



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

December 14, 2015 ♦ Frankie's Pizza

Attendees: Kent & Carol Zehrer, Kelly & Rich Thompson, Julie Carpenter, Jill Ojala, Luke Gellerman, Laurie Ripplinger, Julie Foreman, Andrea & Greg Wiley, Mindy Potvin, Robin Smothers, Sandy Poferl, Christie Lutgen, Karla Casperson, Mike & Carolyn Soper, Kim Olson.

Approved the minutes from the November meeting.

Old Business:

- Exec Committee Report – Jr Varsity/Varsity Decision:
 - The Executive Committee met on December 9 to discuss how best to handle the large number of Juniors and Seniors this year. A B-squad was determined to be unfeasible due to obstacles the school district would face, lack of other schools in our conference for competition, and distance to schools that do have a B or club program. Therefore, the coaches will need to make cuts this year. Luke plans to have a written evaluation for each player that grades them on attitude, skill, coachability and athleticism. We may want to offer players who want to continue to play the opportunity to join the Wayzata club team.
- Alumni Tournament:
 - The alumni game originally scheduled for 1/3 evening was moved to accommodate the Winter League; however, the 12/27 morning game is now in conflict with the MN Loons (elite team that many Armstrong players want to attend. After discussion, it was agreed to move it back to Sunday, 1/3 at 10:00 a.m. for a 1-hour game. Players should arrive at 9:30 a.m. Kent has already paid for the field time. We will readdress the possibility of another game during summer break.
 - **Julie C:** Call Susan at PCC to reschedule.
 - **Post Meeting Note:** Alumni Game will be Saturday, 1/2, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 9/10 Team:
 - Karen Lysne is working on getting field time at fields closer to school to alleviate the transportation issues.
- Parent Info Meeting:
 - The 2/9 date was chosen as the District calendar is relatively empty. Since many of the best local options are already booked, we may need to look at another date.
 - **Christie L:** Call Pub 42.
 - **Mindy P:** Call other locations (Kips, Outtakes/Theater, old Kelly's, etc.) for 2/9 meeting.
 - **Julie C:** Book the AHS Cafeteria as a backup place for 2/9.
- Calendar:
 - It seems that many items such as Captain's Practices, Tryout Week, Season Kickoff Player/Parent Picnic, and other events are no longer showing on the calendar.

- **Julie C:** Work with Mark L to get the events back on the calendar. Edit the games in April/May to show as 1 hour long.
- Volunteer Opportunities on SignUp Genius [Carol Zehrer]:
 - Carol has set up the Concession dates and the Plant Sale pick up dates and has been testing with a few people.
 - **Carol Z:** Add the Basketball Tournament and Pasta Feed opportunities so we can go live before the Parent Info Meeting on 2/9.
- Winter League [Julie Carpenter]:
 - The team is almost full as we had a good response from Juniors and Seniors. The PayPal option worked well, and we are almost paid in full. We are stressing that players may not bring friends to play and no drop-ins will be allowed.
 - The decision of distributing pinnies will be decided by the Executive Committee.
- Summer League/Tournaments:
 - The Executive Committee discussed offering a strong summer team in 2016. While elite teams such as Loons and Chill are still an option, a more cost-effective, structured program for an Armstrong team would benefit the players through bonding, skill building, and high level of competition. The team would play in a summer league with the Gotta Lax tourney in town and possibly travel to another tourney in late July or early August in Wisconsin or Illinois. This is available to all grade levels including graduated Seniors, and would be self-funded.
 - We will need a coordinator to spearhead this effort and organize transportation and rooming for an out-of-state tournament.

Financial Report [Kent Zehrer]:

- As there is not much activity, it is fairly slow. We've made a down-payment for Minnetonka Winter League and made a transfer of 2015 Flower Sale proceeds out of the PayPal account.
 - **Kent:** Log into PayPal and transfer funds from Winter League into bank account.

New Business:

- Clothing [Sandy Pofperl & Robin Smothers]
 - We will be using Rambow to order apparel similar to last year. Sandy & Robin have a large inventory of last year's longer, numbered shooter shirt as most players didn't exchange them when given the option. They have a handful of the shorter ones that need washing. The longer ones could be offered at reduced price for current and incoming players. The players have requested Nike socks rather than the Adrenaline which seem to wear out faster.
 - **Sandy/Robin:** Check with Rambow to see if they can get Nike socks.
- Pasta Feed [Mike Soper]:
 - We have moved the date to Monday, 3/14 after Captain's Practice to start at 6:30 p.m. The players will be assigned categories for pot luck items. Coach Luke will be able to set his expectations for his players., and Kim O. will also kick off the Plant Sale fundraiser.
- Helmets:

- We currently have 7 helmets on hand and Mike S will order 15 more. The price has not been quoted as yet, but the Booster Club will continue to subsidize the first helmet for each player at a player cost of \$100 each. The Cascade helmet is mandatory for the JVV and 9/10 team, but players could purchase it after they make the team if desired.
- Basketball Tourney Fundraiser [Karla Casperson]:
 - Once Patti W. gives us our date in April or May, we will get the volunteer opportunities up on SignUp Genius. We will be sharing a weekend with another organization. For our one day, we will need a total of 32 parents for 3-hour shifts for concessions, ticket selling, and gym management. We will also need an additional 20 players to run the clock.

Coach's Report:

- Luke has arranged for Stu Van Ess (Breck) to be our Winter League coach – Stu played with Luke at St. Johns. Luke will alternately be coaching the Breck team. Stu may bring some assistants.
- Captains Practices are in need of a coach. This would allow the Captains to practice instead of managing the workout and younger players. Luke is still trying to find someone who is available at 4:30 p.m.
- Spring: JVV needs an additional 2 coaches. Jim Ojala has been hired for the 9/10 head coach position and there is a possibility of 2 teams. In this case he would need about 3 assistants. The numbers of our program are growing, but we won't know numbers until closer to the season.
 - **Luke:** Look at April 9 Meltdown tournament for the 9/10 players to add to their season.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 1/19

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

AHS Cafeteria

2015-2016 Volunteer Chairs

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Communications & Website Administrator

Mark Lucas _____

Event Planning:

- Parent Meeting: Tue., 2/9
- Players Pasta Feed & Flower Sale Kickoff: Mon., 3/14
- Player/Parent Season Kickoff: Sat., 4/9
- ACYLA night: Thu., 5/5
- Senior Recognition Night: Wed., 5/18
- Year-End Celebration

Julie Carpenter _____

Mike Soper _____

Vicki Shapiro _____

Mark Lucas _____

Vicki Shapiro _____

Fundraising:

- Spring Flower Sale: pickup 5/7
- Concessions
- Basketball Tourney Fundraiser

Kim Olson/Christi Lutgen/Leslie Piazza _____

Jill Ojala & Laurie Ripplinger _____

Karla Casperson _____

Dick's Shopping Day

Kim Olson _____

Picture Day (4/11) Coordinator & Program Book

Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman _____

Apparel

Sandy Pofert & Robin Smothers _____

Away Game Sandwich Orders for JVV

Joan Evans _____

Tryout Week Coordinator

Volunteer Coordinator

Carol Zehrer _____

9/10 Team Coordinator

(Determined after teams are chosen) _____

Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments

AHS Window Display

Laurie Ripplinger & Jill Ojala _____

Field Reservations

Karen Lysne _____

Field Set Up

J.P. Foreman _____

Twitter Feed

Jim Borowick (Varsity only); Open (JV); Open (9/10) _____

Booster Club Meeting Notes

Carol Zehrer _____

Photography at Games

Laurie Borowick; Julie Foreman _____