



Armstrong High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club

2015-2016 Head Coach – Luke Gellerman

President – Julie Carpenter ♦ VP Finance – Kent Zehrer ♦ VP Operations – Rich Thompson

AHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Meeting

January 19, 2016 ♦ AHS Cafeteria

Attendees: Kent & Carol Zehrer, Rich Thompson, Julie Carpenter, Jill Ojala, Luke Gellerman, Laurie Ripplinger, Julie Foreman, Karla & Cory Casperson, Mike & Carolyn Soper, Kim & Lee Olson.

Approved the minutes from the December meeting.

Old Business:

- Alumni Game [Saturday, 1/2, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.] – We had a good turnout and collected \$175 from the alumni. Luke would like to offer another game in August, but most alums thought 1.5 hrs would be the maximum amount of time needed.
- Winter League: The Minnetonka league is going well, and Julie C. will send out an email each week to remind players of game time.
- Calendar
 - **Carol:** Send any missing Calendar items to Mark L.
- Basketball Tourney Fundraiser -- Karla Casperson
 - May 7 and 8 is our designated weekend; however, we will probably be sharing with 3 other organizations. We will need about 2 shifts of 3 hours each, and players and parents can fill in any of these positions: concessions, admissions, gym monitors, and clock management (not the books).
 - Patti usually has more tournaments, but at this time she has had fewer opportunities to host them.
- 9/10 or B Team.
 - Patti informed Luke that there are many coaches in the conference that want to leave MBSLA for their 9/10 program and play a NW Suburban Conference schedule as a B team. While they are not MN State High School League games, this would allow an AHS team to play most opponents at 4:15 prior to the JV game. This would need to be a self-supporting venture, so the Exec Committee will look at pros and cons of the option.
 - Karen L. is continuing to find spring practice fields that are close to AHS so we don't have to deal with transportation issues.
- Volunteer Opportunities on SignUp Genius -- Carol Zehrer
 - Carol has set up the basketball tournament, concession dates, and plant sale pickup volunteer opportunities in SignUp Genius. We will get a link on our website, and have it available at the Parent Info Meeting. We would like to recommend each family commit to 6 hours during the season.
- Summer League/Tournaments: Lee Olson has volunteered to spearhead this activity! We would like to offer a summer league with one in-town and one out-of-town tournament. There is possibly summer workout and some weight lifting at AHS that could be monitored with a point system. Lee checked on the

Chicago tournament which would run \$500 per person (all inclusive with tournament fees, buses, hotels, meal/snacks, etc.). We would expect it to be self funded; however, a snack sale fundraiser could be an option for players to earn dollars to their own accounts.

- Details and options will be discussed with the Exec Committee and brought back to next meeting.
- Parent Info Meeting [Tuesday, 2/9, 7:00 – 8:30, Cam's Eatery at 63rd & Boone] – Julie Carpenter
 - The agenda will include:
 - Coaches Intro and Intro to program (expectations, mantra, cuts, and the 4 factors that will be assessed at tryouts)
 - Logistics of 9/10 or B program including payment to Boosters if players do not make JVV
 - Registration through the Athletics office
 - **Carol:** Pick up registration packets at Athletics Office with forms, info, emergency card, etc.
 - Summer League
 - Volunteer program: have laptops with WiFi to allow parents to sign up on the spot.
 - Parent check in to update database and gather new names.
 - **Kent:** Print the database sheets by grade in 11x17 format for the Parent Meeting.
 - The Exec Committee will look at ordering booster t-shirts as incentive for parents if they complete certain requirements that evening.

