

**NORTH BRANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**May 23, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**

Jason Castle opened the meeting 6:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center.

**Members present:**

Andrea Kropp	Jim Fish	Dawn Deshetsy
Jason Castle	Dave Castle	Teresa Gormley
Angela Solon	Kristine Bickel	Bryan Smith

**Coaches Reports and Projects:**

- **Golf** – Only 11 teams at their golf event. Washakie charges more than most school teams are charged.
- **Boys Track** – Dave Castle reported that the boys league record is 3-4, but it is the best group he remembers having. They work hard, but there are just too few to win meets. Chris Barrios as assistant coach has been a great help.
- **Girls Track** – Girls are 7-0 in the league. 11 athletes are competing at States on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 4x800 and 4x200 relay teams, Heather Czarnecki who is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the mile, and 13<sup>th</sup> in the 800, Kaila Gormley for high jump, and Victoria Kirkwood for 200.
- **Baseball** – 18-8-1 overall, and 8-3 in the league. If they beat Caro and either Millington or Garber lose, they can still win the league. Chuck Jacobsen could possibly have is 200<sup>th</sup> win at Caro tomorrow, so there will be a cake ready to celebrate just in case.
- **Softball** – 11-17 overall.
- **Soccer** – 10-9 overall. They have a decent chance at winning league.

**Treasurer Report:**

Angela Solon reported that we have a \$26,090 balance, but that we have not yet received a payment request for the baseball/softball field dirt. We received an extra invoice from Jack Miles for \$3,120 more for the record boards, but on May 24<sup>th</sup> Tim Gormley confirmed with Jack that it was an error and our Record Boards are paid in full.

**League Changes:**

Caro is also leaving TVC East. North Branch will be part to Blue Water conference beginning 2018/19 school year with: Almont, Armada, Imlay City, Cros-Lex, Yale, Richmond and Algonac.

**Concessions:**

We are checking to see if softball and baseball are handling their own concessions for Districts, or if the Boosters need to.

**Booster Scholarships:**

Kaleb Bickel, Kaila Gormley, and Hannah Hodgkinson will each be awarded \$500 during Senior Night on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Jason Castle is presenting the awards and is checking with Mary Campbell to make sure certificates and checks are ready.

**Record Boards:**

They are complete and have been delivered to the High School and will be hung in the gym over the summer. There is a fee of up to \$40 per board to make updates, and several booster members (including Tim Gormley and Andrea Kropp) have instructions on who to contact to order the updates.

**Queen of Hearts**

The boosters made \$7,080 from the Queen of Hearts fundraiser, and we awarded \$9,307. The May 22<sup>nd</sup> final drawing had a large and loud crowd and 26 winners were drawn and awarded over \$8,500 that night. Only 6 cards were remaining. Robyn Vincent was our Queen of Hearts jackpot winner of \$6,942. Andrea Kropp is having a congrats and thank you article published in the Lapeer paper and is sending Thank You cards to the North Branch Bar & Grill, as well as North Branch Food Center, Brass Lamp Villa, and Sawdust Corners.

If our businesses (especially Bar & Grill) approve, we would like to run another Queen of Hearts raffle possibly August 21-May 21 (37 weeks – no drawings on Labor Day, Christmas or New Year's Day). Or we may start selling tickets in August but NOT do the 1<sup>st</sup> drawing until September 11<sup>th</sup>. We need more volunteers to sell tickets, and to come to Monday night drawings and count tickets and money. Bryan Smith said ordering tickets online is cheaper. Would start with 10,000 likely. We ran out on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**FAT (Full Automated Timing) System:**

The boosters approved up to \$10,000 to purchase a timing system for use at track, and hopefully cross country, meets. Jason Castle is researching options and will report back for approval.

**Student Trainers:**

Colton Maier and Alex Albright have expressed interest. Both play football and do other sports, so we may just pay Erin Hayes to do the training again instead of sending them to the MSU camp at \$350.

**State Track Food Expenses:**

A motion was approved to give Jason Castle \$700 to cover the food expenses for 11 athletes who are competing in the State Track meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jason is going to get cases of water and Gator Ade from concessions. Andrea Kropp is going to bring fruit and healthy snacks to the meet.

**Banners for Football Field:**

Andrea Kropp reported that the cheaper banners are ripping quickly in windy conditions so received approval to charge \$150 for new banner purchases and \$75 for renewals to cover the higher expense to have heavier banners created by Craig's Signs. Since softball and baseball windscreens already have banners we may not be selling banners for the spring.

**October 6<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Details:**

Mary Campbell has sent letters to our 2017 inductees.

Dave Castle will be the point person for the media and inductees, and will provide information to update TouchPro and programs.

Tim Gormley and Jason Castle will handle the parade details (vehicles from Coulter's and Ray C's again?)

Teresa Gormley will handle the food details, and Deanna Brusie will keep the RSVP list.

Jason Castle is having the plaques created.

Dawn Deshetsy is handling the decorations.

Andrea Kropp is creating the ceremony program and 2 banners (1 for football teams, and 1 for individuals)

**Next meeting: August 14, 2017 at High School Media Center.** We will discuss selling memberships, Queen of Hearts tickets, etc. at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Pep Rally, and August 24<sup>th</sup> football game.