

**Metea Valley High School (Mustangs)
Athletic Booster Club – Monthly General Meeting
March 25, 2009**

Attendees: Steve Baker, MaryAnn Baker, Alinda Bolle, Rick Bolle, Rob Davis, Jill Doiron, Angie Gaul, Bruce Gidlow, Lisa Gierczak, Brynda Gonzalez, Sue Henderson, Carole Ann Hennessy, Paula Holloper, Janine Horne, Mike House, Beth Lisauskas, Pete Roets, Jim Schmid, Tom Schweer, Robin Solomon

The monthly Metea Athletic Booster Club meeting was called to order by Athletic Director Tom Schweer. He first gave the floor to Mike Smith, who was representing Janor Sports. Janor supplied the Metea Valley Spirit Wear that was sold at the Open House nights held at Granger Middle School. Mr. Smith recapped the total amount of revenue received, which was \$9,052, and the net amount that would accrue to the Booster Club, which was \$3,544. He then gave all of the checks and cash from the sale to Mr. Schweer.

Mr. Schweer then presented an executive board slate to the attendees:

President: Mike House; 1st Vice President, Rob Davis; 2nd Vice President Janine Horne; Treasurer, Bruce Gidlow and Secretary, Robin Solomon

The Executive board was set in place by Athletic Director Schweer and was asked to conduct the business of the meeting. The money received from Mr. Smith was given to Bruce Gidlow, who committed to setting up a bank account for the Booster Club in which to deposit it.

President Mike House indicated the first order of business was to establish three of the various committees that had been outlined through the Athletic Director at the previous meeting. The three committees were Merchandise, Concessions and Membership.

Merchandise Committee: Stepping forward to chair the merchandise committee was Brynda Gonzalez who has spent a great deal of time investigating vendors, comparing apparel purchasing and learning the processes with NVHS and WVHS and establishing a strategy for the review, purchase and sale of apparel /merchandise going forward. She suggested that her co-chair be Melisa Mullins, who was not present. She asked for three leads to assist with three aspects of the merchandise committee: Event sales; Game sales and Lunch/store. Four Metea parents came forward to assume these lead roles: Beth Lisauskas, Lisa Gierczak, Angie Gaul and Alinda Bolle. Additional members of this committee will be Janine Horne and Carol Hennessy. This committee will assemble prior to the next meeting to (1) find a supplier(s); (2) decide on the merchandise to present in the imminent future and (3) create and provide manpower for events to enable Metea families and friends of Metea to purchase apparel. Target date to begin sales of MEtea apparel will be end of April /beginning of May. Mr. Schweer indicated that there were plans in the works to sponsor a Metea Athletic night at Granger, inviting incoming freshmen to meet the coaches of the various teams from Fall through Winter and Spring IHSA sports seasons. The date is targeted for the end of April but is yet to be confirmed and communicated. (OPEN ITEM: Finalize date for incoming freshmen coaches meeting and plan merchandise sales and manpower accordingly.)

Merchandise Tentative Sale Dates: In addition to the date at the end of April for the incoming freshmen student/coach meet and greet, Beth Lisauskus and Kristen Salerno met with Granger

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Principal Mary Kelly and received support to have various apparel sales at Granger Middle School beginning May 7 and 8 (before and after the Granger Musical), as well as June 2 and 3, before the 8th grade graduation ceremony. Also at Granger, sales will be held June 9-10 after MVHS Marching Band Camp. Robin Solomon investigated availability to sell Metea merchandise at Hill with Principal Al Davenport and the following dates have been approved to sell Metea merchandise at Hill: May 1, all-school variety show (evening); May 5-6, all-school Spring Musical (evening); May 29, 8th grade graduation dance and party at Hill. (OPEN ITEM: Beth and Robin will work with the executive board, Tom Schweer, Jim Schmid and the merchandise committee to finalize sales dates and locations as well as communication. They will look to the merchandise committee to commit manpower to the dates that are finalized.) (OPEN ITEM: A member of the merchandise committee will need to make similar arrangements and communications at Still.) (OPEN ITEM: upon finalizing sale dates, booster secretary to write thank you notes to Still, Hill and Granger Principals and thank them for their support of the Metea merchandise sales.) (OPEN ITEM: Communicate all sales dates to current WVHS Gold campus Metea-bound freshmen.)

