

# West Booster Club Meeting Minutes November 10, 2011

14 Members Present: John Lyscars, Denise Rinker, Cheryl Andrew, Lolli Bonte, Melanie Cormier, Sharon Glennon, Cookie Hebert, Dan Hebert, Steve Mandeville, Kathy Martins, Melody Reno, Ron Sample, Tracy Terrio and Gary Therrien.

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

## **Secretary's Report** - Cheryl Andrew

Copies of the October minutes were reviewed and were approved without comment.

## **Old Business**

Hannaford Book Sale: Dan Hebert will contact the manager to confirm for September.

Homecoming Video Review: John Lyscars will contact Melissa French to see if we can get at least one copy of the final Homecoming video. All members present voted to have a night out to view the movie.

Game of the Week: Thanks to Gary Therrien for all his work in this project, from start to finish. It was very successful at the two games we had sponsors for. Merchants Automotive supported the Homecoming game (John Lyscars to collect payment in December) and Dunkin Donuts supported another. The students lined up for the game to collect their giveaways. John Lyscars noted that Gary did not have a lot of support with obtaining business sponsorships for this program. It is helpful if all consider a business contact to ask for their support. Gary is trying to work this program out for hockey and basketball as well, and will draft a letter/order form for these games.

Booster Club Letters to Parents: Cheryl Andrew sent out the letters to all parents not currently on the membership list. She also copied the list so we can have a means of contacting these parents with information about Blue and White Night in the spring. Cheryl Andrew to contact Athletic Director Sarah Dumais to get the winter sports roster address lists as soon as they are available.

Sports Awards Night: November 9, 2011. The evening went very well, in spite of a glitch in the sound system. We had eight new members sign up and many parents stepped up to volunteer. Having the athletes write their names on the candy raffle tickets was a great idea and kept the evening moving.

Booster Club Event Participation Log: John Lyscars circulated the updated listing and notified everyone that it would be updated to the Booster Club web page at <http://www.westboosterclub.com/events.html>.

### **Treasurer's Report - Denise Rinker**

Denise noted that she divided out the Varsity and JV Cheerleaders accounts. A discussion ensued about possibly transferring the money from the trophy case fund, presented from the Class of 1974, to an account at the High School for the Athletic Director, Sarah Dumais, to access to support the coaches awards she will present each season. Sharon Glennon volunteered to make the contact with the donors of this money to get approval. Sharon Glennon will also contact Lisa Jo Moher's family again to determine what we will do with the memorial monies. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

### **Committee Reports**

Team Parent Committee: Pauline Roth, Team Parent Liaison

Pauline has had some success in identifying team parents through the coaches, and is preparing for the winter sports season. She has been in contact with Indian Head Athletics about team player tee-shirts (fundraiser) availability and pricing.

Website Committee: John Lyscars, Chair and Gary Therrien, Facebook Page

All fundraiser information from coaches and teams can be published on the website.

John is still hoping to have a local school take on the redesign of the website as a project. He plans to approach NHTI and Kathy Martins offered to contact MCC if he has no luck there.

Food Committee: Denise Rinker, Chair

The concession stand prices are very competitive. Denise's father has volunteered with his fryolator at several events, which has been a huge hit. Once again, Denise purchased water, cookies and candy (giveaways) for the Sports Awards night.

Community Relations Committee: Melody Reno, Chair

The Hooksett Banner has provided space for the "West Roundup" but coverage has not been consistent. Pictures and write-ups are still welcome!

Print Media Committee: Ed Ithier, Chair

We are seeking a banner for "all West Athletes". As Ed is out of town, we do not have an updated report from him.

### **Upcoming Events**

Scholarship Applications: John invited all seniors present at Sports Awards night to apply for scholarships. Applications are due in early spring.

Winter Sports Awards: Scheduled for March 7, 2012 at 7PM.

### **New Business**

Sports Awards Tee-Shirts: John Lyscars contacted Special T's (Indian Head) to obtain a price quote for different t-shirts to lower our overall costs. A discussion ensued about how much of our overall budget is consumed by t-shirts, and we need to lower the cost. Gary Therrien volunteered to work with Sarah Dumais about ordering shirts differently to prevent such a buildup of excess shirt counts, to keep the budget on shirts lower as well. John plans to have supporting quotes and data on t-shirts available for the next meeting.

Age 18 Limitation for Concession Volunteers: John Lyscars produced a document detailing labor laws for minors so we can always answer that question. There has always been a concern for safety as well.

Booster Club Yearbook Picture: There was some discussion on this topic.

History and Transition of the West Booster Club: John Lyscars summarized the history as presented by Al Heidenreich at a previous meeting, and brought us up to date on recent events. John proposed that we consider expanding the Booster Club to encompass other organizations and clubs besides athletics and music (the music boosters were approached and declined our offer of combining talents). This would follow the model of Memorial High, which seems to work very well for them. As discussion ensued, John presented the plan to divide the team fundraising monies from the Booster Club general account to the school's in-house finance officer. John presented a formal request from Principal Mary Ellen McGorry to this effect. Steve Mandeville made a motion to accept the request from the Principal to transfer funds of the athletic teams to the West High School in-house finance officer. Ron Sample seconded the motion and this was approved by all members present by unanimous vote. Further discussion centered around the pool of volunteers, the concession stand fundraising belonging to the Booster Club, and the fact that we would be asked to support the school beyond fundraising efforts. John noted that any fundraising activities pursued by other groups would be subject to the 10 % cut going to the Booster Club so we could in turn offer them support. Ron Sample made a motion to move forward with further investigation of this model. Steve Mandeville seconded, all voted in the affirmative to continue this investigation. We will invite folks from the Memorial High School Booster Club at our next meeting to give us information about their organization's success.

### **Other Business**

Steve Mandeville was pleased to announce that April Mandeville and Nichole Jache found three new members for the Nordic Ski Team this year.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted,  
Cheryl Andrew  
Secretary