**NORTH BRANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**March 21, 2016 – 6:00 p.m**.

Jason Castle opened the meeting 6 p.m.

**Members present:**

Andrea Kropp Kristine Bickel Dawn Deshetsky Jim Fish Rick Skelton

Dave Castle Bryan Smith Tim Gormley Kelli Lovasz Eric Hensel

Jason Castle Teresa Gormley Tom Atkins

**Coaches Reports:**

* Bowling – No one made it past Regionals.
* Cheer – Regionals were a great experience. Great to have Austin Bowling and others there in the crowd supporting the team.
* Girls Basketball – Tim reported still working to build the program.
* Baseball – Jim Fish reported they have 3 teams. Keeping all of the Freshmen together this year. Duane Roach is Freshman Coach.
* Wrestling – Hunter Holman finished 4th at States.
* Boys Track – Dave Castle said 40 on team, mostly Freshmen and Sophomores
* Girls Track – Jason Castle said 34 on team - 15 Freshmen, 11 Juniors and 5 Seniors. Very excited about talent and high numbers. Need to buy $5000 FAT timing system, which is all computer ran using cameras so does not require any people at the finish line with timers. We cannot host Regionals or some other events without a FAT system, so track is doing their 1st fundraiser ever to start raising money.
* Girls Soccer – Rick Skelton said 17 Varsity and 13 JV.
* Softball – Tom Atkins said 13 each on JV and Varsity. All 5 pitchers are Freshmen.

**Reverse Raffle:**

* Need more speakers next year so that people in the back can hear.
* People had trouble hearing Deanna Bruise and the prizes were announced too quickly. Need to alternate the donated prizes vs. card drawings, etc. better next year.
* Raised at least $9700. Waiting on Bryan’s catering bill for final numbers. It is estimated that the Boosters have at least $15000 in our account, but are not quite sure of the amount.
* Jason Castle is stopping at Bryan’s this week to save the February 25, 2017 date for next year’s Reverse Raffle & Dinner.

**Booster Scholarships:**

* 9 girls and 3 boys submitted applications
* 3 $500 scholarships will be award. 1 boy, 1 girl, and committee members will choose a 3rd regardless of sex.
* Next year the Boosters will discuss if any winners should be chosen based on parent’s involvement in Boosters.

**Concessions:**

* Boosters will run a concession at the Country Meet with proceeds to go to the track team.
* Teresa Gormley announced that we have a thief that took their Forman Grill and other items have come-up missing
* We need to coordinate Senior concessions better next year. Boosters bought their extra inventory, but most were expired so wasted money.

**AED Defibrillators:**

* The school has 3, so coaches/team captains can grab one, along with their first aid kits for all practices, games, etc.

**Gator Needed for Fields/Maintenance:**

* Jim Fish said that the previous Gator was purchased by a 3-way split, $2500 each, between the school, Athletic Department and Boosters. Rick Skelton is shopping for the best deal, and Jim is checking with the school to see if we can do the same 3-way split as last time. Once final price is known we will be informed to decide if we need to adjust the amount.
* **MOTION: Kristine Bickel moved that the Boosters donate up to $2000, or 1/3 the cost, of the Gator. Kelli Lovasz 2nd. Motion Passed.**
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**Record Boards:**

* Price is likely close to $8000, but we may have a donation of $4500 to offset the cost.

**Touch Pros and Community Hall of Fame:**

* Dave Castle is informing our first inductees into the Hall of Fame that they have won will let them know when/how they will be honored, and will start the process to collect their information.
* Jim Fish passed out an outline of how the Touch Screen data will be separated into 3 categories: ACADEMICS/ACTIVITIES, ATHLETICS and COMMUNITY HALL OF FAME. And the subcategories under each.
* Jim Fish said a volunteer is needed to oversee the entire process. Teresa Gormley has some people in mind so will ask. Teresa mentioned she could help with the banquet, Andrea Kropp mentioned she could help with some content entry and banquet programs. However, no one volunteered to oversee the entire project.
* There is a 1 ½-hour training session for content entry, so several people could sit-in. Content can be entered piecemeal and sections can be hidden until they are complete.
* Go to [www.touchpros.com](http://www.touchpros.com) and search Naperville, Hersey and Glenbard South for some examples.
* A calendar of events and Twitter Feed will appear on the opening page, possibly using the handle #NBTouchPro. Principal, coaches, etc. can Tweet.

**Next meeting is April 18, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the North Branch Bar & Grill.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.**