

**OTSEGO ATHLETIC BOOSTERS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

**In Attendance:** Todd Austin, Dale Bernard, Scott Bernthisel, Barb Bowen, Scott Bowen, Collette Dickey, Angie Gordon, Tammy Henck, Sheryl Peper, Lori Rea, Steve Rea, Lennette Swanson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Lori Rea, President.

**Secretary's Report:** Written and distributed by Sheryl Peper.  
Motion to accept: Lennette Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Rea. Motion Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Distributed by Todd Austin. Todd stated that our bank account looks very good. We have a higher balance this year than last year at this time. There is a \$1,600 charge for paint that is new this year that has not been on our records in previous years. Todd also stated that individual sports are doing very well with fundraising. Soccer has an impressive balance in their account. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Lennette Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy Henck. Motion Approved.

**Athletic Directors:** Scott Bernthisel addressed the group and explained that in past practice the athletic department purchased all of the white paint used on the football and soccer fields. The colored paint was either donated by Sommerset Paint or purchased through the O.A.B. Scott explained that the white paint has been used very quickly this year. Glenn Hefflinger volunteered to coordinate fixing the paint machines – one is in for repair now. The Athletic Department is paying for the repairs. Scott and other members of the group complimented the field painters. They are doing a great job!

Scott also mentioned a few big-ticket items that need to be addressed. The visitor-side bleachers need to be repaired. He said the current visitor side bleachers are hazardous. He would like to see the wood bleachers replaced with aluminum. An approximate cost is \$48,000, but Scott is waiting for a few more estimates. He also would like to see a land-bridge from the parking lot to the football stadium. Lights need to be installed on the visitor side as well. He is taking all of these big ticket items to the Superintendent and the School Board.

Scott mentioned that ticket sales for fall sports are decent. The nice weather and many home events have helped. Too many people appear to be getting into events without paying. This is an issue because of where the ticket booth is placed.

Scott is waiting on Sign Me Up and Harmon Signs to give him an estimate on sponsorship signs for the scoreboard. Lori Rea will provide Scott with a hard copy of the PDF file that contains our sponsorship information.

Scott needs additional keys to the restrooms located at the concession stand so that youth football can utilize the restrooms. He will go to Brass Key to get duplicate keys.

There is an interested candidate for the wrestling position and 2 candidates for the softball coaching position. The superintendent is interviewing all candidates.

## ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**ABC Fun Knight:** Nothing discussed.

**Alumni Relations:** Nothing discussed.

**Apple Butter Festival:** Collette Dickey reported that she is still in need of additional workers. She has found 6 plastic O.A.B. tables and needs 12. We are missing 4 or 5 tables. We are also missing the insulated container used for hot chocolate. Tammy mentioned that we should use a sign-out sheet for anyone borrowing O.A.B. equipment. Motion to purchase additional tables at a cost not to exceed \$350.00: Steve Rea, 2<sup>nd</sup> Angie Gordon. Motion approved.

**Communications:** Todd Austin reported no problems with communications.

**Concessions:** Steve Rea reported that concession sales are slightly better than last year. He is working on a few issues with Pepsi. He is also still working on getting information together for a quote on a walk-in cooler. He would like to install ceiling fans to keep it cooler in the concession stand. He would also be interested in replacing our pricing signs. Steve reported that the stove is not working. Motion to purchase a new stove for the concession stand at a cost not to exceed \$500: Steve Rea, 2<sup>nd</sup> Angie Gordon. Motion approved.

**Hall of Fame:** Lori handed out the guidelines for the Hall of Fame nominations. She mentioned that the O.A.B. Executive Board will approve 6 initial recipients and then 3 additional each year thereafter. Discussion was held on where the plaques would be posted. Collette mentioned the walkway to the concession stand. She has pictures from Ayersville that she will share with the Boosters at the next meeting. Motion to accept the Nomination Form: Angie Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy Henck. Motion approved with discussion to follow as to where to display the winners.

**Little Knights Night:** Nothing discussed.

**Meet the Teams:** Nothing discussed.

**Otsego Athletic Assist:** Nothing discussed.

**Program:** Nothing discussed.

**Reserve Seating:** Nothing discussed.

**Reverse Raffle:** Nothing discussed.

**Scholarship:** Nothing discussed.

**Spirit Wear:** Tammy Henck reported sales are good.

**Spirit Club:** Sheryl reported that several students took advantage of the spirit booth at the football game. Four High School students volunteered their time to do face painting. Hair painting, face tattoos and pompoms were also popular with the kids. Sheryl & Betsy will coordinate a spirit booth for home basketball games as well. Lori Rea will order bandanas, since we cannot use thunder sticks.

**Tractor Pull:** Nothing discussed.

### ***COACHES AND/OR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES UPDATES***

**Cheerleading:** Nothing discussed.

**Cross Country:** Dee Fackler reported that they made \$1,100 at the cross country invitational as compared to \$600 last year.

**Football:** Coach Bernard reported that this football season has been tough. The team is very young and has suffered numerous injuries. He mentioned that the practice field needs work. It did not recover well from the wet soccer tournament and there is a low spot on the field. We need to look at re-seeding the field in the spring. Coach Svanberg offered to share in the cost of the repair. Coach Bernard also reported that the football field looks great. It recovered nicely and the field painters are doing a great job. Collette Dickey mentioned that the scoreboard module needs to be repaired because the clock works but the score doesn't.

**Golf:** Nothing discussed.

**Soccer:** Nothing discussed.

**Volleyball:** Nothing discussed.

**OJHS Sports:** 7 & 8 grade volleyball is doing very well. 8<sup>th</sup> grade football is undefeated. OAB will purchase championship t-shirts for the team.

**Basketball – boys:** Todd reported that the Wii raffle made \$237 for the basketball program.

**Basketball – girls:** Coach Bernthisel reported that the first home game for girl's basketball is the Friday after Thanksgiving.

**Wrestling:** Nothing discussed.

**Baseball:** Todd Austin is asking for quotes to move the fence back at the baseball field.

**Softball:** Nothing discussed.

**Track:** Nothing discussed.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

**Fall Sports Banquet:** Scott reported that the Fall Sports Banquet is tentatively set for Thursday, November 6. He also reported that Thursday, November 13 Otsego will host the all-star volleyball game. He will ask the Boy Scouts if they would like to work concessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.