

DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

9/18/2023

IN PERSON MEETING

Board Members: President; **Bob Klumpp**, Co-Vice President; **Erica Ries**, Co-Vice President; **Melissa Gilligan**, Treasurer; **Rene Weber**, Secretary; **Jenny Girouard**, Concessions; **Melissa Gilligan**, Student Athlete Representatives: Kaitlyn Zimmers, Preston Simon, Carter Sims

➤ Opening Comments and Introductions from President Bob Klumpp

Theme: Autumn & Fall

- “There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees – as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again.” ~ Ruth Ahmed
- “Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the Grand Finale.” ~ Lauren DeStefano

➤ PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Motion to Approve – Bob Klumpp
- Second to Approve – Jackie Zimmers

➤ TREASURER REPORT, Rene Weber, Treasurer

- Accounts: General \$44,871.66 / \$161,999.48 Teams
- Disbursement of Fall Athletics \$20/athlete checks was successful.

➤ ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE, Steve Glesenkamp, Athletic Director

- Purchase for the year – new hurdles for track & field program. Our old hurdles have been handed down to Dempsey.
- Internet/Ethernet is currently being installed in the stadium. Huddle camera will be in the stadium to record. Concessions will have internet access for Squares. This was a \$13,000 project to upgrade internet capabilities in the stadium.
- Purchased several new trash cans for the stadium. Existing cans were overflowing, now we have 10 additional cans. This should eliminate large amounts of trash left on the ground after events.
- Reflect on the check presentation and the commitment of \$18,000 to our student athletes. Thank you to the Delaware Athletic Boosters Board and Parent Representatives.
- We have hired a head Bowling coach, Scott Thomas.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **CONCESSION:** (Rene Weber/Melissa Gilligan)
 - Bowling has concessions on Saturday at 10am. Currently, there is no bowling head coach, we need 3 volunteers from 10-1:30. Please let Melissa Gilligan or Rene Weber know if you are able to help.
 - Jr. Pacers Football on Sunday brought in quite a bit of money for us, we have two more Sundays and possibly playoff games.
 - Planning ahead for Football Friday Night playoff games, will reach out with more information. We will be looking for our seasoned concession folks to help out, if we get that far.
 - Steve has names to draw for the August concession helpers, \$50 gift card.
 - As a reminder, our ongoing concession volunteer appreciation enters you into a monthly drawing each time you volunteer in a month, to be drawn for your choice of a \$50 gift card, or for your \$50 to be donated to your team.
 - August Concession Volunteer Winner: Nikki Stewart – we will reach out to congratulate and find out the choice of a gift card, or funds to go to team account.
- **FUNDRAISING:** (Erica Ries)
 - Payne’s Fundraiser – Monday, September 18th - Girls Soccer, October Girls Volleyball

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- **BASEBALL UPDATE:** (Chris Otten) emailed
 - No new updates to report this month.
- **BASKETBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Bobbi Burris)
 - Team lifting 3 times a week and court time sessions.
 - October 3rd -Whit's Fundraiser – Basketball players will be scooping custard.
- **BASKETBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Aimee Byers)
 - No update
- **BOWLING UPDATE:** (_____)
 - No update.
- **CHEERLEADING UPDATE:** (Jodee Wagner)
 - No update.
- **CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE:** (Rebecca Berghauer) emailed
 - We are almost halfway through the season.
 - The girls and boys teams are placing well each week at invitationals.
 - The team is getting stronger each week.
- **DEMPSEY UPDATE:** (Karen Wadkins/Amy Madden)
 - Fall athletics are going well – good attendance and improvement from our teams
 - A new record time was set for boys cross country 10:48 by Alex Boey
 - Thanks to Steve for passing down some hurdles to us at Dempsey
 - We are starting a new initiative where students who are rewarded at Dempsey for good behavior have the opportunity to choose a weekly athletic pass – this will get them into home Dempsey events for free.
 - We are purchasing a new speaker and microphone for outdoor athletic contests thanks to our Dempsey booster fundraising.
 - Winter coaching staff has been solidified
 - Winter athletics info will be sent out to families/student-athletes the week of September 25th
- **FOOTBALL UPDATE:** (Erica Ries)
 - No update.
- **GOLF (BOYS):** (Nick Steffanni)
 - No update.
- **GOLF (GIRLS):** (Tom Bixler) emailed
 - Lady Pacers Girls Golf team has continued to develop and improve in the month of September.
 - Last week at Oakhaven, all members of the varsity team broke 50 for nine holes for the first time this year.
 - Currently, they are in 4th place in OCC with a possible third place finish depending on today's results in the last OCC round at Westchester.
 - To conclude the regular season, the team will play a tri-match at Oakhaven and a tri-match at Royal American all the week after the fair.
 - We will recognize Lanie Rafey and Adi Graham at senior night on Thursday.
 - On October 2nd, the team which was seeded overall 14th of 40 teams, will play their sectional tournament at Oakhaven. The goal this year is to break into the top three and qualify for district play the following week.
- **GYMNASTICS UPDATE:** (Jackie Zimmers)

