DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

5/19/2025

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: "Enjoy Life"
    - "Life is like a roller coaster, live it, be happy, enjoy life." ~ Avril Lavigne
    - "Lighten up, just enjoy life, smile more, laugh more, and don't get so worked up about things." ~ Kenneth Branagh

- **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - Motion to Approve – Bob Klumpp
  - Second to Approve – Erica Ries

- **TREASURER REPORT, Rene Weber, Treasurer**
  - Accounts: General $29,591.83 / Teams $185,027.85

- **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE, Steve Glesenkamp, Athletic Director**
  - No athletic director updates.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - **CONCESSION:** (Rene Weber/Melissa Gilligan)
    - Whit's at concessions is going great!
    - Boy's Lacrosse Tournament tonight.
    - Looking for someone interested in taking over the Concession Manager position for the 2026-27 school year, with availability to start training the 2025-26 school year. This is a paid per event position.
    - April Concession Volunteer: Nick Steffani – present in meeting and would like $50 put in Boys Golf Account.
    - Bob Klumpp: who present would like to see an upgrade to our hot pretzel offering? All present raised hands. One parent rep indicated Olentangy Berlin has a hot pretzel that has good flavor. Another parent rep indicated our pretzels prior to 2020 were much better than our current offering.

  - **FUNDRAISING:** (Erica Ries)
    - Payne's Fundraiser – Monday, May 19th – Baseball - Upcoming: June 16th - Softball – Please mention Delaware Athletic Booster/team for the team to receive Dine to Donate credit.
    - Send any team related fundraising to Jenny Girouard jennygirouard@outlook.com to be added to a monthly fundraising email.
    - Pacer Flags still available.
    - Brick fundraiser is ongoing. Brick will be installed in 2026.
    - Football Tackles and Takedown golf outing.

- **TEAM REPORTS**
  - **BASEBALL UPDATE:** (Chris Otten)
    - No update.
  - **BASKETBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Bobbi Burris)
    - No update.
  - **BASKETBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Aimee Byers) emailed
    - Looking forward to our summer schedule!
    - Lady Pacer Basketball Camp – June 16th-18th

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- **BOWLING UPDATE:** (_____)
  - No updates.

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

- **CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE:** (DeAnna Zahniser) emailed
  - We will be starting the same fundraiser that Track used this past spring, will begin on August 2nd.
  - We are also soft starting our athletic shoe recycling fundraiser. Boxes will be located in the community all summer long. The gently used athletic shoes can be dropped in the boxes and we will have someone bag up the shoes and sent them to the company that is going to recycle or redistribute them to individuals in need. We will share the box locations once we get confirmation from the businesses that will house them.
  - Annual parent meeting is tonight at 6pm in Homestretch, which includes parents of incoming freshmen.
  - Summer training, including team runs, will begin the first week of June.

- **DEMPSEY UPDATE:** (Karen Wadkins/Amy Madden) emailed
  - Spring season is over – we ended with 260 student athletes, 35 more than last year.
  - Wrapping up spring banquets this week.
  - Charlize Leonard and Reid Stultz both ran in the 7th & 8th State Meet over the weekend. Charlize placed 10th in the 400m dash.
  - Fall 2025 athletic information has been sent out multiple times to all current 6th and 7th grade students.
  - Fall 2025 cheer tryouts took place last week and the team is set.
  - Football conditioning begins June 2nd
  - Volleyball open gyms begin June 2nd
  - The main gym floor will be refinished the week of July 7th
  - August 1st, first official day of practice/tryouts for cross-country, football, girls tennis, and girls volleyball.
  - Boys golf tryouts begin July 28th and girls golf tryouts are tentatively scheduled for July 31st.

- **FOOTBALL UPDATE:** (Kristy Jones)
  - Last push for the Football Golf outing – finalizing details and raffle tickets
  - Currently have 9 foursomes left.
  - Working on youth camp for 3rd week of June 1-8th grade.

- **GOLF (BOYS):** (Matthew & Melissa Stroupe)
  - Players are playing in summer tournaments – preparing for August tryouts.

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

- **GYMNASTICS UPDATE:** (Robin Kress)
  - No update.

- **LACROSSE (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Sarah Nieman) emailed
  - Boys kick off tournament play tonight at 7pm.
  - Summer Camp K-6th – June 23-25, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Register at: www.delawarelacrosseclub.com

- **LACROSSE (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Steph Wheeler)
  - No updates.

