**Athens Athletic Boosters**

**Meeting Minutes**

 **March 2, 2015**

President Dave Purvis called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Twenty-five members and guests were present.

President’s Report

President Dave Purvis thanked everyone for coming and introduced Coaches Heugh, Mancini, and Penz to the meeting. The floor was given to Coach Heugh to review his Request for Funding to secure a spot in the soccer dome to hold girls’ soccer tryouts. With the current weather conditions and the abundance of teams needing to share indoor space, Coach Heugh requested One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($1,200) to allow the girls’ soccer try-outs to move off campus to the soccer dome for more room and a more visible showing of each girl’s capabilities. He estimates that there will be between 60 and 80 girls trying out for one of three teams. The cost is $400 per hour for 3 sessions at an hour a piece. (Discussion and vote regarding this request can be found under New Business).

A discussion regarding the awarding of points to five eighth grade families followed a question regarding the February 9, 2015 minutes. Sam Maziasz moved and Patty Aurand seconded to approve the February 9, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried. Dave Purvis directed Martha Nelson, Scholarship/Underclassman Grant Chair, to award all points to the eighth grade families who worked in the concession stand on June 7, 2014.

Dave Purvis reported that there was good concessions turn out for basketball and cheer. It will be very important to fill spaces for the upcoming Robotics event.

Vice President Report

Jeff Norton received information regarding selling iPhone and Galaxy phone cases. The cases would be printed with a design that we provide. There is a 50 (one case) minimum with a cost of $10 each. The phone cases could be sold for $15 - $20 apiece. Marketing could be done by getting 2-4 free samples and having the students show their friends. Sales would be completed through an online order or through Spirit Wear. Jeff will request samples to be used in generating interest in the product. A determination will be made based on interest feedback.

Jeff will contact the Optimus Club regarding scheduling a Euchre Night event.

Treasurer Report

Sam Maziasz reported that she is in receipt of a $2,000 concession deposit and has paid out $250 for Charity Week, $250 for Special Olympics, and $120 for website maintenance fees.

Secretary Report

Annette Berard reminded everyone to be sure to sign in on the attendance sheet.

Spirit Wear Report

Dana Cowper reported that she is in receipt of cheerleading and soccer decals. No decisions have been made to date in regards to spring apparel.

Concessions

Scott Aurand reported that the district play offs will be held at Athens and volunteers are needed to fill the available slots.

The walk-in cooler required a $750 repair and the small freezer needs to be replaced. Prices are being gathered for an upright freezer. Scott reminded everyone that a decision was made to replace a grill each year with the oldest grill be rotated out. Parts will be taken off the oldest grill for use on the current grills, if needed.

Credit cards sales will no longer be accepted. We do not use the ability enough to warrant the monthly expense.

Additional Lead classes will be offered. Spring represents a busy time in the concession stand with some weeks having an event each evening and some Saturdays. Pizza prices have been raised to $2.00 a slice.

The Robotics events dates and times are as follows: Thursday, April 2, 2015 5-8 pm; Friday, April 3, 2015 from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; and Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Melissa will be given the dates and times to upload this week. Each shift will last 3 hours. Grillers will be needed for Friday and Saturday and will be located just outside the back doors of the school. A reminder to put cardboard down under the grills was issued. Hotdogs, Sausages, Hamburgers, and Pizza will be available for the event. Last year, sales fell short of expectations due to lack of organization. This year, Scott and Patty Aurand will be the point people for the event. The event will require 8 separate leads, 16 adult positions, 16 student positions, and 3 grillers. Lead training will take place prior to the event for anyone who is interested.

Membership Report

Heidi Donnelly reported that the Spring Sports Meeting will be held on March 16, 2015. Proposed surveys for the membership and coaches were reviewed. Any suggestions for additions, deletions, or corrections should be directed to the committee. Lynn Gross asked the membership if anyone knew how to use Survey Monkey for the surveys. If so, please contact her, Heidi Donnelly, or Patty Waynick with this information.

Scholarships/Grants

Martha Nelson reported that March 31, 2015 is the last date to earn points for the 2015 Underclassman Enrichment Grants and Senior Scholarships. The deadline for each of the forms is April 1, 2015 by 3:00 pm.

Alumni Report

This position is still in need of someone to lead and develop the program. If interested, please contact Dave Purvis.

Public Relations Report

Kate Goodin reported that new photos have been put on the website, Facebook, and Twitter. Robotics information will be posted on Twitter and Facebook. Dave Purvis thanked Kate for her wonderful work.

Website Report

Matt Parks reported that the website is currently on “cruise control”. He is experiencing some difficulty with incompatibility. He indicated that there is potential for adding a Tab for donations and another for signing up for Membership through the website.

Athletic Director Report

Bob Dowd was not available for the meeting as he was representing Troy Athens at a basketball game.

Old Business

Heidi Donnelly presented the group with a printed slide show presentation regarding a cloud-based service she has researched that could handle donations, on-line store, track concession sales, treasurer reports, etc. . The software is eTapestry. It would cost $200 a month and would require someone to maintain the information. Heidi suggested that a committee be formed that would include an IT person and business-minded people to manage membership information, scholarship/underclassman grant information, and send out surveys. Concerns raised included the monthly expense and finding consistency in volunteers to maintain the site.

A thank you note has been received from Dave Marr, girls’ softball coach, for monies to go towards their spring training at Disney. The entire varsity team is able to attend.

New Business

Coaches Heugh, Mancini, and Penz submitted a Request for Funding earlier in the meeting for One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($1,200) for dome space rental. The rental would include three 1-hour sessions at Four Hundred ($400) Dollars for each session and is for girls’ indoor soccer tryouts in March. Monies would come from $100 girls’ soccer line item, $100 boys’ soccer line item, $400 late fall requests, and $600 late spring requests.

Sam Maziasz moved and Heidi Donnelly seconded to approve One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($1,200) for the use of the dome for girls’ spring soccer tryouts for 3 1-hour sessions at Four Hundred Dollars ($400) a session. Valeri Mangindin moved and Dana Cowper seconded to bring the motion to a vote. Motion carried.

Nominations will be taken at the April meeting for each of the four board positions and one trustee position for the elections at the May meeting. Newly elected board members and trustees will begin their positions at the June meeting. Committee Chairpersons are appointed by the Board and begin their positions in the fall. Budget approval takes place at the August meeting.

It is important to put our best foot forward for the upcoming Robotics competition.

Kate Goodin made a suggestion to consider awarding points to the board, trustees, and chairpersons for time spent above and beyond general membership. She cited the PTO awarding points for these positions. Considerations will be made during the board meeting following the membership meeting.

Two wrestlers qualified for State Finals. A plague will be provided by the TAABF to recognize these awards

The varsity cheer team placed fourth in Districts and went on to Regionals where they came in sixth place. This team broke two school records during District Finals.

Kate Goodin moved and Dana Cowper seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

A board meeting followed the membership meeting. Topics discussed during the meeting were the flexibility in the President’s ability to award points outside those outlined in the Senior Scholarship and Underclassman Grant requirements as well as points that could be earned outside of concessions, membership, and spirit wear sales. A discussion followed, but no motions were made or voted on.