

Troy Athens Athletic Boosters (TAAB)  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2016

President Dave Purvis called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There were 21 members and guests present.

Dana Dionisio motioned to approve the May minutes Matt Parks seconded the motion. The May 2, 2016 minutes were approved with an adjustment for \$1 refills on the popcorn megaphones.

President's Report

- Dave Purvis thanked everybody for their work and reviewed the board activities for the balance of the school year and into the start of next year. The board meets in July to set the budget, then membership meetings resume in August.
- Dave Purvis thanked Dana Cowper for her service as a Trustee for three years. Dana has stepped down from her Trustee role and Matt Parks has taken over that Trustee role.
- Dave Purvis thanked Sam Maziasz for her service as Treasurer for six years. She is stepping down from her Treasurer role and Susan Nord is taking over for the 2016-2017 school year.
- There is an open opportunity for managing trophies / medal requests.

Vice President's Report

- There were a series of tweets over the weekend regarding the quality of TAAB concessions:
  - Brad Emmons from USA Today said that Troy Athens may have the best concessions in the USA. Mick McBride for Detroit Free Press concurred!
- A fundraising event is scheduled with Steelhouse Tavern:
  - June 13, 2016 from 4:00 – 11:00 PM (bring a copy of the flier from website with you).
  - Steelhouse is donating 10% of the customer's total bill to TAAB.

Treasurer's Report

- \$1,500 concessions deposit. Paid out senior scholarships 8 x \$500 = \$4000. Trainer \$580, Decals \$1137.50, special Olympics \$250, cart repair \$180.
- About \$60K in bank between checking and savings, no major expenditures

Secretary Report

- Congratulations to Amy DeLong on taking over the Secretary role for the 2016-2017 school year.

Spirit Wear

- Dana Dionisio reported that she and Dana Cowper are working on setting up an online store. Will augment the existing "in person" spirit wear sales. It will include more size and product options online, plus they will partner with us at larger events to bring their equipment out to personalize on-site.
- Dana Dionisio talked about some of the benefits of the online store (automating current manual processes, future scalability).

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Concessions

- Some items may get low in inventory for the balance of the year. We don't want to run out of key things that don't spoil (like water or frozen items) but running out of some kinds of pop or candy is to be expected. Leave a note, Scott is in the concessions area regularly.
- There is an upcoming power outage to the concessions area, Bob Dowd is working with Barton Malow to find out when the outage will be.
- Sausage and burgers are going well, we can slow down on pizza orders. Scott reminded everybody that we can order a half cheese / half pepperoni pizza to have some pizza but not "too much" pizza.
- All propane canisters are full so we are set for the rest of the season.
- Sports stickers are available in the outside concession stands - \$6 each, put one out on the chip rack to advertise. Money (revenue) for stickers goes in a special envelope in the red accordion folder, not in the concessions cash drawer.
- Health inspection was supposed to be in the month of April but the health department is running behind. So if you are working concessions make sure you hang up the mop and follow all other health inspection items!

Membership

- Lynn Gross reported that membership is steady at 149 families (same as last month).
- The next membership related activity will be at registration August 23-24. TAAB recognizes that Fall registration is a key time to "sell" TAAB benefits to new Freshman parents.

Grants and Scholarships

- Kim Doyle reported that there has been significant progress on the tracking spreadsheet. Many thanks to Tim Shoals for his expert programming skills. It is now much easier to report on points to date.

Alumni Report

- No updates this month.

Public Relations

- David Purvis thanked Kate for her service as to TAAB the public relations lead. Kate is moving on and will not be the PR person next year, so this position is open for the 2016-2017 school year.

Website

- Matt Parks reported that the domain name will be auto-renewed in July. TAAB owns \*.com and \*.org and the fee is \$100 each per year including hosting.

