



# Armstrong High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club

2014-2015 Head Coach – Luke Gellerman

President – Mike Soper ♦ VP Finance – Kent Zehrer ♦ VP Operations – Rich Thompson

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## **AHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Meeting**

May 19, 2015 ♦ AHS Cafeteria

**Attendees:** Mike & Carolyn Soper, Kent & Carol Zehrer, Kelly Thompson, Jill Ojala, Luke Gellerman, Karla Casperson, Lori Schmaltz, Joan Evans

Approved minutes.

### **Financial Report:**

- Bank Statement Report
  - We have about \$34K between the 2 accounts, but we owe \$14K to Gertens for flowers, and monies to Which Wich for sandwiches and AHS for trailers. We should have about \$16K remaining with money still coming in from concessions, bags and sandwiches.
- Budget Report
  - The group reviewed the budget line items to get a rough idea of how the season is going. Most incomes and expenses for the year project us to come out about where we planned to be. The ending balance should include enough to cover the \$4000 future uniform set-aside and an additional \$5000 general reserve.
  - Plan for concussion testing next year before tryout week -- it should be free through the school.

### **Coach's Report:**

- The players who were in town last Friday volunteered at the Sonnesyn carnival. They received a lot of nice compliments.
- The 9/10 teams had a tough season. While game days were okay, there was a general lack of respect for other players and coaches. Players and Parents should sign the contract as well, with clear definition of expectations and ramifications. We need to work harder on including the 9/10 team in the program. It was suggested that we keep Freshmen on a U15 team, which would allow them to play summer teams. We need to address the problem of transportation to PCC for after school practices. The Board and Coaches should lay out some plans for next year while the current issues are fresh in everyone's mind.
- The Champlin Park coach is spearheading a summer league of some NW Suburban Conference teams which would include a 30 min practice and 1 hour game. At \$1000 to enter the league, the group felt it would be worth trying to field a team.
  - **Action - Luke:** Follow up with their coach and keep the Board apprised.
- Luke wants to have scrimmages during the summer for all players interested.
- Summer weight-lifting is now open for all students – not just Football.
  - **Action – Mike:** Send email to all families for this opportunity and any other summer opportunities.

### **Chairpersons Reports:**

- Concessions - Clare Cahill & Jill Ojala:
  - Total sales seem to be down from last year, but attendance has also been down due to weather. Chick-fil-a sandwiches have been donated and will be sold at the last home game (Wednesday). Next week sectionals begin, and we will probably host a game on Wednesday, 5/27. AHS/Patti Weldon hosts the Section 2 final (not the AHS section) on Wednesday, 6/3. We will need volunteers to run concessions at AHS even if our team is still in the playoffs at another site.

- Spring Flower Sale - Kim Olson
  - Having a burrito party for the top 20 sellers worked out well – we had good attendance. This rewards the players who did the most work rather than rewarding an entire team.
- Picture Day Coordinator & Program Book - Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman
  - Some photo packages haven't been found yet. Some may need to be distributed at the Banquet.  
**Action – Luke:** Create a list of this year's statistics and give to Kelly Thompson for next year's book.
- ACYLA night - Jean Sawyer
  - We had a few ACYLA boys at the field, but they were mentioned only briefly. We need to do something exceptional next year to make it more inclusive -- possibly take pictures with players, a visit to the locker room, or a lacrosse stick tunnel for the Varsity team coming on the field.
- Apparel - Robin Smothers & Sandy Poferi
  - Shooter Shirts from Holloway had some quality control issues. Robin and Sandy are exchanging the shirts at Wed., 5/24 game.
- Uniform Turn-In – Mike Soper & Rich Thompson
  - Action – Mike:** Set up a 9/10 and non-sectional JV player uniform turn in day on Thursday 5/28, where players can meet individually with the coaches, turn in uniforms/bags/pinnies, and exchange shooter shirts. Communicate to all parents what the fee would be for non-returned items.
- AHS Window Display - Veronique Johnson
  - Veronique did a great job, and it is well secured and holding up well.
- Senior Recognition Night: Monday, 5/11 --Robin Smothers & Sandy Poferi:
  - Unfortunately, due to the weather and the timing (prior to the varsity game), we didn't have much of an audience, and the announcements were not in sync with the photographers. We may want to refine this next year.
- Year-End Celebration - Lori Schmaltz
  - An email is going out soon inviting all to the Year End Celebration on Monday, 6/8 at Sandburg Learning Center, 6:30 p.m. Food has been ordered with BBQ paid for by the Boosters and pot luck sides by grade. Gifts have been ordered for the 8 seniors, and Mike has enough cardstock for the team awards. Lori will also get thank you gifts for Thad Lightfoot and the managers.  
**Action – Lori:** Talk to Julie C to get Rich's jump drive for action photos.  
**Action – Mike:** Send invitation to Thad Lightfoot.
- Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments – Chairperson needed
  - Will need someone to handle the communication/signup for the summer league once Luke get the details ironed out.
- Basketball Tourney Host at AHS – Karla Casperson
  - Patti gets the schedule of tournaments by the end of the year.  
**Action – Mike:** Talk to Patti in late December to try to get a mid-May Sat/Sun slot – avoiding Mother's Day weekend, which is poorly attended and typically our plant fundraiser pickup and delivery day.

#### **New Business:**

- League Apps – Mike Soper
  - This is an on-line registration platform for events, which allows credit card payments. Mike is still evaluating it.
- The remaining 4 old red gear bags will be donated to ACYLA.
- The Board agreed to send a Get Well Soon gift of warm cookies to Colin Cahill.

#### **Season Wrap-up Meeting**

Tuesday, June 19? 7 pm?

Location TBD

