

NORTH BRANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
MONTHLY MEETING
November 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Jason Castle opened the meeting 7 p.m.

Members present:

Andrea Kropp	Dawn Deshetsky	Jim Fish
Jason Castle	Kristine Bickel	Nathan Stevens
Dave Castle	Teresa Gormley	Bryan Smith

Treasurer Reports:

Report shows \$8,848.32 currently in bank, less a \$700 expense to purchase the Senior Class concession inventory to replenish ours. Also less \$22.26 for “#1 Bronco Fan” blanket that Boosters are gifting to Mary Bartel. Also less \$1000 that Andrea Kropp will get from Mary Campbell to use toward Reverse Raffle prizes, making balance \$7,126.06.

Concessions:

Teresa Gormley is in SERIOUS need of adult helpers. Off-Season teams are going to be recruited to work concessions, and each team is to find a parent that can coordinate volunteers. Volleyball is going to work the Dec. 1st and 3rd concessions, and Girls’ Basketball is covering Dec. 11th concessions. Jim Fish is announcing this at next week’s Sports Banquet.

Coaches Reports:

- Volleyball – Jim Fish – State Quarter-, Semi- and Finals this week. The Boosters are giving \$1000 to cover food if girls go to Finals.
- Girls’ Basketball – Kristine Bickel – Has 19 Freshman/JV total so likely creating a team of 15.
- Boys’ Basketball – Many good Freshman, but only a couple Sophomores trying out, so unsure if there will be a Freshman team.
- Wrestling – Nate Stevens is new coach. 18 were at first practice. He has worked with most during the youth summer wrestling program. He is encouraging more camps in off-season and is taking the team to U of M this weekend to tour the wrestling facilities and meet the team to show what is involved at that level.
- Cheerleading – Kelli had parent meeting so was not at Boosters, but Jim reported they had strong Competitive Cheer team, and small Side Line Cheer team that would be cheering at some home games only.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

- Community volunteer projects – Jim Fish is happy with the volunteer projects that the Varsity teams have done so far this year: football spreading wood chips at Elementary playground, volleyball grocery give-away at Wesleyan (140+ families came through), Cross Country Veterans 5k run, and multiple cheerleading projects.
- Kim Reed stepping down as clock operator because of health problems after YEARS of faithful service. Jason Castle now doing this. Cindy Howe may be organizing a fundraiser for Kim, possibly a 7th/8th Grade dance.
- Record Boards will be placed above All-State Plaques and Jack Miles will be presenting options during the December meeting.

Reverse Raffle:

- Bryan Smith is going to Lansing next week and while there he is personally filing the licensing paperwork needed for our Feb. 27th, 2016 event.
- Andrea Kropp agreed to collect prizes again. The “Trip or Cash Tree” was a hit last year, so will try to do that or similar again. These ideas were suggested for drawings: cross bow, Mackinac Island get-away, NASCAR or concert tickets.
- We decided that the theme would be “Decades” (from 1916-2016). Dress according to your decade of choice.
- Dawn Deshetsky volunteered to coordinate the decorations.

Community Hall of Fame:

- The committee distributed a statement of purpose, organization, criteria and nomination form. This is on the agenda for discussion and approval at next week’s School Board meeting. Once approved, the nomination form will be announced and distributed to the public.
- 7 candidates will be inducted the 1st year, then a limit of 5 each year afterward.
- FORMER teams/students (10-yrs. after graduating), school employees, or coaches, and current community members are eligible.
- The inductees will be honored during the 2016 Homecoming parade followed by a dinner.
- The committee has not yet decided how to display the Hall of Fame members. Possibly an interactive video monitor of some sort.
- Dave Castle mentioned that a community member is likely covering some of the expenses the 1st year, but unsure how much.

Next meeting December 14, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.