

**Hinsdale Central Booster Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2022, 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Kim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and adjourned at 8:01 pm
Minutes: Lee Gillman, Secretary

Board Members Present:

Kim Anderson, Dan Jones, Bruce Carlson, Suzanne Austin, Julie Boruff, Nancy Dugan, Sally Phillip, Michelle Fischer, Rob Tonn, Meraiah Bernacki, Tonia Kurpoas

Kim introduced Meraiah Bernacki. Meriaha is currently helping with Spiritwear and may become co-chair of spirit wear to replace Stephanie Geier who no longer has a student at HCHS.

Kim made a motion to approve December meeting minutes, Suzanne Austin seconded the motion. December Minutes approved.

Treasurer – Julie Boruff

Discussion: Treasure's Report covers December and January since there was no Jan Board meeting. We had 14 new Members join over the last two months. Spiritwear sold \$11,000 in that same period. Indoor concession collected \$19,000. YTD concession revenue is \$60,000. See committee report breakouts for each committee's net profit.

The current cash balance is \$99,504. Unrestricted cash = \$90,000. The gate fee accrual is \$9,225 YTD (369 members @ \$25 per member) and will be paid out to the athletic office by end of February. Spring Grant requests will be reviewed in March, so the balance looks higher than normal. D86 has agreed to reimburse Boosters for the monies invested in scoreboard electrical footings at Dickson Field now that D86 is taking control/purchased scoreboard. The check has not been received yet.

Board discussed insurance policy renewal. Need to add coverage for equipment owned by Boosters versus D86. This will cost an additional \$115 annually. Boosters needs to tag the equipment that they own to ensure that there is no confusion between Boosters and D86, particularly since Dan will be retiring at the end of the 2022/2023 school year.

Action: Kim requested 2021/2022 Gate Fees be paid out to the athletic office by March 1st. Kim asked Bruce Carlsen to work with Dan to create a list of the concession equipment owned by Boosters versus D86 so it can be appropriately tagged in the respective concession areas.

Athletics Report – Dan Jones

Discussion: Boys Bowling and Girls Gymnastics are going well. Girls and Boys Regional Basketball games will be hosted by HC the week of February 21st. HC will also co-host with Hinsdale South the Boy's State Swim Meet on Feb 25th and 26th at FMC in Westmont. HC Boosters is responsible for running concessions. The spring sports schedule is complete. The Title 9 survey was just completed.

Now that D86 controls/owns all scoreboards at HCHS, all digital advertising must go through D86/PowerAd. Boosters can continue to secure non-digital sponsors offering advertising on A-frames, banners, table giveaways, Kick for cash or Shoot for cash, etc.

Action: Concession staff may be needed for Regionals Basketball games because Boys Basketball is unable/unwilling to cover the games. Kim will follow up with the Village of Hinsdale about banner limitations along 55th street.

Activities Report – Sally Phillip

Discussion: Chess and Speech teams are going to State. Mr. Hinsdale will be on February 17th. The play starts tomorrow. Prom will be held on Saturday, April 30th at the Field Museum. Young Hearts for Life will be doing cardiac screenings at HCHS on Thursday, March 24th, and needs volunteers to set up the evening of March 23rd and work shifts throughout the day on March 24th.

Action: Tania Kuropas, Communications, will send communications out to Booster members over the next 4-6 weeks asking students to sign up for screenings and parents volunteer to assist with the event. Kim will share the registration link and info with Tania.

Committee Reports

Communications - Tania Kuropas

Discussion: No report

Action: Will get Young Hearts for Life info out.

Concessions - Ed McCarthy (not present), Bruce Carlson, Sam LoPresti (not present)

Discussion: Bruce congratulated Julie for putting together new concession procedures regarding cash, opening, and closing, streamlining the process, and inventory ordering and pricing. Concessions are preparing for Boys Swim State at FMC on February 25 and 26th but would appreciate Board members stepping up to manage a shift and oversee concessions and student volunteers.

Actions: Please send Bruce and Kim an email by Friday if you can assist with a 3-hour shift at the State Swim Meet concessions. This is a 3-year hosting commitment and a very good fundraising opportunity for Boosters. Need to prepare for IHSA Wrestling Sectionals this Friday at 4:30, continuing on Saturday from 9 - 4:30 pm.

Fundraising – Kim Anderson & OPEN SPOT

Discussion: Michelle Fischer will spearhead senior yard sign sales to celebrate the Class of 2022. Sally shared that a new tab will be added to the website with all details for Seniors as Graduation nears. Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 26th at 5 pm at Dickinson Field.

Action: Senior website launch is planned right around spring break (last week of March). Michelle will review Sally's vendor info and secure the most cost-effective vendor, as well as send Sally the purchase link to be added to the Senior Tab. Purchases will be done through Booster website w/pickup at HCHS.

Grants – Kim Anderson & Julie Boruff

Discussion: Spring Grants will be due by Friday, March 11th. Grant committee will review requests with Dan and Sally the week of March 14th. Full Board will review/approve the final list at the April 6th Board meeting.

Action: Rob Tonn and Bruce Carlsen will assist Kim and Julie with Grant review at the preliminary meeting. Suzanne Austin will be a backup if needed.

Membership – Suzanne Austin

Discussion: Eleven new members joined during the winter sports season. A letter will go out to spring sports athletes and their families in early March. Members that join in spring need to understand that their membership ends at the end of the 2021/2022 school year. Boosters will launch the 2022/2023 membership sales at the 8th Grade Parent Coffee on Thursday, May 5th.

Action: Suzanne will send info on Booster membership to Wanda Swik in the athletic office so she can send it out to all spring sports participants. Suzanne will f/u on stadium chairs. Dan will check on the inventory of stadium chairs that he has. These could be used for members on the waitlist.

Spirit Wear – Michelle Fisher

Discussion: January spirit wear sale was very well attended. The next date is February 17th at the front door. Sally requested a Spiritwear sale at lunch on the same day. Discussed online store.

Action: Communications get the date out. Sally will send a Remind Alert on February 16th to let students know there will be a sale. Sally will also submit for sale to be included in the daily HC announcements. Julie will update the website regards the online store

Sponsorship/Special Projects – Nancy Dugan.

Discussion: Nancy and Kim discussed potential sponsors and options for sponsorship that does not include digital advertising on scoreboards at HCHS.

Action: Nancy will send Dan an email to ask Hinsdale South how A-Frames are erected at that site. Dan will ask South for more information. Kim will follow up with two sponsors that requested information at the time D86 was still finalizing the scoreboard purchases and contract with PowerAd.

Volunteers – Courtney Willman (not present)

Discussion: Eighth Grade Parent Coffee will be held on Thursday, May 5th from 9 - 11 am. We need as many Booster Board members to assist as possible.

Action: Board Members please mark your calendars!!! It is a HUGE day for membership and spiritwear sales and we need all hands on deck!

Webmaster – Julie Boruff with Emily Zeng (shadowing)

Discussion: None

Action: None

Old/New Business

Discussion: Wednesday, May 4th at Grill 89 will be the last meeting. This is a Thank You. Think about bringing a friend that might step up to take your place or join our board!

Rob will be stepping up to replace Kim as President.

Action: Try to recruit for joining Board or replacing open positions.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 3rd @ 7:00 pm in the HCHS Faculty Cafeteria

Please mark your calendars for the future 2021-2022 Board Meeting

Wed, April 6th – 7 pm Faculty Cafeteria

Wed, May 4th – 7 pm Year-End Celebration - (Location TBD)