

**NORTH BRANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
March 27, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**

Jason Castle opened the meeting 6:00 p.m. at the North Branch Bar & Grill.

**Members present:**

Andrea Kropp	Angela Solon	Kristine Bickel	Bryan Smith
Jason Castle	Dave Castle	Kelli Lovacz	Dawn Deshetsy
Jim Fish			

**Coaches Reports:**

- **Girl's Track** – Jason Castle reported that he has 32 girls, 11 Seniors. Jordyn Wilson took 3rd and Olivia Fike took 5<sup>th</sup> in the 60 m dash at SVSU's meet last week. Heather won the 2 mile @ SVSU. Best team we have had in a long time. Have a good chance at winning our TVC.
- **Boy's Track** – Dave reported that team is not super competitive, but great group of kids.
- **Baseball** – Jeremy Good reported that they have 41 boys between Varsity and JV, and will do really well this year. Jeremy has reimbursed all but \$250 of the price for the windscreens that the boosters funded. Instead, he had a Booster banner created to hang in the spot that was not sold.
- **Softball** – Jeremy reported 33 girls showed for tryouts and Tom kept 28, and they should be very competitive. Softball also needs new wind screens. Jason asked that Tom come to a meeting to request them, but he was holding practice. Tom Atkins gave Andrea Kropp permission to speak on his behalf at future meetings, and he is getting pricing. He may do similar program as Jeremy and try to sell banners to help pay for it, but is getting pricing from Dimmer-Warren for other options.
- **Golf** – Jim Fish reported that the team was more competitive than last year, but not likely to win TVC.
- **Soccer** – Jim Fish reported that Rick has a good team. We beat Clio tonight 2-1.
- **Football** – Hensel resigned, so we are accepting applications for a coach. April 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. Have 6 applicants so far, and some good prospects.

**Motions and Future Spending:**

Jeremy Good reported that the red field dirt is settling on the varsity softball and baseball fields so every 4 years or so we need to get more. He said it would be between \$2,000-\$4,000. The school would pay for half, and he is asking if Boosters would cover half. **Kristin Bickel motioned that the Boosters cover half up to \$2000. Motion passed.**

**Replacing Track:**

Jim Fish just submitted a 5-year proposal for money to replace the track. It is 6 figures, so the school is starting to put money aside.

**TVC Changes:**

Caro may be going to Greater Thumb, Lakeville is leaving our TVC. It is possible we will take a team from the Central Division, possibly Carrollton, starting the 2018/19 school year. Blue Water wants Marine City vs. us in their TVC, but if Marine City does not accept we will likely be offered a spot.

**Hall of Fame:**

We had 10 applicants and will be inducting the following at the October 6, 2017 Homecoming Parade and Dinner.

- John Ribner
- Glenn Crawford
- Virgil Horton
- Gary Sutton – Band Director for 25 years
- 52/53 Undefeated Football Team

**Treasurer's Report:**

Angela Solon – Our report is showing we have over \$25,000 right now. We were questioning that because it is much higher than expected, so Angela is checking the amount with Deanna or Mary, and Jim Fish is getting a report also.

**Reverse Raffle**

- Need new speakers/sound system for next year. Jeremy Good is pricing wireless speakers so that we have them on hand for all future events, not just Raffle.
- We need to have a sign-up sheet/contact list for the Reverse Raffle at the Fall Meet the Teams and Sports Banquets. Andrea Kropp set-up calendar reminders so this gets done.
- Jason Castle is contacting Bryan's to reserve the Feb. 24, 2018 date for the Hall.

**Booster Scholarships:**

We had 3 boys and 5 girls submit applications. We agreed to give 3 \$500 scholarships. 1 boy, 1 girl, and 1 wild card (boy or girl). Since they are ACTIVE booster members, Tim Gormley and Kristine Bickel's kids will get priority consideration. The following committee members received the applications via email today, and are submitting their ratings to Mary Campbell by April 7<sup>th</sup>: Kelli Lovacz, Dave Castle, Teresa Gormley, Andrea Kropp, Angela Solon

**Record Boards:**

Tim Gormley reported that they will likely be done in the next week or 2. He never did get volleyball, baseball or softball stats so those stats will be blank for now. He "thinks" we will be able to make changes for just \$40 a year. However, Jack Miles is moving up to Drummond Island, so we may have to figure out someone else to help make changes in the future. Craig's Signs?

**Kristine Bickel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jason Castle seconded. Meeting was adjourned 6:54pm.**

**Next meeting: April 17, 2017 6pm at North Branch Bar & Grill.**