

Cross Country / Track & Field Booster Club Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

In attendance: Yvonne Folkerts (President), Lisa Jacobs (Treasurer), Katie Smythe (Secretary), Amy Thomas, Ron Vassallo and Track/XC Coach Mike Hughes.

Minutes: The meeting participants unanimously approved the minutes of the Jan. 7 Booster Club meeting.

Membership Report: No new members have joined since December 2013; a total of 25 members have joined the 2013-2014 XC/Track Booster Club providing \$1,150 in contributions. Booster membership covers all three seasons: cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. Track families are encouraged to join the program. A membership form is available from Coach Hughes or any Booster officer.

The XC/Track Boosters sponsor two 4-year scholarships per year, provide supplemental funds for uniforms and equipment, and cover the additional cost of T.C. athletes to compete in post-season U.S. regional and national events. Funds are raised primarily from concessions at indoor / outdoor meets and through membership contributions. Opportunities for parent volunteers occur mostly during indoor track season in Dec/Jan (concessions) and at the T.C. Track & Field Invitational (concessions, gate admissions) which is on May 3, 2014.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for January is attached; the starting balance was \$14,349.45 and the ending balance for January was \$14,354.27. Income items and expenses are itemized.

Concessions Report: The total amount earned this year was less than anticipated but there were less meets than originally planned. Also the conference championship was even smaller than anticipated; Boosters over-bought for concessions (excess was donated to Carpenter's Shelter). For planning purposes, concessions from each indoor meet generated on average \$600. A report on Winter Track Concessions is attached. Inventory of remaining concession items needs to be taken before the T.C. Invitational.

Coach's Report – Indoor Track: Coach Hughes outlined the events for February. The Regional Championship is at the PG Sportsplex on Feb. 12 (rather than GMU on Feb. 15). The State Championship is on Feb. 27-March 1 in Hampton, VA. Several school records have been broken this season which need to be promoted. The display board in the gym hallway is being updated.

Next Season – Outdoor Track: Spring track season begins on Feb. 24. Athletes need to have completed forms/paperwork by the first practice – eligibility card, 2013/14 VHSL physical, emergency care form.

T.C. Track & Field Invitational: The T.C. Invite, which is in its 32nd year, will be held on Sat. May 3. The notice has already been posted on MileStat. The goal is to get 20-30 teams. The entrance fee has been increased slightly this year (\$325 per boy/girl team); about 17-18 teams are needed to break even. A separate budget will be prepared for the T.C. Invite. This meet is a major fundraiser for Boosters. Volunteers are needed for concessions and gate admissions, which Boosters will coordinate and manage.

Boosters is moving forward with the ACPS Elementary School Relay Race, which is held at noon between the morning and afternoon sessions at the meet. Ann Seidenberg is coordinating

this effort. A letter will be sent to all ACPS elementary school principals; information will also be sent to PTAC. Booster members will follow up with individual principals (to be discussed further at the next meeting). T.C. athletes could also visit the schools to help promote this event and build interest in the track program. Boosters may explore adding a separate co-ed Middle School race; Lisa Jacobs and Ron Vassallo offered to pursue this discussion with MS principals and/or through intramural sports. Further planning and discussion will occur at the next few Booster meetings.

Other Business:

Cross Country Wrap Up. The senior gifts for Cross Country participants (7 seniors) are expected by the end of the week; Coach Hughes will distribute the gifts to the athletes. Coach Hughes is getting bids for new XC singlet tops for next year; funding to be discussed at a future meeting.

Spirit Wear. Not enough interest from Indoor Track athletes to place an order. Ordering information may be re-issued for Outdoor Track & Field, which might have more participants.

Booster Website. Ron Vassallo has designed and set up a website for Cross Country and Track Boosters; he is the content manager. The site is ready to go live. Permission will be granted to a few people to post updates, documents, photos/videos, etc. A suggestion was made to create a gmail account for Boosters to receive comments, inquiries, etc. A link to the website should also be put on the TCW Athletics website on the XC and Track team pages.

Coaches Wish List. Coach Hughes is shopping for a video camera (~\$350) for use by the XC/Track coaches during training; Boosters approved this item. He also proposed having a shot put circle installed at the Chinquapin throw site (~\$1,000); he will ask the Athletic Department to share the cost – for discussion at a future Booster meeting. [Note: A separate line item will be set up in the budget for Equipment.]

New Business / Other Issues:

Winter Track Awards Night. Coach Hughes proposed holding the Indoor Track awards night separate from the 'all school' Winter Sports night which is planned for late March. The night proposed was Thurs. March 6 in the TC cafeteria; confirmation and additional information to follow. Booster will provide cake and drinks for the occasion.

Spring Track Dinner. Boosters agreed to organize an early season dinner for Outdoor Track & Field athletes and families. Tentative date: Thurs. March 27.

Senior Gifts. Boosters need to define the criteria for issuing senior gifts. Such criteria might include: 1 blanket (or other standard item) per athlete, a minimum of 2 full seasons participating on the team over 2 academic years including senior year. A subcommittee of the Booster officers and other participants at this meeting (A. Thomas, R. Vassallo) was established to define the criteria – for proposal to Boosters at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 4 @ 7:00pm (TCW Room B-225)

All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings (first Tuesday of the month). Meetings focus on the current season and upcoming events and help plan for the next season. Please support Boosters!

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

[Prepared by Katie Smythe, Secretary]