**AHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Meeting**

June 23, 2015 ⯁ Thompson Residence

**Attendees:** Mike & Carolyn Soper, Kent & Carol Zehrer, Kelly & Rich Thompson, Jill Ojala, Julie Foreman, Kim Olson, Julie Carpenter

Approved minutes from previous meeting.

**Financial Report:**

* Reviewed Budget & Bank Statement Report
	+ Concessions weren’t good this year; only 5 home games; night that should have been a big sale night it rained.
	+ Plant sale and ad book were good profit earners this year.
	+ Revenue and budget very close to proposed at the beginning of the year.
	+ Summer league should self-fund itself as reported by Mike Soper.
	+ With a balance going forward, consider if we will use that for anything in the year ahead.
	+ Action item for Luke Gellerman: check with Patti Weldon on uniform money; when will it be available to AHS Lax Boosters for new uniforms.

**Coach’s Report:**  Two things reported via Mike Soper:

1. The team for summer league seems great; good size and many rotating positions.
2. Action item for Mike Soper: Is there room to add a team into the Gott2Lax tourney? We would need a coach and a team. Chill and Loons have tournaments in Colorado, so most players would come from the Summer League team.

**Old Business:**

* Action item for Kelly Thompson: Thank you letters ready to go out for the Sponsors of the Ad Book.
* Action item for Luke Gellerman: Need stats for the season so we can be ahead of the game for the Ad Book next year.
* Tina Marsh will make the bag tags for next year.
* 9/10 Uniforms – Mike Soper and Rich Thompson will sort through the uniforms and final tally/sort and store for the season.
* New “bunkers” being built for storage. We may need to purchase shelves and/or humidifier for it.

**Final Review - Chairpersons Reports:**

* Concessions - Clare Cahill & Jill/Jim Ojala
	+ Decide if it’s worth holding it open; is it a service and not about the profit?
	+ Action item for Kent - check into whether we paid for the hand-washing station? Was it split with Track? Patti Weldon sent us a rental bill for $90 according to Jill Ojala.
* Communications & Website Administrator - Julie Carpenter
	+ Evaluate how communications should be sent to parents, then Coaches to players, etc.
	+ Set standards for what, who, how.
* Spring Flower Sale - Kim Olson
	+ Bring wagons next year for hauling things around.
	+ Didn’t get an exact delivery time this year; see if it’s something we can pinpoint next year.
* Picture Day Coordinator & Program Book - Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman
	+ Delivery of the pictures didn’t go smoothly – they went from the photographer to Patti Weldon to Luke Gellerman.
	+ Good idea to keep the two items together for coordination.
* ACYLA night - Jean Sawyer
	+ Anti-climactic evening. Need to do something more than get them in free with a jersey.
	+ Need a better process/plan and organizer if we are doing again next year.
* Apparel - Robin Smothers & Sandy Poferl
	+ Turned out well; happy with replacement of the shooter shirts.
	+ Consider what is paid for out of budget for Coaches; review for next year.
	+ Should we purchase Thad Lightfoot a LAX jacket for next year?
	+ Additional ladies’ options would be nice (or do the females who support the boys order with the ladies’ lacrosse teams).
* Volunteer Opportunities & Coordinator – Mike Soper for now.
	+ We may not need this position if we pinpoint those who haven’t volunteered for a position and go with a personal ask as needed.
	+ Go back to volunteer hours’ requirement and/or check will be cashed.
* 9/10 Team Review & Coordinator – Mike & Carolyn Soper
	+ Many issues with the 9/10 Teams this year starting with the Coaches, discipline, and the real reason that the kids were playing was overlooked. Field issues were also a contributing factor to disappointment. When season began, JVV coaches did not attend the 9/10 games. Having them show up later made an impact.
	+ Need a better adult presence as a team member and/or overseer in the coaching staff.
	+ Transportation needs to be taken into consideration and communicated as far in advance as possible when we know what the schedule will be next year.
	+ Options for next year
		- Consider 9th graders will stay with U15 ACYLA? Have only a 10th grade team – or they “make the team” or there are cuts for JVV.
		- Summer brainstorm session to discuss.
		- Get Luke Gellerman’s opinion and thoughts on possibilities for next year.
		- Do we need two 9/10 teams – or should there be cuts? What is the goal of the program?
* AHS Window Display - Veronique Johnson
	+ Well done again.
* Senior Recognition Night: Monday, 5/11 --Robin Smothers & Sandy Poferl
	+ Watching two other schools doing it – seems similar to what we’re doing. This year it happened before the game.
	+ Enjoyed the information that was given over the PA by Thad Lightfoot throughout the game; include next year.
* Year-End Celebration - Lori Schmaltz
	+ Event went well.
	+ Review appropriateness of Luke Gellerman’s speeches/comments about the seniors.
* Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments – Chairperson needed
	+ Definitely need a volunteer coordinator for this position going forward.
	+ Dome time at PCC? What would we do with it? Winter Captain’s practice and just let boys that show up just scrimmage? If we got two days, one could be drills and the other a scrimmage.
	+ Hire an off-season coach to help with this type of play.
* Basketball Tourney Host at AHS – Karla Casperson
	+ Sharing the weekend with Football and Hockey; date forthcoming.
	+ If the money comes in for this that is a large amount, consider giving up other required volunteer hours (Cub bagging, etc.).
* Whichwich – Thompson Family
	+ Rich Thompson is in favor of Boosters’ Budget paying for sandwiches for away games. Roughly $180/game, but not every player opted IN for this year. Estimate for a season would be about $2k.
	+ Present and collect fee earlier in the year/season to get ahead of the process.
	+ Add cost into the Captain’s practice price/fee? Pay for out of Boosters’ budget?
	+ Add Volunteer Coordinator position for next year; Kelly Thompson to come up with the “task list” for review/add into roles and responsibilities next year.

