DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

1/27/2025

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 Representatives: **Mia Saksa, Josh Jones, & Kyle Sanson**

- **Opening Comments and Introductions from President Bob Klumpp**

  Theme: Motivational Quotes: "Teamwork"

  - "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." ~ Henry Ford

  This quote emphasizes the importance of teamwork in overcoming challenges and achieving long-term success.

- **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - Motion to Approve – DeAnna Zahniser
  - Second to Approve – Bob Klumpp

- **TREASURER REPORT, Rene Weber, Treasurer**
  - Accounts: General $48,863.94 / $153,748.36 Teams

- **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE, Steve Glesenkamp, Athletic Director**
  - FYI: Wrestling will be closing their 501c3
  - Less than 30 days from the start of Spring sports. Final forms have been sent out.
  - Lacrosse nets will be installed on the field, at both ends of the goal posts. These will be fixed with concrete. Project cost will be around $18,000. This will be paid for with Jim Gill money.
  - Continuous upkeep of the gymnasium
  - Working on weight room upgrades and rebranding of the weight room to "Sports Performance Center".

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - **CONCESSION:** (Rene Weber/Melissa Gilligan)
    - Still going – as of the end of January we are 3/4 of the way through winter concessions. It has been busy.
    - Girls wrestling tournament on February 15th, may need to reach out to volunteers as this was added after the schedules went out.
    - Volunteers have been some of the coaches, which is nice to see. It helps them understand and explain to parents what is involved in volunteering in concessions.
    - Drawing for Nov./Dec. Concession Volunteer: Bryttni McCabe - softball
  - **FUNDRAISING:** (Erica Ries)
    - Payne's Fundraiser – Monday, January 20th – Boys Basketball. Upcoming: Monday, February 17th – Boys Wrestling
    - Pacer Flag Fundraiser: will sell Pacer Garden flags in concessions for $20.00 and large flags for $40.00.
    - Buffalo Wild Wings has a Dine to Donate program that would be great for teams. We will send information we have in the Fundraiser Email.

- **TEAM REPORTS**
  - **BASEBALL UPDATE:** (Chris Otten)
    - No update.
  - **BASKETBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Bobbi Burris)
    - No update.
  - **BASKETBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Aimee Byers)
    - No update.
  - **BOWLING UPDATE:** (Scott Thomas)
    - No updates.

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- **CHEERLEADING UPDATE:** (Katie Stephenson)
  - No update.

- **CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE:** (DeAnna Zahniser)
  - Off season training is going well.

- **DEMPSEY UPDATE:** (Karen Wadkins/Amy Madden) emailed
  - Tomasi Boys Wrestling Tournament at Hayes and D-Town Throwdown Girls Wrestling Tournament at Hayes both went well – Thank you to Steve for the space and Tony Rieman for being our tournament director.
  - Our girls wrestlers took home first place at the D-Town Throwdown.
  - Week 1/26 is the last week of the regular season for Dempsey Athletics.
  - Boys & Girls Basketball tournaments begin on February 1st
  - Spring athletics information has been out to all 7th & 8th grade families and students weekly since Winter Break and will continue through till 2/23.
  - Spring athletics begin on 2/24 besides boys tennis which begins on 3/10.
  - Spring athletics virtual preseason meeting for parents/guardians on 3/6 at 7 pm.

- **FOOTBALL UPDATE:** (Kristy Jones)
  - Off season lifting underway.
  - Still setting up volleyball floors at the convention center.
  - Planning golf outing – date set: June 13th, more details to come.

- **GOLF (BOYS):** (Nick Steffanni)
  - All set to work concessions.

- **GOLF (GIRLS):** (Tom Bixler)
  - No update.

- **GYMNASTICS UPDATE:** (Robin Kress)
  - Crazy month with regular season meets in the last 3 weeks.
  - Not enough for a team this year, but individually placing well. Excited for team score next year.

- **LACROSSE (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Sarah Nieman)
  - No update.

- **LACROSSE (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Steph Wheeler)
  - Josh VanGundy is the new girls coach
  - Fundraiser is a pick to donate calendar, no longer doing the mulch fundraiser.

