

**OTSEGO ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

In Attendance: Todd Austin, Dale Bernard, Jim Bostdorff, Barb Bowen, Gordon Digby, Angie Gordon, Glenn Hefflinger, Tammy Henck, Jen Mag, Lindsey McVey, Cindy Mills, Susan Moser, Sheryl Peper, Lori Rea, Steve Rea, Johan Svanberg, Lennette Swanson

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

Secretary's Report: Written by Lisa Austin, distributed by Sheryl Peper.
Motion to accept: Sheryl Peper, 2nd Tammy Henck. Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by Todd Austin. Motion to accept: Angie Gordon, 2nd Sheryl Peper. Motion Approved.

Athletic Directors: Neither present. However, Tom Ferdig did approach the O.A.B. Executive Board at the 6:00 pm meeting with information regarding the Junior High football practice field. The area presently being considered for a Junior High practice field is north of the soccer field. Tom has secured a donation (\$5,000 value) of enough fertilizer and seed for 12 acres. He would like to see the Boosters purchase a "walker" sprinkling system at the approximate cost of \$2,000. Tom will bring more information to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC Fun Knight: Todd Austin is chairperson. Channel 13 was very happy with Otsego last year, and Todd is working on scheduling another Fun Knight for this school year.

Alumni Relations: Lori Rea informed the group that there is a newly-formed committee for Otsego Alumni relations. The Boosters will no longer be in charge of an Alumni Association.

Apple Butter Festival: Collette Dickey & Carole Garrett are co-chairing. They are still in need of many volunteers. Carole Garrett will chair next year.

Communications: Todd Austin informed the group that communications have been going very well. If you need Todd to forward an email, please be sure to compose the email and send it to him to distribute.

Concessions: Steve Rea discussed the possibility of adding a walk-in cooler in the concession stand to store pepsi products. During home football games it is not abnormal to be completely out of cold pepsi products by the second quarter. Steve will bring 2 bids to the group for a refrigeration unit. He also mentioned that adding ceiling fans would help keep the concession stand cooler.

Hall of Fame: Lori explained that the Hall of Fame is meant to recognize past supporters/volunteers of our athletic programs. There are numerous people who have given their time and talents to our programs that are rarely recognized. The Hall of Fame is one way to recognize those people.

Little Knights Night: Little Knights is Friday, September 12. There are approximately 150 cheerleaders and football players. The Castle should be set up for the Little Knight football players to run through after the High School team. Coaches should be with their Little Knight players to run on the field.

Meet the Teams: The group recognized Lisa Austin for coordinating Meet the Teams night. The night was a great success with many people participating. It was held in the Commons which worked very well. The food line was very long. It was mentioned that having a two-sided food line would help get people through quicker.

Otsego Athletic Assist: Angie Gordon reported that a few people have taken advantage of this program. Sherrie Brown will take this program over next year.

Program: There were fewer business ads sold this year because no one volunteered to solicit businesses for program ads. There were more Senior ads placed this year than previous years. Dee Fackler's ad was accidentally left out of the initial printing of the program. Her ad will be placed in additional program copies.

Reserve Seating: Barb Bowen reported that 110 reserved seats have been renewed or purchased.

Reverse Raffle: Will be held on Nov. 8 at the Tontogany American Legion. Deb Hefflinger is distributing tickets to coaches, board members and staff to help sell. In order to be eligible for the Early Bird tickets must be purchased and money turned in by October 4.

Scholarship: Nothing new.

Spirit Wear: Tammy Henck reported that sales are going very well for Spirit Wear.

Spirit Club: Lori explained the Spirit Club concept and asked that a motion be made to have Sheryl Peper find an advisor. The Spirit Club Advisor would preferably be in the buildings and will be paid \$500. Motion to accept: Steve Rea, 2nd Cindy Mills. Jim Bostdorff reminded the group that thunder sticks are not allowed in the gym during basketball games. Angie Gordon asked if the Boosters were interested in purchasing food for the "tailgaters" that are in the parking lot before home football games. The group declined. Lindsey McVey asked if anyone was responsible for supervising the tailgaters.

Tractor Pull: Our profit was \$8,000 from the Tractor Pull cleanup. Steve Rea reported that this is his last year organizing this fundraiser and that Todd Austin will take over. Every sport was well-represented with the exception of volleyball. Jim Bostdorff requested a list of the athletes that participated. It was noted that the Junior High had quite a few athletes and parents that helped. It was also noted that there was not enough help on Sunday morning, so that will need to be adjusted next year. The Tractor Pulls are scheduled for August 21, 22 & 23 next year, which may present a problem if our school year starts early.

COACHES AND/OR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES UPDATES

Cheerleading: Lindsey McVey reported that the cheerleaders will not need additional competition mats this year. There will be no cheerleading competitions held at OHS.

Cross Country: No representative present.

Football: Coach Bernard reported that the football team is now 1 and 2 with two tough pre-season games behind us. League play begins Friday. He also reported that there are several discount cards still available for sale. A Little Knights football clinic is being held on Saturday.

Golf: No representative present.

Soccer: Coach Svanberg reported that they are in the toughest part of their season now. He is trying to put together a co-ed JV team.

Volleyball: No representative present.

OJHS Sports: Glenn Hefflinger asked why there was no trainer present at Junior High football games. Jen Mag explained that she is hired through St. Luke's for a certain number of hours that she cannot exceed. The Jr. High Cheerleaders were given a \$550 loan to purchase new uniforms. The O.A.B. would like to forgive the loan. Sheryl Peper made a motion to forgive the loan, and Tammy Henck seconded. Motion approved.

Basketball – boys: Coach Bostdorff said that there is currently no contact with basketball. He will begin morning open gym and conditioning in October. The basketball program is currently selling raffle tickets to win a Wii game console. Tickets were sold at home football games and in the H.S. Commons at lunch time. Coach Bostdorff asked the O.A.B. to purchase a rim reducer, rebounding rim and pole for use by both boys and girls. Steve Rea made a motion to approve up to \$500 and Angie Gordon seconded. Motion approved.

Basketball – girls: No representative present.

Wrestling: No representative present.

Baseball: No representative present.

Softball: No representative present.

Track: No representative present.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer Opportunities: As always, we are always in need of additional volunteers.

PR/Communications: Gordon Digby was complimented on the announcements during football games. Lori Rea provides Gordon with all the announcements that she would like read.

Lennette Swanson asked why kids are allowed on the football and soccer practice fields during home football games. Coach Svanberg said that he has picked up several rocks that are thrown on the soccer field by kids during football games. The caution tape that is supposed to keep kids off the fields is being torn down by the kids. It was suggested that Scott ask the Sheriff Deputies on duty to police the fields to keep kids off.

Glenn Hefflinger mentioned that the drop-off on the walkway around the track is hazardous. He is afraid that someone will fall off it and we will be liable. Coach Bernard said that he has had a few

parents complain about it also. Glenn said that it would be easy to fix – the dirt is already there to help grade it. Glenn also mentioned that the paint machines used for the football and soccer fields need to be rebuilt. He thinks they will work until the end of this season, but they will need to be totally rebuilt in order to use them again next year.

Jen Mag asked the group to help fund medical supplies for the training room. She said that she put in a \$2,300 order with Scott Bernthisel and that only \$900 of supplies has been approved and received. She is in need of \$1,700 in additional funding to stock the training room with all of the necessary supplies for the current year. Todd Austin made a motion to approve giving Jen \$1,700 and Steve Rea seconded it. Motion approved. Jen also mentioned to the group that there is a need for a new Gator in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned.