

NORTH BRANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
MONTHLY MEETING
August 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Jason Castle opened the meeting 7:00 p.m at the North Branch Bar & Grill.

Members present:

Andrea Kropp	Teresa Gormley	Jim Fish
Jason Castle	Kristine Bickel	Dave Castle
Jeremy Good	Daniel Deshetsky	Linda Berlin
Dawn Deshetsky	Bryan Smith	Tim Gormley

Coaches Reports:

- Football – Varsity team has close to 30 players, JV has 16 and there are 20-21 Freshman. Hensel asked if Boosters could buy \$800 **Hudl** video analysis tools for use on computers or mobile devices. Players can download an app to view the video clips. ALL North Branch athletic coaches can use Hudl. **Jason Castle motioned to approve the \$800 Hudl expense. It was approved.**
- Cross Country – Had 25 at cross country camp, best turnout ever. We will have full teams for both boys and girls this year, plus middle school.
- Volleyball - Jim Fish reported having 13 Varsity, 13 JV, and 12 Freshman players. On October 15th our Varsity is playing Novi 3pm at U of M, followed by watching a U of M volleyball game.
- Cheer – Doing team bonding. All good.
- Soccer – All good, except no JV coach yet.

Extras:

- Media Day is Wednesday 2pm.
- Ruth Stover-Lange is covering all of the soccer games, and Sherman is covering all of the football games.
- Jeremy Good is selling 50/50 tickets for varsity games only, and whatever other team is playing can handle their own 50/50 sales.
- Disc Golf course is being built behind Middle School leading to Catholic Church for Quest, but community can use it.
- Jill Jacobson (Chuck's wife) has aggressive cancer. They are driving to a lot for hospital visits. **Jason Castle made a motion to give them a \$250 gas card, plus oil change certificates. Motion carried.** Bryan Smith is getting these.
- Dawn Deshetsky had recommended using www.SignUpGenius.com to handle concession and other volunteer scheduling. They send reminders.

Treasurer's Report:

Bryan Smith thinks we have close to \$15,000 in our accounts but Mary Campbell was not working today so we are unsure. Bryan said that someone else is interested in being Treasurer moving forward.

Concessions:

Megan Guzman is handling all of the purchasing this year. Jason said that the outdoor pop machine is not keeping cool enough. Dave Castle is getting hold of the person that services the Legion machine to take a look at ours. Teresa Gormley thinks there are 2000 popcorn remaining (on 8/16 Mary Campbell found 4500 so is letting Jill Grooms of Liebler know.) We think Ruth Stover-Lange is coordinating Varsity concessions.

Community Advertising:

Andrea Kropp has collected approximately \$3000 in banner sales. Only a couple new. Jason Castle is hanging banners this Sunday.

August 23rd Pep Rally:

Membership and Season Pass sales. Andrea Kropp is creating signs showing dollar amounts, bringing membership forms/banner/booster pins/helper sign-up sheet/receipt book. Need to get cash box from the office. Andrea Kropp, Kristine Bickel, Bryan Smith, Jason Castle and Dawn Deshetsky are all helping to collect money. We are setting up 7pm, and event begins 8pm.

August 25th Football Game:

Andrea Kropp will have a table to sell booster memberships, and Jeremy Good will have a table to sell 50/50 tickets.

Hall of Fame:

We are scheduling an extra meeting on August 29, 7pm at the High School to finalize induction details.

Jack Griffin made a generous donation of funds to cover the first year. 2 teams and 5 individuals are being inducted this first year and honored at the September 23rd Homecoming parade, game, and dinner. Jason Castle had looked at renting golf carts from Volz's farm market to drive inductees during parade. Dawn Deshetsy is going to check with Ray C's to see if there is something larger they can donate. Our Hall of Fame touch screen monitor is in the process of being hung, and all of the inductee data will be entered by September 11th. The athletic team and academic scholar data this year will be entered as the pictures and details arrive. Mark Hiltunen is handling the data entry to start. Andrea Kropp is getting 3 banners made @ \$50 each – 1 for each of the 2 teams being inducted into the Hall of Fame, and 1 for the 5 individual inductees. The team banners will be hung at each of the respective fields (football team @ football field, baseball team @ baseball field) each year. Andrea Kropp will also create the programs for the dinner and ceremony, and is getting inductee pictures and details from Dave Castle. Jim Fish said that Mary Campbell could print certificates for each inductee. Jason Castle is looking into having plaques made also, but it may be too expensive. We are giving Sept. 16th as the deadline for community members to RSVP for inductee dinner. Dave Castle is letting the inductees know that we need a count of those attending the dinner, and Jim Fish is letting the media know and emailing the community. Kristine Bickel is coordinating the dinner with Bryan's catering. Andrea Kropp is looking to see if we have enough tablecloth rolls and table decorations.

September 23rd Inductee Schedule:

- 2pm Homecoming Parade
- 3pm Doors Open for Dinner in High School Cafeteria
- 3:30pm Meal is Served
- 5pm Induction Ceremony

Record Boards:

Tim Gormley said they are making boards for 14 sports and have 7 started. They are trying to get them done before the basketball season begins. We do not have ALL of the stats from far back, but will start with what we can find and as new stats are provided and proven then we can update all boards each year for \$40.

Queen of Hearts Fundraising:

Bryan Smith really believes we need to begin this during football season, selling \$1 tickets. There needs to be a drawing once a week at the same time and place, so perhaps Mondays at the North Branch Bar & Grill? Jim Fish needs to discuss this with the School Board before we can proceed. People do not have to be present to win, but 1 of the 3 members of this booster committee must be present each week for the drawing. We can sell ads on the back of the tickets.

Next meetings: August 29th 7pm at High School Media Center, and September 19, 2016 7 pm at North Branch Bar & Grill. We will be electing Booster Officers on Sept. 19th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.