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- **SOCCER (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Di Ashworth)
  - Youth camp: June 2-4, 2025, 9-11 am, Hayes Turf – Combined Boys and Girls Soccer programs – sign up available now
  - 5v5 Tournament Fundraiser – First time – June 21, 2025, at Hayes – Open to youth 5 years through high school. A flyer and more information coming soon.
  - 1st Car Wash – Saturday, July 26th – 1-6 pm – AutoZone Parking lot, E William St. Delaware - $5 per car or whatever you think it's worth! – Flyer to come
  - The coaches and Goal Club have the summer planned for the boys. The summer training schedule is complete including Summer Tournament, 7/18 to 7/20/25 at New Albany.

- **SOCCER (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Jenny Artemus) emailed
  - We are working with the boys soccer program to help host Youth Camp June 2nd -4th. Sign ups are still open!
  - Our meeting went well, and the coaches have provided any interested athletes with the optional summer training opportunities available.
  - LPS will be playing in the Olentangy summer tournament July 19th and 20th

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

- **SWIM/DIVE UPDATE:** (Paige Markward)
  - No update.

- **TENNIS (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Toombs) emailed
  - Season finished up on Wednesday, May 14th, with sectionals. We had three (out of 5) courts make it to the qualifying round for Districts before dropping their matches.
  - Overall, the season was one of the most successful seasons in Hayes Tennis history.
  - Team finished 16-2 in dual match play, 6-1 in OCC matches for 2nd place.
  - The team won the Hilliard Doubles Tournament for the first time, previous best finish was 4th, including two flight wins and one second place.
  - The team was ranked #11 out of 46 teams in the Central District Coaches seeding poll.
  - We will have several All-League players when those are announced.
  - Great thanks to the leadership of our Eight Seniors which helped to lead us to an amazing record of 28-6 over the last two seasons.
  - The Pacer Youth Camp is coming up June 10-12

- **TENNIS (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Isabel Vogel, Tara Gist)
  - Open courts starting soon
  - With the graduation of eight Seniors from last fall's team, there will be a great chance for players to step up higher in the line-up.
  - Many of the girls have shown a commitment to get better and will become our team's new leaders.
  - Fall schedule is pretty well set, with Hayes Invitational kicking off the season on Saturday, August 9th.
  - Looking forward to the Pacer Youth Camp on June 10-12. Had 72 kids participating last year.

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

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

- **VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Davis)
  - Youth camp June 9-11th

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- **WRESTLING (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Carissa Krauss)
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➢ **STUDENT ATHLETE UPDATES:**

- Mia Saksa: Track and field 2nd OCC – Multiple first place finishes in sprints/ Girls lacrosse senior night last Friday. Boys Lacrosse tournament tonight. Senior's last day is tomorrow.
- Josh Jones: Lacrosse should win – seeded 4th. Football is lifting with incoming freshmen. Parent and player meeting – getting ready for the season.
- Kyle Sanson: N/A

➢ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Student Representatives for 2025-26, selected: Josh Jones, Jacob Zahniser, and Taylor Larason.
- Sports Schedule Posters for 2025-26 seasons – Goals: Visibility of Sports Programs, Visibility of Boosters, Businesses that Support. Motion in Executive Board on May 12th to fund up to $1,000 towards creation and printing of Fall 2025-26 Seasonal Sports Schedule posters. Motion approved. Chesrown is the largest single donor – they provide a lot of support for our athletic programs.
  - Justin Brenner and Erica Ries (Above the Light – Travis) have mocked up a fall poster for the parent reps.
  - Justin mentioned the possibility of including Dempsey's schedule, other local schools are not currently advertising M.S. sporting events. Possibly M.S. could be viewed as a QR code on the High School poster.
  - Target audience: Mainstreet Delaware, Barber Shops, All Schools, and other businesses that support Delaware Schools.
  - Options with QR link to Sponsor Page.

➢ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

➢ **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Concession Manager job description is being drafted so we can search for Rene and Melissa's replacement. This is a paid per event type position.
- Pacer Fest – Fall 2025 – Friday, August 8th

➢ **NEXT MEETING**:

- Monday, June 16th – Electronic Email Meeting. Email reminder will be sent, please reply with team updates by June 17th, please email JennyGirouard@outlook.com.

➢ **MOTION TO ADJOURN –** Motion: Carissa Krauss Second: Erica Ries Time: 7:44 pm

27 sports, 1 team GO PACERS!

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Ways to Support Hayes Athletic Boosters:

Kroger Community Rewards: DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

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