



Armstrong High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club

2014-2015 Head Coach – Luke Gellerman

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

AHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Meeting

July 21, 2015 ♦ Thompson Residence

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

Approved minutes from previous meeting.

Financial Report:

- Reviewed bank statement report: we finished the year under budget, so \$6000 has been set aside for new uniforms. We've deposited payments from advertising, concessions, summer league fees. We've paid out for Gertens flower bill, Wich sandwiches, and spring coaches salaries. We still need to pay Plymouth Creek for fields.
 - **Luke:** Check with Patti to see when we are eligible for new uniforms and will we get support from AHS Athletics?

Coach's Report: Mike texted Luke, but did not get a report.

- Mike has emailed Michael Charles and Jean Sawyer of ACYLA to get their thoughts on maintaining a U15 team for the spring season. This would allow Freshmen to continue to play through the summer. The club team would then lean toward a predominantly Sophomore team. ACYLA Committee meeting is set for August 4 and the Executive Committee will plan to attend.

Old Business:

- Gott to Lax Tournament: Mike checked into getting an Armstrong team signed up, but it was already full and registrations were closed.

New Business:

- League Apps – Mike Soper
 - **Mike:** send link to Kent for review before next meeting.
- Survey Results / Brainstorming
 - The Executive Committee will meet with Luke to review the results on 7/30 or 7/31. This is honest feedback from parents of the program, and it should be shared with Patti Weldon as well.
 - Transportation (especially for younger guys) is an issue when practices/games are not at school.
 - The best solution is to practice at school, but we can't control this. This year we couldn't extend the time on the field due to constraints of track and girls lax using the field after us. If we have one 9/10 team this would lower the number of boys needing rides. We should continue to work with Patti to find solutions.
 - Organizing carpools and getting older boys to drive younger boys is not realistic. However, we can facilitate car pool organization by sharing contact information with a check box on registration form.

- General discontent with 9/10 team and feeling like they're not a part of the family. (Coaching, schedule, practice space, transportation, carpool, etc.)
 - For stronger management and oversight of the program, we need to look at the Exec Committee choosing the coaches with input from the head coach.
- Think about alternating Booster Club meeting days/times in cases of conflict
 - Look at doing alternate days every other month. Look at booking some dates at St. Joe's, the hockey arena, or restaurants.
- Continue with Sponsor book.
 - Most comments are favorable and the book was well done.
- Fundraising is okay...be clear on finances so that everyone understands how money is used.
 - May want to create a summary of where the bulk of the funds are spent and share at Parent Meeting and website.
 - We should look at eliminating a couple of smaller fundraisers if we do the basketball tourney. The tournament will require a lot of support, so this will be mandatory for all parents and players.
- Continue option for away game-day sandwiches for JV/V.
 - Continue Which Wich program as Subway has not had favorable feedback for either the hockey or girls lax programs.
- Communication:
 - Mike continues to check the ahsboyslax@gmail.com email address with support from Carolyn.
- Survey Results – Coaching Feedback:
 - Will be discussed between the Coach and Executive Committee.
- Fundraising at the Lodge.
 - The Lodge offers a full-month program rather than a single night, where a percentage of any purchases during the month will be given to us. We will get August or September as our fundraiser month.
- Helmets:
 - We currently have 7 remaining new helmets. Order new helmets in the fall once we have a better estimate of how many new players we will have.
- Board Positions & Volunteers:
 - All positions are open; however, we should communicate that Kent is willing to continue as treasurer.
 - **Mike:** Send email to all explaining the voting procedure, open positions, and how to nominate yourself or others. Nominations are due before the September meeting (voting meeting). Also include the list of open Committee Chairs that are open for non-board volunteers.
- Next meeting:
 - Tuesday, August 18**
 - 6:30 p.m.**
 - The Loft at The Lodge, Robbinsdale**

2015-2016 Volunteer Chairpeople

Communications & Website Administrator	<u>Julie Carpenter</u>
Event Planning:	
○ Parent Meeting	<u></u>
○ Players Pasta Feed & Flower Sale Kickoff	<u></u>
○ ACYLA night	<u></u>
○ Senior Recognition Night	<u></u>
○ Year-End Celebration	<u></u>
Fundraising:	
○ Spring Flower Sale	<u>Kim Olson</u>
○ Concessions	<u></u>
○ Basketball Tourney Fundraiser	<u>Karla Casperson</u>
Dick’s Shopping Day	<u>Kim Olson</u>
Picture Day Coordinator & Program Book	<u>Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman</u>
Apparel	<u>Sandy Poferl and Robin Smothers</u>
Sandwich JVV	<u></u>
Tryout Week Coordinator	<u></u>
Volunteer Coordinator	<u>Carol Zehrer</u>
9/10 Team Coordinator	<u></u>
Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments	<u></u>
AHS Window Display	<u></u>
Field Reservations	<u></u>