



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

October 26, 2015 ♦ AHS

Attendees: Mike Soper, Kent & Carol Zehrer, Kelly & Rich Thompson, Julie Carpenter, Karla Casperson, Jill Ojala, Luke Gellerman, Laurie Ripplinger, Jean Sawyer, Joan Evans, Mark Lucas

Approved the minutes from the September meeting.

Old Business:

- Additional PCC Spring Field Time: Julie C talked with Patti Weldon but didn't get any additional time on the AHS fields. Julie also talked to Karen Lysne about using some of the neighborhood parks. It would be beneficial to only use each field for 1 day per week to avoid cleat damage. Neighborhood fields would alleviate transportation issues of 9/10 parents. Patti said it is against policy for a booster club to offer to organize carpools.

Karen: Start booking some field time on neighborhood park fields and/or Pilgrim Lane.

- 9/10 Team (coaches, U15 rulings, etc.): Jim Ojala has agreed to take the Head 9/10 coach position. Julie C has talked to Scott Hugdahl at YLM who reiterated their policy of no high school players on U15 teams. We don't know yet what ACYLA will be offering. MBSLA leagues do not have this policy. We need to be very transparent about the costs for the 9/10 team and show how the booster club helps support that team.
- Open Dome: We can't put a coach on the field during these open sessions, so they will continue to be run by upper classmen and captains.
- Captain's Practice: We can send a coach (not a JV coach) to work with the players: this will alleviate the workload so the Captains can focus on their own skill building.
- Survey Results Summary to All Members:

Kelly: Pull together the list of questions and the overall survey summary.

- Volunteer Chairs: see attached.

New Business:

- Winter League: Last year went fairly well, but we always face the issue of kids showing up to play that are not on the roster.
- Summer League: A good goal for us is a strong Summer League team with practices, and possibly a tournament at the end of the season. If traveling to an out-of-state tournament, it will require a volunteer to spearhead the event: extra field time, buses, hotels, registrations, etc.

Kent: Look for registration deadlines for some popular tournaments.

- Window Display: Laurie and Jill have cleaned out the AHS front entry window display. They are working on getting posters made of 9/10 and JV with a new cork background.
- Parent Meeting: This should be scheduled for early to mid-February. We want to get the info to parents on costs, schedule, expectations, volunteering, etc.

- Player Pasta Feed / Flower Sale Kickoff: This needs to be early to mid-March to kick off the flower sale, order apparel, and set player expectations.
- Season Kickoff (new player and parent meeting): Friday, April 8. Patti recommended this to Luke to get all players and parents on the same page.
- ACYLA Night: We need to organize a better experience for the boys; some ideas are: time in the locker room, free entrance with jersey, free hot dog meal, tunnel for varsity players, etc. Scheduled for May 5 – need volunteer chair.

Julie C: By November meeting, get a volunteer to organize ACYLA night.

- Senior Night: Possible dates are Wednesday, 5/18 or Friday, 5/20.

Julie C: Talk to Patti about the dates for Senior Night.

- Tryout Week: Luke is considering adding early morning indoor practices to stretch, warm up, or strategize. These sessions may conflict with previously scheduled band/choir ensembles and AP testing.
- Alumni Tournament: Luke would like to do this again. This was well-attended last year with more alumni than current players. Try to find a day over winter break when families will be in town: possibly 12/27 or 1/3 late afternoon. Could ask for \$5 donation from alumni.

Financial Report:

- We've had very little activity for the past few months. With an unencumbered balance of \$16K, Kent has set aside \$6K for future uniform purchase. We need to come up with a new budget soon.

Kent & Julie: Meet to create a draft budget for the November meeting.

- Uniforms: We want to replace those in 2017, so we should set aside additional dollars. Patti will pitch in \$1000. We may want to revisit the District merging AHS/CHS before ordering.

Coach's Report:

- Luke would like to add at least one additional coach for a total of 4-5 for JV/V and 3 for one 9/10 team. Kevin Koch is a leading candidate, along with Coach Murphy. Jeff Rogers (an assistant AHS football coach) may also be a good add. Since he is in school, he could be very helpful with in-school workouts, wall ball and film.
- Lifting and conditioning would be added to Captains' Practices, where Coach Luke and other coaches can assist.
- Luke is looking to trade with another high school coach to manage the Captains Practices.
- To show support for the program, it would be great to have the 9/10 players attend JV/V games, and the JV/V players attend some 9/10 games. Parents included.

Luke: Will provide an estimate of numbers for the 9/10 and JV/V teams for planning and budgeting purposes.

Julie: Talk to Patti about whether the 9/10 players can come to the games for free.

Next meeting:

**November 17
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
AHS Cafeteria**

2015-2016 Volunteer Chairs

Executive Committee: Head Coach – Luke Gellerman

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Communications & Website Administrator	<u>Mark Lucas</u> _____
Event Planning:	
○ Parent Meeting	<u>Julie Carpenter</u> _____
○ Players Pasta Feed & Flower Sale Kickoff	<u>Mike Soper</u> _____
○ Player/Parent Season Kickoff?	_____
○ ACYLA night	_____
○ Senior Recognition Night	_____
○ Year-End Celebration	_____
Fundraising:	
○ Spring Flower Sale	<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 Coordinator & Program Book	<u>Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman</u> _____
Apparel	<u>Sandy Pofert & Robin Smothers</u> _____
Away Game Sandwich Orders for JVV	<u>Joan Evans</u> _____
Tryout Week Coordinator	_____
Volunteer Coordinator	<u>Carol Zehrer</u> _____
9/10 Team Coordinator	_____
Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments (in coordination with 9/10 coach)	_____
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> _____