**New Business:**

* League Apps – Mike Soper
	+ Good web-based way to do online registration.
	+ Up-front, one-time fee of approximately $250.
* Survey
	+ Ad Book
		- Make sure we ask if they received an Ad Book?
		- Is it value-added?
		- Extra volunteers for advertising?
	+ Volunteer Options
		- Get them to sign up in advance of the season starting
		- Detailed tasks per task/commitment
	+ Team Misc.
		- Did your child participate in LAX for the first time this season?
		- Do they intend to return/tryout next season?
		- Will you volunteer/sign up now for a role in the 2015-2016 season?
	+ Extra league play
		- Did your son participate in last year’s the winter league?
			* If not, why? (i.e., cost, commitment, other)
		- Did your son participate in this year’s (current) summer league?
		- Does your son participate in an additional LAX team in the summer? (Loons/HGL Chill)
* Next Updates/Meeting
	+ President term will be open as Mike Soper is finished. Nominations will be in August/early September. Third Tuesday in September will be the voting.
	+ Summer meeting will be Tuesday, July 21st at 6:30 pm, Thompson pool:
		- Brainstorming meeting and review survey results in July.
		- Pool party, bring a suit and beverage; snack to share.

**2014-2015 Volunteer Chairpeople**

Communications & Website AdministratorJulie Carpenter

Event Planning:

* + Parent Meeting Mike Soper
	+ Players Pasta Feed & Flower Sale Kickoff Mike Soper/Kim Olson
	+ ACYLA night Jean Sawyer
	+ Senior Recognition Night Robin Smothers & Sandy Poferl
	+ Year-End Celebration Lori Schmaltz

Fundraising:

* + Spring Flower Sale Kim Olson
	+ Cub Food Bagging Patti Neuville & Jen Eliason
	+ Snack Sale Mike Soper
	+ Concessions Clare Cahill & Jill/Jim Ojala
	+ Basketball Tourney Fundraiser Karla Casperson

Dick’s Shopping Day Kim Olson

Picture Day Coordinator & Program Book Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman

Apparel Robin Smothers & Sandy Poferl

Tryout Week Coordinator Mike Soper

Volunteer Coordinator Mike Soper

9/10 Team Coordinator Mike Soper

Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments

AHS Window Display Veronique Johnson

Field Reservations Karen Lysne