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Athletic Director

- Bob Dowd provided an update on all of the spring sports. Two teams are still in the playoffs:
  - Four softball seniors are graduating at the honors convocation; they will be at a playoff game on Saturday.
  - Girls soccer won the Division championship on Friday 6/3/16, the first Regional game is Tuesday 6/7/16.
- Cheer tryouts are going on now in preparation for camps in June.

Grant requests from coaches:

- Three requests came in this month for the 2016-2017 school year:
  - Boys Lacrosse: \$2,500 for transportation to tournament in Canada.
  - Boys Lacrosse: \$1,800 for indoor field time in early spring (if needed).
  - Varsity Cheer: \$2,000 for winter gymnastics instruction.
  - Troy United Rugby: \$350 for tournament fees. They are asking Troy High Boosters for same amount.
- These requests will be part of the August budgeting process, along with any other requests that come in from coaches.

Old business

- Membership survey
  - Wanted to find out from membership what they know about TAAB and what they think about TAAB. There were >100 views of the survey and 35 answers (about 20% of membership, which is a good percentage).
  - Lynn Gross summarized some of the results – members overwhelmingly “believe in what TAAB does” and have participated in > 6 events. For those who are not as involved, most said they had work or sport conflicts that prevented them from volunteering.
  - There was also feedback requesting a simpler points tracking system, a streamlined grant request process, and a desire for larger grants and scholarships.
  - There were recommendations to engage with coaches more and to further promote large purchases / donations made by TAAB.
- Lynn Gross suggested 4/11/16 that Volunteer Coordinator be considered as a separate position within the Concessions team. This will be discussed after the 2016-2017 board is seated.

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New Business

- New motion for grants and scholarships starting in 2016-2017 school year:
  - Increase underclassman grant to \$175 and allow the grant to be used for “pay to participate” in addition to all current offerings.
  - Allow 2015-2016 underclassman grant of \$150 to be used for “pay to participate” in addition to all current offerings.
  - Increase the senior scholarship to \$750.
  - Increase budget for grants and scholarships from 10 to 15 per class.
  - Provide concessions leads with an opportunity to earn a second \$175 grant by leading 8 additional events (parent only).
  - Change meeting requirements to two (2) per school year between August and April. Drop the requirement to attend one fall and one spring meeting.
- Discussions points:
  - The senior scholarship has been \$500 for the last 20 years. Moving to \$750 is a reflection of cost of inflation and growth of college costs.
  - There is an impression among the Freshman parents that the “cap” of 10 scholarships per class makes it “not worth” volunteering since a family may do the work but then not get selected for the grant or scholarship. Dave Purvis and Sam Maszias confirmed that (1) grant money for a given school year is managed across classes, so if there are fewer applicants for one class the money is available to qualified applicants from other classes, (2) there are encumbered funds for unissued grants from previous years, so if there are more than the # of budgeted and qualified applicants for a given year there are funds available for additional grants, and (3) no qualified grant application has been denied due to lack of funds in the collective memory of this board.
- Marti Steiner made the motion and Pat Shoals seconded the motion to bring this proposal to vote. Vote was taken, motion passed and will be effective for 2016-2017 school year.

Amy DeLong motioned to adjourn, Todd Milette seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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Meeting eligibility for grants and scholarships:

2015-2016:

- The following months count as Fall semester meetings: Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec
- The following months count as Spring semester meetings: Jan, Feb, March, April, May & June

Effective 2016-2017:

- Attend two (2) membership meetings per school year between August and April. There is no longer a requirement to attend a Fall and a Spring meeting.

June Membership meeting sign-in sheet:

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Meeting Date: June 6, 2016

Name
Keith MAZIASZ
Amy DeLong
Samantha Maziasz
Linda Pevens
Lynn Gross
Ed Mott
Breana
Marti Steiner
AMI SHAH
Dave Purvis
Scott Aurand

  

Name
Kim Doyle
Pat Shoales
Patti Johnson
Tracy Grimes
Matt Parks
Kelly McConnell
Roger Dionisio
Dana Dionisio
Patricia Boney
Susan Nord