a rained-out game, actually happens tonight. The rain also postponed a team meal (Italian night), so it looks like all the Booster Club cooks will be bringing their pasta to the ballpark to fortify the team for two 7-inning games. Speaking of cooking, Barnstormers fans were thrilled at the end of May to watch their team finally get all the ingredients together and win a record six straight games at home, and then another on the road – and we're looking forward to more of the same as the steamy days of summer are soon to be upon us. Nothing beats the heat and makes squinting and waiting for the sun to dip below the Turkey Hill sign worthwhile like watching the 'Stormers play a great game of baseball. ★

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 the Activities Committee!

On May 19th, after the General Membership meeting, all members in attendance were given a tour of Clipper Magazine Stadium. Kristen Simon and Maureen Wheeler were the guides for this tour. Kristen did an excellent job explaining how the pre-game and in between innings entertainment is scripted, timed and planned. Places visited on this tour included a Skybox, Kristen's office, the Fun closet (which is Cylo's home), the Home locker room, the Visitors' locker room, the Batting cage, the Umpires' lounge, the Press Box and all of the individual booths inside the Press box. We send a very big Booster Club *Thank You* to Kristen and Maureen for an informative and fun tour of Clipper Magazine Stadium.



On May 27th there was a Field of Dreams opportunity for Booster Club Members. Due to a scheduling problem, the members were unable to go out on to the field. So the Booster Club Members formed a High Five Tunnel for the players to go through as they exited the dugout to take the field.

The June 28th bus trip to Southern Maryland is sold out. At the May 19th

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Members of the Booster Club realize their "Field of Dreams" on May 27th

Committee Reports... continued

General Membership meeting, there was a drawing for 2 free tickets for the Maryland bus trip, all current club members were entered into this drawing. Stephanie Lancaster was the winner.

On July 25, the Booster Club will be taking their first evening bus trip to see the 'Stormers play in Camden. The deadline to order tickets has been extended. This trip is now open to the public, so feel free to invite some friends and relatives to join us. We will be sure to show them how much fun the Club is.

Our second Field of Dreams opportunity will take place on July 1st. Please see Vicki Sauders or sign up at the Booster Club table so that we know how many Boosters will be taking the field that night with our players. The deadline to order tickets for the September 13th, 2009 York game is July 27th. The calendar for all club events can be found on the club website. If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by the table to pick one up.

The Activities Committee would love to hear your ideas for future events. Please feel free to share your ideas when you stop by the table or contact the committee via info@barnstormersbooster.org. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

Wes Kurtz,
for the Activities Committee

Membership

As of May 27, 2009, we have 112 members. Kenneth Miller and Rich Holcomb were the April winners of a free individual membership. In addition, Mindy Gorecki, Dave Flawd, and Holly Mould were selected in the May drawings for a free individual membership.

The Booster Club will have a table at the stadium on the following dates: June 7th and June 18th. Please stop by and say hello. If you haven't picked up your membership card you may do so at the table. We always welcome volunteers to help work the tables at the stadium. If you have time, please see Vicki Sauders.

Wes Kurtz,
for the Membership Committee

Finance

The Finance Committee is happy to report that new and renewal membership fees and money from purchases of Booster Club gear and sign-ups for bus trips, etc... are being deposited regularly.

If you'd like to know more about our financial activities, check out the website – you'll find 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 info@barnstormersboosters.org, and they'll be forwarded to me for a timely response.

Deb Heisey,
Finance Committee Chair

Website & Communications

With so many activities to report, the website and this newsletter provide a great way for Booster Club members to keep everyone informed about what's going on, how the games are going from a fan's perspective, and to seek input on future activities and events.

This month's *Cowbell* sees the first of two such entries, with a personal article by member Richard Mark and a Committee Spotlight focusing on the good works that the Charitable Committee is undertaking.

In addition, we hope people will contribute to the new Member Spotlight feature, utilizing the form that is available from the website for shining a light on a particular Barnstormers fan (and Booster Club member). Anyone can fill out a form – about themselves or someone else – and we'll use it in an upcoming edition of *The Cowbell*.

As for the website, stay tuned for new items and updates in the Calendar, minutes of Board and General Meetings, and announcements about chances to feed the team, take a trip by bus to an away game, or chow down at a picnic. There's a seemingly unending string of opportunities to have fun with fellow Barnstormers fans and Booster Club members – so we encourage you to take advantage of them.

If you've got an event, an idea for an activity, or an experience to share, contact us at info@barnstormersboosters.org, and share it!

Laurie Fuller,
Website & Communications
Committees Chair

Back Together Again



by Richard Mark

Opening Day was just super. No team does a better job than our Barnstormers. I think the pre-game program this year was probably the best except for 2005. Getting together with the guys and gals in section seven was great. After six months we were back together again.

Win or lose, our Barnstormers always put on a great show. The defense was awesome on opening day and Josh did a wonderful pitching job. How blessed we are in Lancaster to have the finest stadium in minor league baseball and a team that always gives their best. Thank you Barnstormers, We love you. ★

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Do you have a fan experience or perspective to share?
Send us your thoughts, to info@barnstormersboosters.org, and we'll use your item in an upcoming edition of *The Cowbell*. Thank you!

Committee Spotlight: Charity Begins at Home... with the Booster Club!

by Mindy Reed, Charitable Committee Co-Chair

The baseball season is in full swing, and so are our charitable efforts! As was mentioned last month, the Booster Club is once again supporting the Orioles Advocates' **Cardboard to Leather** program. Also, we have added a new charitable effort to support, the **Cell Phones for Soldiers Campaign**.

Cardboard to Leather provides baseball equipment to needy youth in underdeveloped countries. Lancaster was the largest collection site among all of the minor league

teams last year. We would like to help make this another record year in 2009.

The Board has also approved our support of the **Cell Phones for Soldiers** campaign. You can now pick up the cell phone mailers at the Club table on the concourse or see Olivia Lancaster or Mindy Reed and we will be sure to get some of the mailers to you. Feel free to take some of the mailers for your friends, neighbors, and co-workers as well.

If you have any further ideas for Charitable events that our club may be able to support, please email them to info@barnstormersboosters.org or bring it up at the next general meeting. You can also stop by the table and share your ideas. ★



**Booster Club
Members
BIRTHDAY LIST!**

June

John Banker
Betty Ann Banker
Lori Baxter
John Becker
Alice Bertzfield
Robert Bratz
Janet Dietrich
Cindy Geib
Mary Lou Hodgen
Dale Irwin, Sr.
Jim Reed
Nancy Weiss

We thank Mindy Reed, Club Secretary, for assisting the Membership Committee in providing the Birthday list/s.

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

July 17
September 22
November 17 (Elections)

Board Meetings

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.**



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