New Business:

- Budget: We have drafted a budget with \$27-28K of expenses and \$25K in income. Top expenses are helmet subsidies, coaches' salaries, and 9/10/B team possible additional expenses. Exec Committee will finalize and bring to the next meeting for approval.
- Uniforms: While it would be nice to have 100 uniforms (2 sets each) for 9/10, JV, and Varsity to be matching, we can only afford so many at one time. The plan would be to purchase JVV uniforms in 2017. 9/10 got new uniforms 1-2 years ago. Patti will kick in \$1000 from AHS. We will purchase an additional set of pinnies so every player has one for the season.
- Insurance
 - We have liability insurance that covers us when we rent facilities. We also have Commercial, Crime and Fidelity which covers the bank account (and Kent). Kent recommended increasing our coverage to \$25,000 with an increased \$15 premium. Motion made and carried.
 - This application also requires an audit of our books either by a CPA or a group of people who do not have signing authority (no Kent or Julie C). Procedurally, Kent gives a bank statement review at each meeting, and Julie reviews the bank statements from Wells Fargo and TCF.
 - **Kent:** Set up a review/audit with a committee.
- Equipment Shack: Patti will let us know when the new building passes its final inspection. We will then move our equipment from the old New Hope shack to the new one behind the concession stand.
- Coach hiring status: Luke has commitments from 8 coaches; however, Sean Usher will mainly be the scout as he has a very difficult work schedule. Coaches include Ian Murphy, Josh Roen, Kevin Koch, James Jacobsen, Jim Ojala (9/10 head coach), Spencer Weckwerth, Carter (CJ) Ankrah. Captains practice coaches will be Josh, Spencer and CJ plus possibly Jim O. We want to set up the in-season strength and conditioning dates. Coaches meeting will be held soon.

Financial Report [Kent Zehrer]:

- Wells Fargo monies were moved to TCF as we will slowly close out the Wells Fargo account. We've paid Minnetonka for winter league and we purchased 15 new helmets.

Coach's Report:

- A player info meeting will be held by the Captains (Lutgen, Borowick, Lawson, Olson) on February 4 at 2:30 at AHS. They will cover the team mantra, expectations, equipment given to each player for the season, and explain the helmet purchase. They will show the hype video produced by Will Lawson. They need a Parent Info Meeting flyer to give players to get information to parents.
 - **Julie C:** Create a Parent Info Meeting flyer to be handed out to players and sent via email. Include captain and coach contact information.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 2/9 – Parent Info Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cam's Eatery, 63rd & Boone

2015-2016 Volunteer Chairs

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Communications & Website Administrator	<u>Mark Lucas</u> _____
Event Planning:	
○ Parent Meeting: Tue., 2/9	<u>Julie Carpenter</u> _____
○ Players Pasta Feed & Flower Sale Kickoff: Mon., 3/14	<u>Mike Soper</u> _____
○ Player/Parent Season Kickoff: Sat., 4/9	_____
○ ACYLA night: Thu., 5/5	<u>Mark Lucas</u> _____
○ Senior Recognition Night: Wed., 5/18	<u>Vicki Shapiro</u> _____
○ Year-End Celebration	_____
Fundraising:	
○ Spring Flower Sale: pickup Sat., 5/7	<u>Kim Olson/Christi Lutgen/Leslie Piazza</u> _____
○ Concessions	<u>Jill Ojala & Laurie Ripplinger</u> _____
○ Basketball Tourney Fundraiser	<u>Karla Casperson</u> _____
Dick's Shopping Day	<u>Kim Olson</u> _____
Picture Day (4/11) Coordinator & Program Book	<u>Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman</u> _____
Apparel	<u>Sandy Poferl & Robin Smothers</u> _____
Away Game Sandwich Orders for JV	<u>Joan Evans</u> _____
Tryout Week Coordinator	_____
Volunteer Coordinator	<u>Carol Zehrer</u> _____
9/10 Team Coordinator	<u>(Determined after teams are chosen)</u> _____
Summer Tournament	<u>Lee Olson</u> _____
Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments	_____
AHS Window Display	<u>Laurie Ripplinger & Jill Ojala</u> _____
Field Reservations	<u>Karen Lysne</u> _____
Field Set Up	<u>J.P. Foreman</u> _____
Twitter Feed	<u>Jim Borowick (Varsity only); Open (JV); Open (9/10)</u> _____
Booster Club Meeting Notes	<u>Carol Zehrer</u> _____
Photography at Games	<u>Laurie Borowick; Julie Foreman</u> _____