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- Middle school has two meets left in the season.
- High school participation numbers appear to be higher than last year.
- **LACROSSE (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Sarah Nieman) emailed
 - No update this month.
- **LACROSSE (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Steph Wheeler)
 - Four fall tournaments: OSU, ONU, Rumble in the Jungle, and Turpin
- **SOCCER (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Di Ashworth) emailed
 - Varsity is 5-3 and JV is 5-3.
 - September 30th is Senior Night.
 - We have a raffle going on now through October 10th.
- **SOCCER (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Dudley) emailed
 - Season is going well so far with JV record of 7-0 and varsity record 6-2.
 - Wonderful support with a massive amount of donations from our pacer pantry theme night, the pantry was very grateful for the donations.
 - Still looking for ball kids for a few home games coming up, if anyone knows someone send them my way! Ladypacersoccer@gmail.com (9/26/23, 9/28/23, and 10/12/23). Second grade and older.
 - Great response to our annual Dipped Donut fundraiser!
 - Will be doing football squares for the Michigan vs Ohio State game and maybe one other...let me now if you want in on the fun!!
 - Thanks in advance for the Payne's Fundraiser that is tonight, benefiting girls soccer.
- **SOFTBALL UPDATE:** (Renee Stahl)
 - Started off season practices: Twice a week – 2 hours fielding and 1 hour lifting.
- **SWIM/DIVE UPDATE:** (Allison Saksa)
 - Pacer Nights – swim and dive athletes are going out to support teammates participating in other off season sports. This is to show support and community within the swim and dive team.
 - Lifting twice a week.
 - Thank you to the announcers at the football game asking everyone to look around and pick up trash after the game. It has been very helpful.
- **TENNIS (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Jennifer Button) emailed
 - Starting to get matches scheduled for spring season.
 - Having an open court this Wednesday morning.
 - Weight room to get going next week.
- **TENNIS (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Isabel Vogel, Tara Gist) emailed
 - Varsity sitting at 21-5 (Best record by Girls in recent memory) with two matches left including a Central District Quarterfinal match in the OTCA tournament with the Ninth-ranked team in the state, Dublin Jerome next Monday.
 - The girls finished third overall in the Marysville Doubles Tournament this past Saturday, including a first place in Flight 3 by Gina and Ella Martin.
 - Second Draws are taking place this week, with Sectional play scheduled for October 4 or 5.
- **TRACK & FIELD (BOYS & GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Craig Schomer & Juliana Riggs)
 - Fall track off season work is happening on Monday's at Dempsey, participation is ramping up.
 - Looking forward to winter/indoor track meets
 - Planning Pacer Invite in March – athletes are excited for new hurdles.

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- **VOLLEYBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (_____)
 - No update.
- **VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Davis) emailed
 - Great news to share: We donated \$1,519 in total to Susan G. Komen Foundation
 - Season is going ok, making progress and looking forward to the rest of the season.
- **WRESTLING (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Darryl Frye) emailed
 - No updates at this time.
- **WRESTLING (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Keller)
 - No updates at this time.

➤ **STUDENT ATHLETE UPDATES:**

- Preston: Met with Dr. Stranges & Mr. Glesenkamp about electronic bulletin boards to highlight our fall senior athletes and teams. TV in library is working & still working on Rowland Center -
- Kaitlyn: no updates.
- Carter: no updates.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Athletic Booster Parent Rep T-shirts – still need sizes, please complete the link in the reminder email for tonight’s meeting.
- Concession Volunteer Incentive: Drawing held during concession update. Nikki Stewart’s name was drawn for August Concession Volunteer of the Month!

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Talisman Advertising Athletic Boosters: October – May. Anything in particular as Parent Reps you would like to see communicated in the monthly ad?
 - Allison – what about “Did You Know?” ...boosters donated to each team, and other snippets of information. Tag teams in the Talisman ad, so the teams can post to their social media accounts.
- Gymnasium Chairs – Bob mentioned that with extra funds in the general account, the Boosters are looking for ideas on how to help improve our athletics experience. Mentioned researching and reviewing whether or not purchasing padded chairs for the gym, used by basketball, volleyball, wrestling, football (press box) would be a good use of funds to support athletics. Need to investigate cost, the expected longevity of chairs (ripped seat cushions, dents, etc.) and if there are other alternatives available that will have a longer life and hold up to year-round use. Boosters with help of Steve will investigate.

➤ **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Preston – a few months prior to the selection of the 2024-25 Student Booster rep, we should communicate to have interested students attend a meeting or two, to understand what we do.
- Communicating Volunteering Opportunities: Steve receives emails with volunteer opportunities that he passes along to coaches to disseminate. A question was asked how Parent Reps can be included in these communications, as they usually coordinate these events for the teams. Steve will include Jenny Girouard in his email to the coaches, to forward the information to Parent Reps. These opportunities may be helpful to our student athletes who need volunteer hours. It was mentioned that teams that are supporting our community/volunteering, should post these to their team social media pages.

➤ **NEXT MEETING:**

- Monday, October 16th – in person at 7pm in Hayes LRC (library) – email updates to JennyGirouard@outlook.com, if unable to attend.

➤ **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Bob Klumpp **Second:** Jackie Zimmers **Time:** 7:56 pm

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27 sports, 1 team GO PACERS! #PacerNation #PacerProud #PacerStrong

Ways to Support Hayes Athletic Boosters:

Kroger Community Rewards: DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS **AMAZON SMILE:** DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Local Restaurant Fundraisers: Payne's Pizza & More, City BBQ **Visit Hayes Concession Stands**

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