

**West High Athletic Booster Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2009**

**Recognition of Athletes of Month- by Kelly Hansen**

**September**

Boys Cross Country	Austin King
Girls Cross Country	Haley Waschkat
Football	Ben Samek
Girls Swimming	Tracy Shirey and Lucy O'Connor
Cheerleading	Bryar Hansen
Volleyball	Jordan Johnston
Boys Golf	Ryan Gruetzmacher
Dance Team	Madison Burch

**Coaches' Reports**

Larry Daniels reported on the success of the boys golf team despite the cold, wet, windy, snowy recent meets. The team won Districts and went on to State at Davenport Country Club finishing 7<sup>th</sup>. Matt MacKenzie reported the boys cross country team is in 5<sup>th</sup> going into Districts. The top 3 teams and top 10 individuals go to State. He hopes to have individuals make it to State.

Ralph Longus reported the girl's cross country team has worked hard and needs to step up for the Divisional on Thursday.

**Athletic Director's Report**

**News:**

A) Jeff introduced the new Head Boys Basketball Coach Justin Little. Justin coached at Don Bosco and then at Dunkerton for 9 years. He took a team that was 3-18 to a winning season. Dunkerton was the 2004 State Champions and received the Sportsmanship award. He will work from the bottom up, getting a program started in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

B) Congratulations to Coach Larry Daniels and the Boys Golf Team with his 5<sup>th</sup> State Tournament appearance in 6 years!

**Old Business:**

A) Jeff is working with the district and Marty Metcalf to have the Athletic Bricks put at the Athletic entrance in the spring. Jeff asked for input to determine if the area for the bricks should have a limit such as 500 or if the plan is to continue selling. There are currently over 450 bricks sold.

B) Jeff promoted Booster Club representatives going to the State Booster Club Meeting in Des Moines in November. It's a good opportunity for networking and to get fundraising ideas.

**Upcoming Events We Host:**

A) Clean the Gym Night – November 2 @ 6:30, headed up by Dr. Pappas

B) Regional Volleyball Final – November 3 @ 7:00, we host the 4A

C) Parent Teacher Conferences November 5, 1-8:30 & Nov 6, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

**Guest Speakers**

1. **Ann Richter** gave an overview of the **Academic Booster Club**, a parent/guardian association dedicated to encouraging academic excellence at West High. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 in Rm 107. Some initiatives are the Annual Academic Awards Ceremony, Classroom Grants, Honor Roll Recognition including a poster, and Conference food for West staff. This year

the Academic Hall of Fame was instituted and the Academic Hall of Fame foyer is being worked on, similar to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

2. **Raye Jean Becker** thanked West, Jeff Frost, and the Booster Club for their support of the **Warrior Hockey** team. The program is outside West High School athletics but is included in recognitions and rallies. There are currently 11 kids from West on the Warrior team. In the past the Booster Club has had an ad in the Warrior Program and Raye Jean suggested they purchase a full page ad for \$375.

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary's Report** – Linda Gruetzmacher had previously emailed the September 14 minutes to the membership for review. Motion made to accept minutes, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bruce Meisinger handed out the September Balance Sheet and Income Statement. The Balance Sheet showed an Ending Balance of \$38,351 in the Main Account and \$11,157 in the Long Range Account. Motions were made and approved to approve the statements as submitted. Bruce reported that memberships were just short of last year at this time. At next month's meeting a discussion will be held about the total amount to be transferred to Athletics.

**Vice President's Report** – No Report

**President's Report** –

1) Wayne Worthington reported on the Funding Distribution for Athletics. At the October meeting there will be a vote on how much to give Athletics. Funding request forms have been sent out to coaches to complete and return to Jeff Frost who will then decide on what to fund, will spend the funds, and report back to the Booster Club. It will be in November and April this year, in the future it will be October and April.

2) Wayne reported that the Iowa Booster Club clinic will be at the Jordan Creek Holiday Inn on Saturday November 21. Anyone interested in going should contact Wayne, the trip will be funded by the Booster Club.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

**Membership**: Cindi Sand reported she has a sign for anyone to use if they are selling memberships at events. She recommended that Parent Reps push membership. She suggested that the Membership Committee reps could come to each sports' parent meeting to try to sell memberships.

**Parent Reps**: Lisa McClain reported they are working on the handbook and it should be ready for the winter sports. She also reported that each sport should plan now for what their sport will donate for next year's Foundation Auction.

**Spirit and Hospitality**: Kelly Hansen reported the Winter Sports Kickoff will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. They are working on getting the band to perform.

**Wahawk Pride**: Cindi Sand reported the Returning Letterman poster is done. 450 were ordered and given to Sue to distribute. Jeff Frost commented that each Parent Rep should contact Sue to replace team posters in the Player Room.

**Wahawk Talk**: Marijo will talk to Mary Broshar about the possibility of combining the West High newsletter with the Wahawk Talk, perhaps having a Wahawk Talk insert in the newsletter. It would save money and be better quality.

**Website**: Larry Martin will put agenda and minutes on the website.

**Programs**: A program chair is needed for next year.

**Merchandise**: Jennifer Matlock reported that Partners in Education Garris Realty will work events selling merchandise and she suggested other Partners in Ed also do so. Also, GMAC has a program where employees can volunteer up to 10 hours a year and have \$25 an hour donated to the organization of their choice. Jennifer reported that help is needed selling merchandise at basketball

and wrestling events. Also there will be a new tshirt design at the Winter Kickoff to generate more sales. There will also be Christmas bundle packaging to save \$ for parents and sell more items.

**Old Business -**

a. Brick Plaza – no discussion needed, plans have been confirmed.

**New Business -**

a. A motion was made to approve the Booster Club purchasing a \$375 full page ad for the Warrior Program. Motion passed and seconded.

b. Suggestion to discuss the football feeder program at the next meeting.

d. A suggestion was made to discuss at the next meeting to consider using some kind of formula to determine how many Athletes of the Month there would be for each sport...the purpose being to allow for more of them for the sports with more participants. There was discussion that perhaps there just needed to be communication to coaches that they can have more than 1 a month if you have players you want to recognize. Larger teams may want to have more. Sue Smith asks for nominations. It was noted that John Deere Tractor posts the Athletes of the Month in their cafeteria. Kelly will also talk to Jeff Smith about what the best way is to inform parents that their child will be recognized. It was suggested that when the students are called down to the Athletics Office that the parents be called right away.

**Meeting adjourned 8:40**

**Next General Membership Meeting Monday, November 9, 2009, 7:00**