- **SOCCER (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Di Ashworth)
  - No update.

- **SOCCER (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Dudley)
  - No update.

- **SOFTBALL UPDATE:** (Renee Stahl)
  - No update.

- **SWIM/DIVE UPDATE:** (Allison Saksa)
  - OCC championship meet, both teams placed 2nd. Boys lost by 1 point and girls lost by 34 points.
  - JV champs this week.
  - Sectionals 8 guys and 8 girls, all other will attend JV Champs.

- Hopefully we will have a few placing at Districts and States.

- **TENNIS (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Toombs) emailed
  - Open Court Hits and weightlifting are ongoing.
  - It looks like team will have about 20 players.
  - Will be very competitive for Varsity spots.
  - Our match schedule is complete. A tough, challenging schedule for what should be a strong team again this year.
  - Regular practice starts March 10, with our first match on April 1.

- **TENNIS (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Isabel Vogel, Tara Gist) emailed
  - Weightlifting ongoing
  - Schedule is in the works.
  - Several of the girls have been working on their game throughout the off-season.

- **TRACK & FIELD (BOYS & GIRLS) UPDATE:** (_____)
  - No update.

- **VOLLEYBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Amy Lenocker)
  - No update.

- **VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Davis)
  - No updates at this time.

- **WRESTLING (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Jill Powers)
  - Home tournament Reiman – lots of state level athletes at our event.
  - Busy couple of weeks ahead. 3 duals and 2 tournaments remain. Varsity to Logan, Freshman tournament next week, Duals in two weeks.

- **WRESTLING (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Carissa Krauss)
  - Last home tournament on February 15th. Senior Recognition will take place at the tournament-4 seniors to recognize.
  - Regional duals this week and hope to get to state dual.

➢ **STUDENT ATHLETE UPDATES:**

- Mia Saksa: swim practices are slowing down now that we are preparing for the end of the season. The senior banner slideshow for winter sports will be updated this week.
- Josh Jones: Friday night we have our incoming freshman commitment night for football. Will meet before the basketball game and all go to the game together. Lot of coaches are reaching out to lots of seniors for college invites.
- Kyle Sanson: Baseball is going good. Pitching scrimmage with New Albany coming up. Played Highland and they are a very disciplined team – live pitching event.

➢ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- N/A

➢ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Athletic Department Request for assistance: Upgrades in Weightroom quote total $22,064.67
  - Need for new benches and Pacer Decals: $12,825.00
  - Need for Dumbbells: $9,239.00
  - Steve's request to the boosters is to help with purchasing dumbbells.

Motion: By Bob Klumpp to approve DAB financial support of up to $13,000 towards the upgrades in the weightroom for equipment through Stray Dog.
Motion: Bob Klumpp
Second: Kristy Jones
Voting:

- **Yes:** DeAnna Zahniser, Amy Madden, Kristy Jones, Nick Steffanni, Robyn Kress, Steph Wheeler, Tara Gist, Lisa Davis, Jill Powers, Carissa Krauss, Rene Weber, Melissa Gilligan, Jenny Girouard, Erica Ries, and Bob Klumpp
- **No**: zero

➢ **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- The Student Representative Process for 2025-26 will be shared in February Meeting. Please share the information when it comes out next month. Any students interested in learning more may attend our DAB meetings, reach out to board members or this years Student Representatives to learn more. DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 11, 2025.
- Annual Meeting & Election of Officers will be held in April – if anyone is interested in joining the board, please reach out to Bob Klumpp, Jenny Girouard, Rene Weber, Melissa Gilligan, or Erica Ries.
- The Athletic Booster Scholarship is posted in senior School Links portal. $500 scholarship.
- Pacer Fest – Spring – Wednesday, March 5th.
- Wrestling asked about fundraising at football games. Any fundraising at football games would need to be approved by Steve.

➢ **NEXT MEETING**:

- Monday, February 24th – In Person @ 7:00 pm in Hayes LRC. Please email team updates to JennyGirouard@outlook.com, by February 24th by 4:00pm.

➢ **MOTION TO ADJOURN –** Bob Klumpp Second: Rene Weber at 7:50 pm

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