Minutes from the LHS Athletic Boosters Meeting held January 12. 2015

Location – LHS L Room 6:30pm

**Welcome & Introductions** – Ann Schwarz called the meeting to order.

**Minutes** – The December minutes were not available for review. Debbie Riddle waiting on minutes from 2nd half of meeting from Amy Kemp.

**Athletic Director’s Report** – Sean Jackson advised that the LHS Hockey team was playing after the Monsters game at Quicken Loan Arena on 1.24.15. They are selling advance tickets to the event. Sean also gave a quick run down on the progress of the Winter sports teams. Julie Reis asked Sean Jackson if he was continuing to recognize Student Athlete of the Week. Sean advised that he did not name any new ones since the end of the Fall Seasons. He will be emailing the coaches to advise them to submit nominees for this honor. Dave Shaw asked the status of the district track meet. Sean Jackson advised we would not be hosting the event due to lack of parking during construction. He advised he has a friend in Columbus who he hopes can help us bring the district back to our site post construction.

Sean Jackson introduced Tom Giffels to continue the discussion on LHS Boosters participation in the Ohio Schools CyberMall. Basically, the LHS Athletic Boosters & LHS Music Boosters can earn a commission for sending shoppers to Azigo.com OH Schools Cybermall. LHS would be a pilot market. We would earn money based on purchases made from online shoppers who access their stores via the LHS page of the cybermall. They are looking for a small number of parents to test the concept. Tom Giffels was asked to report back to the group regarding the cost for a business to be listed on the web page. We are hoping to get some local businesses to be a part of this.

Senior banners were also discussed. Sean stated that he feels the AD office can cover the costs of Seniore banners next year.

Lynn Foran asked Sean about improving sports related announcements made during daily LHS announcements.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Dave Shaw presented the treasurer’s report. Our income is down due to several factors: membership is low, basketball concessions are low at the HMS venue, cost of goods is up from previous years. He feels we are ok at this point but has concerns for future years. The organization needs to set some goals and objectives for funding.

The topic of the Boosters managing the team fundraising accounts was brought up. Dave advised that the organization needs to define the guidelines for the fundraising accounts including the need for each team to provide a team representative at each booster meeting, co authorization of spending by coach & a team parent. There will need to be an assistant to the treasurer responsible for managing team funds.

Don Reis motioned to accept the treasurer’s report. Kim Kozinski seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

**Membership report –** Elaine Gregory was not present to report. Dave Shaw shared that membership income was down. The topic of Booster Bucks was discussed. It was clarified that while you do not have to be a member to volunteer, parents must be members of LHS Athletic Boosters to earn booster bucks for the hours volunteered. Amy Kemp suggested that we post a list of Booster Bucks Earned on our website. A list of first initial & last name with current hours earned would help members who have questions about their hours. This list could be updated monthly. This idea needs to be shared with Elaine.

**Old Business**

SECURITY - Ann Schwarz shared the news that security over booster inventory at HMS is better.

Concession Update - Boosters will continue to run a concession for wrestling events. We will be running a large concession stand at the WSC Swim Meet on 1.31.15. Carolina Lawrence & Debbie Riddle will help organize. Swim parents will be asked to staff. It was suggested to Sean Jackson and Anne Giffels that there be two ticket sale stations at the conference meet. One in the hall from the main entrance and one In the hall by the pool entrance.

BOB EVANS FUNDRAISER – The fundraiser was a success and the pancake eating contest was fun. Boosters will get 15% of the bills when a fundraising flyer is presented at check out. Ann Schwarz had not yet been advised of how much money we made.

**New Business**

Ann Schwarz presented plans for the new concession stand. Asked all to review and give prompt feed back. This is a time sensitive manner. Ideas regarding the layout need to be shared with Ann by 1.14.15. Two suggestions made were 2 serving windows & a triple sink to be health inspection compliant.

**Other Business**

Night at the Races – St Mary’s Hall & the DJ are secured for the event on January. March 7, 2015. Coaches will be asked to work the windows. Amy, with the help of other volunteers will solicit donations. Goal is to raise $20,000.

Team Fundraising - discussed during the treasurer’s report.

Senior Banners – many teams are doing this on their own this year.

Grill – The boosters organization has both an old grill in storage and a new grill used for football concessions. We were approached by someone interested in buying the old grill. We decided that we would not sell the old grill. It will be kept for the purpose of lending to other organizations in need of a grill. We don’t want to lend our good one as it is never returned in the same condition.

NEXT MEETING – The next regular meeting of the Lakewood Athletic Boosters will be on February 9, 2015 at 6:30pm in the L Room if available at LHS.

Submitted by Amy Kemp