A booster meeting attendee raised a concern about providing opportunities for the current freshmen to buy Metea merchandise. Mr. Schmid, Metea Principal, indicated there was still some sensitivity to sell Metea wear on Warrior property. It was decided to find a way to communicate the confirmed middle school Metea merchandise sales dates to the current Gold Campus freshmen. Robin Solomon will be working with Mr. Schmid and Mr. Schweer as well as the district office to obtain database contact information for all Metea bound current freshmen, as well as all 8th graders who are Metea-bound from the three feeder middle schools. (OPEN ITEM for April booster meeting: have databases completed and communications prepared.)

There was a lot discussion around potential suppliers for the merchandise. Brynda Gonzalez will be contacting several of the suppliers and will continue to seek advice from the merchandise committees of NVHS and WVHS. Brynda was very appreciative to NVHS apparel for their time and the tour of their store as well as all of the information about NVHS apparel selections, sales, pricing, store, manpower, etc. (OPEN ITEM-Booster secretary to write thank you notes to: NVHS and WVHS for their assistance with apparel; NVHS and WVHS boosters for their monetary contributions to help establish MVHS boosters; Janor Sports for their start up apparel sales during 8th grade orientation and donation to WVHS silent auction.)

Concession Committee: The second booster committee which needs current action is the concession committee. Concessions are targeted to be ready for Fall sports. Jill Doiron offered to chair concessions as she has had experience in this area. Robin Solomon offered to assist her. John Mullins, Metea parent, was contacted to see if he would be able to offer assistance as he works in the food supply business. A request was made to have meeting attendees step up to be on the concessions committee.

The group briefly reviewed equipment “needs”. Mr. Schmid indicated that the District is served through a Pepsi contract. Coolers would be provided to the concession areas. Canned soda would be stocked. Jill suggested that we understand what our budget will allow before we decide what items need to be purchased. Some equipment that was cited was, popcorn machine, microwave, electric fry pan, grills, pizza warmer, cheesedispenser, large hot water coffee pots for hot cocoa and coffee. Angie Gaul offered to donate her small microwave oven. The donation was gladly accepted!

Preliminarily, it was discussed that three leads under Jill could oversee concessions – the three leads could be based upon the IHSA seasons: Fall, Winter and Spring. These seasonal leads

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would ensure the concession is stocked, operating and maintained during the games. Each sport would need to provide volunteers to man the stand during their games. (OPEN ITEM: Determine the best way to provide manpower for the concession stand during each of the seasons.)

Membership Committee: The third committee to be discussed was membership. Mike House offered to work on the membership process, including recruitment, dues, benefits, etc. He named Mary Ann Baker and Cheri Obendorf (at the suggestion of Tom Schweer) as individuals who were interested in working on membership. In the interest of time, Mike will work outside of the general meetings to put some ideas and proposals together regarding membership as he has already looked at dues and member benefits with other organizations. (OPEN ITEM: Determine “membership” fees for booster club.)

New Business: Jim Schmid mentioned that in prior booster club meetings there was discussion to have a representative from each sport attend the booster club meetings. Another suggestion was to have a “members at large” position as a part of the executive board. Each of the three proposed members at large would represent an IHSA sports season: Fall, Winter or Spring. This member at large would assist in coordinating the fundraising and volunteer efforts among the various teams within that “members at large” season. More discussion will be needed at future meetings to determine the best method of representing all MVHS sports and ensuring that each sport participates and supports the success of the entire athletic booster club. (OPEN ITEM: additional exec board positions, which will be defined in the new Metea Valley High School Athletic Booster Club Bylaws. Mike House committed to drafting these Bylaws, which will then need to be approved at the next meeting.)

The group also discussed the need to open and maintain active communications with other organizations involved with the school, such as the Band Boosters and the PTSA. Mike House committed to starting that process.

Mike House indicated that he would work to keep our general meetings to one hour. The next Athletic Booster club meeting will be on April 22nd at the CEC. He suggested that the three committees meet outside of the next general meetings and be prepared to report out at the next general meetings. (OPEN ITEM: Follow up on Membership, Merchandise and Concessions committees. Brynda will be meeting with vendors and her group to decide what items will be carried. Jill will be meeting with her group listing equipment needed and possible food items to sell. Mike House will work with membership to propose membership fees, etc.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin A. Solomon
Secretary – Metea Valley High School Athletic Booster Club