

**Andover Baseball Booster Club
March 8th, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes**

Members present;

John Stong, Stacy Nelson, Kraig Garmaker, Mike Kronsted, Scott Kunzman, Todd Miller, Doug Hagen, Steve Mickelson, April Grottum., Angie Theil, Bob Bridgeman, Mike Sorenson, Paul Niedenfuer, Lisa Gandrud, Kelli Bratz and Bill Barta.

6:34 PM. **Call to order**, John Stong.

6:35 PM Introductions.

6:37 PM **Secretary Report.** February minutes accepted as is. **Motioned by Paul Neidenfuer, seconded by Scott Kunzman. All Ayes', no Nay's.**

6:39 PM **Treasurer's report.** Stacy Nelson reported a \$49,227.78 balance in our account. The influx of money is attributed to collecting the spring salt sale income and not being billed for the salt. There has also been nearly \$4,000.00 received for the mini camps. \$4,118.80 of this balance is money from the Twins Community Fund to be spent on field renovations only. **Report motioned to accept by Lisa Gandrud and seconded by Mike Krostedt. All Ayes', no Nay's.**

6:43 PM **Coaches Report.**

- Register for baseball by March 22. All physicals, forms, etc. must be properly completed to be cleared. Players not cleared cannot practice.
- First Practice – Monday, March 22 at 6 p.m. For all grade levels – after our meeting, only the seniors will practice that night. After that, our practice schedule will be grades 10-12 from 5:30 – 8:00 and 9th graders from 7-9 p.m.
- The clinics have been a big success – thank you to Mr. John Stong for all of his coordination of t-shirts, flyers, registrations, etc. Also, thanks to all of our players and coaches who've worked hard and parents who have helped out at our front tables.
- **Don't forget March 13 – Salt Distribution Day**
- Finally, the spring coaches are working on the locker issue to ensure that all players will have adequate storage space for their gear. Things will be resolved before practice begins so we can distribute locks to those guys who make the team as soon as possible.

I have a lot of thank you's for everyone who's helped with sign sales, community day, the banquet, salt, clinics, Twins tickets, coffee and County Market – you know who you are and your help is greatly appreciated!!

- 6:47 PM **ABA Report.** Todd Miller reported that tryouts for non high school ages will be beginning soon. Also, he reminded us that the high school mini camps are located at the high school... there have been a few people showing up at different locations.
- 6:49 PM **Website.** John Stong reported that the new website is up and working. All players that plan on playing high school baseball should go on-line and register on the new website. Early reviews are positive regarding the new website.
- 6:54 PM **Committee Reports:**
- **Banquet committee-** Lisa Gandrud and Kelli Bratz were in attendance. The banquet will be held on 5/27/10. The committee will be meeting next week to begin planning. Are you available to help in any way?
 - **Field Maintenance-** Jeff Satzinger absent. **The following motion was made by Bob Bridgeman to use the available Twins Community Fund dollars for field improvements. Pitching Mound Tarp for Varsity Field (Green) - cost - \$386
Black Windscreen with Grommets and ANDOVER in the Right Center Field area in 42" letters - \$3240 plus \$46 per letter for a \$322 total.
Freight – Approx \$400
Grand Total - \$4348
The motion was seconded by Scott Kunzman and passed with all Ayes' and no Nay's.**
 - **Scoreboard** – John Keller was absent. A quote has been received from Color Sign Systems. The quote was for roughly \$17,000.00. We are actively seeking three business partners to help fund our scoreboard purchase by donating \$2,500.00 each to our program in exchange for advertising space on the sign.
 - **Fundraising** – John Stong reported on the following fundraising areas.
Salt sales - Our sales period for the Spring Salt Sale is over! We need all order forms and money turned in to Coach Dehnecke as soon as possible! 4,622 bags of salt were sold in our latest effort. That smashes our old record by well over 1,000 bags!! Thank you! **We will be gathering Saturday morning by the baseball field parking lot at the high school to deliver salt. Please help us with this giant task!! We have 46 players signed up**

to deliver salt... we need everybody!! Please reconsider your schedule and come help!

Thank you to all who volunteered for this fundraiser.

Twins Tickets were next on the agenda. A recommended quantity for player ticket sales was established at the last fundraising meeting. The goal for each player is 15 tickets sold. By selling 15 tickets, a player will qualify for the opportunity to play in the Metrodome. The top three ticket selling players will automatically be able to play in the dome. Please sell your Twins tickets! We have 7 games to choose from, and we are in a new stadium. There will NEVER BE a better time to watch our Twins play baseball!

Grocery Bagging. April reported that we are currently looking for another date for a bagging fundraiser. More news to come.

Youth Clinics are going excellent. We have had great attendance and this is proving to be a great way to merge the high school baseball program with the Andover youth programs.

State of Bean coffee fundraiser. We still have 30 bags of coffee to sell. **A motion was entered by April Groettum and seconded by Lisa Gandrud to allow players to sell coffee to make up the difference in their player pack cost. The player will have to contact April Groettum to see how much coffee would need to be sold to bridge their gap between salt sales and player pack cost. The motion carried with many Ayes' and one Nay.**

Sign Sales – Angie Thiel reported that there are several sign leads that are being followed. She also reported that there have been several Dug-Out Club donations received. If you would ask your personal contacts regarding sign sales or dug-out club memberships, it would be appreciated! All forms for both fundraisers can be found on our website.

• **Equipment** – Pat Quinn was absent. It was reported by John Stong that Pat did all of the leg work on the fence wind screen and the pitching mound cover. Thanks Pat! Also, 36 pairs of baseball pants were purchased. Hopefully, next year we will be adding the pants to the player pack so that every player has a quality pair of pants.

7:30 PM

Tax filing.. John Stong reported that there has been conversation with several accounting firms regarding our tax filing and reporting. It has been unanimous regarding the need to file using a professional tax

preparation firm. Our level of fundraising has been high, and filing properly will be necessary to continue our non-profit status. **A motion was made by John Stong to Hire Lanigan and Kolbe for our accounting partner for tax filing and preparation. The motion was seconded by Stacy Nelson. The motion passed with all Ayes' and no Nay's.** The anticipated cost of filing will be approximately \$500.00.

7:38 PM **Board of Director Elections. A motion was made by John Stong and seconded by Paul Neidenfuer to table elections until the 4/12/10 meeting. This motion passed with all Ayes' and no Nay's.** The following nominations were made in advance of the meeting. John Stong – president, Steve Johnson – Treasurer, April Groettum – Vice President, Tim O'Donnell – President, John Keller – president and Kraig Garmaker – secretary. If you would like to nominate yourself, or someone else, please e-mail a board member with your nomination.

7:45 PM **Paying Coaches.** John Stong reported that any subsidizing of the baseball program for additional (non-staffed) positions will be paid to the baseball program. The High School will then pay the additional baseball coaches directly.

7:48 PM **Other. PLAYERS...** Please stop by Coach Dehnicke's office this week to try on the pull over. The sizes run small, and you will want to try one on before ordering. The order will be placed on Monday, so try it on this week! **Please place your order for the pull-over on the www.huskiesfundraising.com website. Even if you earned your pullover, you need to place your order for the pullover online by Friday, 3/12/10!**

7:51 PM Motion made to adjourn. Motion 2nd and passed with all Ayes', no Nay's. The next Andover Baseball Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, 4/12/10 at the High School in room B106 at 7:00 PM. **Please note this change, and the fact that we will be voting on new officers at this meeting!**