

**West High Athletic Booster Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2010**

Coaches' Reports

Girls Cross Country Coach Ralph Longus: The season has ended. It started well and then had a number of injuries from preexisting conditions. The girls trained well with Hilltoppers in the summer and training during the season. 4 of the 7 at Districts ran their best time! Morgan Gerdes ran 16th at the All Star meet with a 20:10, a record time. The team also enjoyed the presence of 2 foreign exchange students, learning about how different sports are in different countries. The season finished with 17 of the original 18 girls, half are girls from the soccer team running for conditioning.

Boys Cross Country Coach Matt MacKenzie: The season is ended. They ran well but had a disappointing end at Districts. 14 of the top 15 are returning including underclassmen who ran varsity. Runner Dylan Cutsforth is running this Saturday to raise money for the food bank, accepting donations per lap at the West track. Coach thanked the Booster Club for the donation to purchase the hand cycle for Jon Litzkow, they look forward to it being used in future years.

Girls Basketball Coach Tony Pappas: Practice started today with 15 freshman, 14 sophomores, and 12-13 upperclassmen. They'll have the Jamboree in November 22 at NU and the first season game will be November 27th against Davenport North.

Boys Basketball Coach Justin Little: Practice starts next week. They expect big numbers with about 25 freshmen. They just hosted the Little Kids fundraiser tourney for 6, 7, 8th graders. Coach thanked Cindi Sand for assisting his wife with the set up and tear down of concessions for the tourney.

Athletic Director's Report - Dr Tony Pappas

New Business: A) West has an MVC Athlete of the Week with Taylor Pherigo in Girl's Swimming. B) Congratulations to Girl's Swimming qualifying for State in 7 events C) The Boys Tennins Coach Laura Christensen has resigned, Dr Pappas will be looking for a new coach. D) Looking for Middle School Nights for the different sports. Coaches will pick the dates, Booster Club will get cards announcing the dates to Dr Pappas to hand out. E) Dr Pappas suggested a Staff Appreciation Night that used to be held a number of years ago. Staff would be invited to the game, be given free pizza, to promote more staff attendance at the games. F) Dr Pappas suggested Elementary Nights for both boys and girls sports, giving free entry to the grade school athletes and their parents. G) The Tennis Shed is being built and should be complete by Christmas. General – Dr Pappas wants the events to become “a happening”. The pep band is playing at more events, the different appreciation nights are being developed, consideration to a “Pappas Posse” for students is being developed.

Old Business: A) The Recycle Trailer is about ¾ full B) The Brick Plaza is about complete – the foundation is down so only the bricks need to be placed.. Wayne handed out information about a company in Indiana that will etch and mail bricks for only \$15 compared to \$25 from Black Hawk Memorial. Also, consideration needs to be made for the name of the Brick Plaza. There is a 24”x30” spot for the name. Upcoming Special Events: A) Winter Kickoff – Tuesday Nov 16 at 7:00.

B) Winter Pep Assembly – Dec 3 at 2:00. C) First Winter Home Event – Nov 23 – Bowling. Booster Club Disbursements: Dr Pappas met with the coaches and discussed the process and disbursement of the \$8000 from the Booster Club. The following requests were approved:

Wrestling: \$1031 for singlets. Emergency funding, item was needed, not in Wrestling funding.

Baseball: 806 for wood bats to help baseball's own funding.
Boys Basketball: \$758 for clock and storage bin
Wt Room Hex Bars - \$1300 to be used by all sports for conditioning
Girl's Basketball - \$898 for computer, bag, and software (pending)
Football - ??? Sled pending – not determined yet how much football will pay
Boys Soccer – Denied request for soccer balls because District should pay for those.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report – Motion made to accept the October 11 minutes as submitted by Lori Moeller, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Larry Martin presented the financial statements with the Balance Sheet showing a balance of \$11,741.91 in the Main Account and \$11,156.51 in the Long Term Account. Larry reviewed the Income Statement reporting that revenue was down about \$5600 from this time last year, primarily due to a decrease in Membership and Golf Outing revenue. He noted the Class of 1960 donated \$200 if the Booster Club would like to purchase something so a thank you can be sent noting how it was spent. \$163 was earned through Tip a Wahawk, a new fundraiser with OP. Wayne made a move to approve the statements as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Chair Reports

Membership – general discussion about the difficulty of getting people to purchase the passes even though they'll spend more than \$50 on individual tickets to attend events.

Recycling – difficulty getting sign to stay up on trailer due to winds, etc. Consider a more stable wood sign or calling Nagle Co for suggestions.

Merchandise – Purchases complete, sales now will contribute to a net profit. Most items will carry over to next year, they are not a dated /one year item that has to be sold at a discount

Old Business

- A) Fall fundraisers – Tip a Wahawk and the Recycling Truck are new fundraisers that are working and will continue to be developed. Nicole Carlson volunteered to be the manager of the Tip a Wahawk fundraiser. The Drive for Dough did not work well.

Meeting adjourned 8:12

Next Meeting Monday, December 14 – Cafeteria side room – West High