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**Metea Valley High School (Mustangs)  
Athletic Booster Club – Monthly General Meeting  
October 21, 2009**

**Attendees:** Mike House, Robin Solomon, Bruce Gidlow, Tom Schweer, Steve Hagemaster, Beth Lisauskas, Lisa Gierczak, Cheri Obendorf, Maryanne Baker, Rob Davis, Jill Doiron, Anne Meyer, Laura Fitzgerald, Janine Horne, Kari Kuhn, Jill MacKay, Pete Roets and Jim Stoffergen.

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM.

September general membership meeting minutes were approved as submitted by members present.

**1) Clark's Car Care fundraising:** will extend the fundraiser through Dec. 1 to encourage more booster club members to participate. By having an oil change at Clark's, all proceeds (\$25) are given to MVHS Athletic boosters. To date just 11 booster club members have participated. We hope to see an increase as we will do more promotion through distributing coupons to Metea teachers and student-athletes. It is important to note that you will need to make an appointment and they do not do this work on weekends. Take advantage of this great fundraiser. It costs us nothing. To date we have made nearly \$300.

**2) Concessions:** Mike recognized Jill Doiron for all the good work she has done. He reiterated that parent representatives for each team are really critical to providing concessions as the parent rep is the person who will need to obtain the volunteers from the sport. Jill is there to make sure there is inventory, people are trained and there is a cash box. She also makes sure there are enough volunteers so the concessions can run smoothly. With fall sports behind us, winter sports will mean indoor concessions with boys and girls basketball and wrestling. A question was raised in regard to eating and drinking in the main gym. Tom Schweer said there will be no food or drink inside of the gym. He realizes that this rule maybe have been a little less regulated during the indoor volleyball season due to the limited school supervision available this year. As the school increases the student population will increase and there would be more administrative oversight at the gymnasium during games.

**3) Indoor Sports:** Tom indicated that we do have 3-4 indoor track meets scheduled for Metea; the practice will be limited as we, like WVHS and NVHS, don't have an indoor track. The indoor season is primarily a prep for the outdoor season.

**4) The fleece blanket giveaway** has been a nice activity and seems to have produced a lot of good will and excitement among the adult participants at the two football games. It is planned to have a few more fleece blankets given away at boys and girls basketball games. The intention is for these blankets to be given away and not sold. After the basketball season, there will still be a couple blankets remaining to be raffled off.

**5) Apparel:** Mike complimented the great work that Brynda Gonzalez has been doing with arranging and ensuring apparel is available to sell. We are looking at stocking up for holiday apparel. Plans include knit hats (female and male styles), license plate holders, and north face shirt waist fleece jackets as well as bleacher seats, and maybe some less expensive items such as thermo mugs. We will also be looking to add offerings in junior sizes. The School store, being run by volunteer Heather Roets with Sue Varchetto, is decorated for Halloween and has been running smoothly.

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**6) Varsity letters and jackets:** A question was raised about the letterman jackets. The ones they carry at Boomer T's or Janors are the approved jacket. Boosters will not be selling the letter jacket. The jackets are black with the taupe sleeves. There was some discussion to have a jacket with all black sleeves and Tom indicated that the taupe sleeves are the standard across the three high schools. There was a question about the upcoming Fall sports banquets and the kids getting Metea letters. There were some varsity participants this year in Metea golf, tennis, swimming and cross country. So these athletes will earn a varsity letter. For those that may already have a varsity letter in other sports from Waubonsie, they will not get one from Metea. However, if they got WVHS Varsity or sophomore letters or frosh numerals, they will get to keep those in the WVHS green/gold and then just get the additional appropriate set of letters or replacement letters/numbers this year in the Metea Black/gold. If they did not compete in a Metea team this year, they will be able to bring their letters/numbers forward from WVHS and get a parallel set of Metea letters/numerals. See the Athletic director for this "exchange".

**7) Update on building construction/field house, wrestling gym and pool:** According to Tom, all is on target; the only issues seem to be the quality of the seeded varsity and freshman fields -the grass seed has not come in to the level that he had hoped so he is talking with district, etc. to see about sod. The Coaches are now in the last phase of putting in their 2<sup>nd</sup> phase requests for Tom's review and approval using the remaining athletic budget dollars that Tom had allocated for special purchases for this first year.

**8) Treasurer Report:** Bruce indicated that he has just received the apparel invoices and will be working on those. Once he has paid those, he will be able to report out on our current budget/actual cash balance.

**9) Athletic Department requests:** As Athletic Director, Tom has requested a couple items that are not part of his Metea/district budget for 2009-2010 but he is requesting the Athletic Booster club to fund for this year, and possibly ongoing. There were two items he formally requested, and the Exec board authorized both of them (A and B below).

A) Impact Testing: a computerized program which logs a baseline for each athlete tested in the event of a possible concussion. This data base provides a baseline for the athlete so that the doctors and trainers can more accurately treat/release athletes back to sports after a head injury. This same program is used at WVHS and NVHS. The cost was ~\$750-\$1000 annually.

B) Coaching and development budget of \$5,000 to enable each coach in every sport some training (registration payment) to develop and improve their coaching skills. The coach will still have to bear some of this expense on his/her own; however, Tom would allocate training and development \$ to each. If a coach chooses not to use the allocation it will be offered to other coaches/sports for additional training.

C) The Gear Box – a vehicle that is a self-contained, secured hand cart which locks up but effectively and conveniently displays items for sale – was not formally proposed, but was presented as an idea for future review. This mobile "store" can be used anywhere on property. It was ~\$5K and the exec board will review it for further consideration.

**10) Review Purchase requests from September meeting:** From the minutes last month, there was discussion over the parking lot banners, the stadium flags as well as the concession awnings. Last month we indicated that there would be further discussion on these items. Beth Lisauskus, Robin Solomon and Steve Hagemaster submitted various bids from vendors for flags. (FYI, bids for parking lot banners and concession stand awnings are still outstanding from Sightmaster.) The process is that the request needs to be submitted to the Athletic director-- typically by a coach- then the AD will review each for accuracy, completeness and priority as well as need and then raises

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this to the exec board for further consideration. Currently these requests for flags are with the AD for further review. He is speaking with the other high schools to gather information as well. Requests for concession awnings and parking lot banners will be on hold until estimates have been received and forwarded to Tom. Robin will check back with Sightmaster on the status of their awning and parking lot banner estimates.

**11) Activity Bus-** Cheri Obendorf brought up the issue that the basketball practice schedule does not seem to take into account the departure time of the activity bus and wondered if the coaches were aware of the bus depart times at 5:30 from Metea. Tom indicated that they do know about the bus and that they will try to work out their practices so the kids can make the bus. The problem is that there is limited indoor space at Metea at this time to accommodate all of the winter sports that need to practice since we only have one gym. The several sports / levels will need to use staggered schedules for now.

**12) Parent Representative – Booster Club member:** Tom indicated that every coach has been told that they need to reach out to their parents and select a parent representative per sport, per level. If the parent group does not or cannot produce the representative, then it will impact the sports representation and benefit from the Athletic Booster club. Ideally, the Athletic Booster club is looking for a parent rep to attend all monthly booster meetings during the season in which their sport is active. Manning the concession stand, as well as participating and patronizing Athletic Booster Club fundraisers would influence consideration given for that sport's future funding requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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