

**OTSEGO ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2008**

In attendance: Lori Rea, Steve Rea, Angie Gordon, Johan Svanberg, Lindsey McVey, Scott Bernthisel, Barb Bowen, Lisa Austin, Todd Austin, Dale Bernard, Tammy Henck, Cindy Mills, Dee Fackler, Paula VanHorn, Jim Bostdorff and Laurie Beaverson.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Lori Rea, President.

Secretary's Report: Distributed by Lisa Austin. Motion to accept: Tammy Henck. 2nd Angie Gordon. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by Todd Austin. Motion to accept: Steve. 2nd Tammy Henck. Approved.

Athletic Director's Report: Scott Bernthisel reported that football started last week and the rest of the fall sports started this week. All fees for pay-to-participate will be taken in the Superintendent's office. There is a grant for drug testing fees, which will cover the next three years. Scott to let us know if we receive this grant, he will email Todd when he finds out so the information can be put on the website. Changes in Golf schedule, new schedule was available at the meeting. Schedule in place for 6 home football games.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Website has not been running properly. There have been problems with email too. Lori and Todd have been working on these problems and we can now use otsegoathleticboosters.com website.

Concession: 6 home football games. 1st home game against Woodward, not expecting a big crowd and would like the booster officers and executive committee members to work that night. Dates have been set for winter sports teams and administrators to work. We will need 15 people to work each game, 5 of these people will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets and programs.

Hall of Fame: Scott, Mr. Graves and Lori to get together to discuss where we should display the inductees' names. Scott suggested in the Commons, Steve suggested displaying them outside also.

Little Knights: The date is set for the Woodmore game on Friday, September 12, 08. Flag football and little cheerleaders will participate. We will need help from the parents for this event. Information regarding this night will go out with the flag football flyers.

Meet the Team: Will be Wednesday, August 20, 2008 in the High School Commons at 6:00. Lori will make up the sign up sheets for the events that we will need help with

Otsego Athletic Assist: There have been no applicants

Programs: Lori Rea reported that we need patrons. Thanks to Laurie Beaverson for designing the cover for the program. The program should be ready for the last 5 home

games. Need team rosters – she would also like the other teams roster to insert in the programs.

Reserved Seating: Barb Bowen reported there is very little response.

Reverse Raffle: Scheduled for November 8, 08 at the Tontogany Legion Hall.

Parent Reps: Angie Gordon asked that the coaches have parents contact her to be the parent representative for the fall sports teams.

Spirit: Spirit Wear forms are in the High School Office – you may pick one up for class shirts and the football signing shirt when you pick up your schedule.

Spirit Club/Mascot: Lori Rea asked if someone could try to locate the spirit flags that we had a few years ago. Lindsey McVey was asked if she knew of anyone who was interested in being the school mascot.

Tractor Pull: Steve and Todd went to a meeting 7/28 – using a new trash company this year – N.A.T. Steve asked that the coaches please let their athletes know when they are scheduled to help with the clean up, the more participation the faster the clean up goes! The cheerleaders will be cleaning up on Monday morning again. We are in need of parents to help that morning since our advisors are teachers and that is their workday. There will be sign-up sheets for all workers.

Coaches Reports:

Cheerleading: Lindsey McVey reported that the cheerleaders would like to get 2 more mats, they already have 3 and only need 5 mats to use for competition. She asked about the rotation of the basketball uniforms and Scott said it would not be this year.

Cross Country: Dee Fackler reported that Saturday, August 30th is their meet. They need workers to help with this day.

Football: Dale Bernard reported that we have 50 kids on the team. 8 seniors, 6 juniors, 18 sophomores and 18 freshmen. There are two additional coaches added to the staff this year: Tony Gearhart and Otis Grissom. Kenny Rodgers is also helping out. Saturday, August 9th is the scrimmage against Archbold. The discount cards have been distributed to the players; they are \$10 each and have many discounts. The sales should finish up this week.

Soccer: Johan Svanberg reported that the boys record was 4-2 and the girls record was 3-3 for the soccer tournament that was hosted by Otsego. There were many great teams that participated. They now have electricity in the clubhouse; Mr. Niemic donated cable for this project. Johan purchased video equipment with some of the money that was raised at this tournament. They will be able to tape the games and review them. He is looking forward to the season – the kids have great attitudes!

OJHS Sports: Dee Fackler passed along a “thank you” from Rod Fackler, 7th grade assistant football coach, for the new football pants that were purchased for the junior high teams.

Boys Basketball: Jim Bostdorff reported that the summer camp went well. They are in a no contact period now until September. Athletes have been very faithful in the weight room. They played in Perrysburg on Tuesdays, had open gyms and Sunday shooting as well as playing in Defiance. They want to do a fundraiser selling raffle tickets to win a Wii. They will be selling tickets at the football games on August 29th, September 5th and September 12th. The drawing will be held on September 13th.

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Girls Basketball: Scott reported that they had a good summer; they played in a league on Tuesday nights. They also had a shootout at BGSU. They are looking for a fundraiser to do in the fall. They would like to do the Carraba's fundraiser if softball does not want to do it this year. Scott also reported that the signs for the gym are in and will be put up soon.

Softball: Coaches position open; deadline is at the end of the month

Wrestling: Need a coach – have had no responses.

Track: Paula VanHorn turned in a wish list of equipment they would like to have.

Lori requested that she talk to the coaches and get them to prioritize the list and bring it back to the next meeting with two quotes for each item requested.

New Business:

We are looking for someone to paint the football fields for the games. Scott is going to offer an all sports pass for anyone interested in painting the field for the season. Scott Henck would possibly be interested if he could have help.

We received a thank you note with student signatures for the donation OAB made for prom.

There has been a memorial set up for Victor Sautter – we received memorials in the amount of \$430. A letter needs to be sent to the family asking how they want the money spent. The information also needs to be received for the memorial brick.

Junior High cheerleader advisor, Kailey Selders, submitted a letter requesting \$550 to purchase new football uniforms due to different sizes of the cheerleaders this year and also for a male uniform. They will do fundraising to pay the money back if necessary. Todd motioned to approve a loan of \$550 to the JH cheerleaders, and was seconded by Steve Rea.

The next meeting will be September 8th at 7 p.m. in the school board meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Austin, filling in for Sheryl Peper, OAB Secretary