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**Metea Valley High School (Mustangs)
Athletic Booster Club – Monthly General Meeting
September 29, 2010**

Attendees: Mike House, Robin Solomon, Bruce Gidlow, Tom Schweer, Pat Braid, Holly Scholz, Rob Davis, Jill Doiron, Laura Karlins, Craig Laskey, Ron McKay, Jill McKay, Anne Meyer, Tom Miller, Lisa Reinke, Heather Roets, Kathy Sellers, Jackie Sellers, Havron Shilpi, Michael Julius, John O’Sullivan, and Tom Wood.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. August 2010 minutes were approved as submitted by members present.

1) Apparel: Heather reviewed several new items that will be available for the next football game: Black fleece (\$38) and youth hoodie sweatshirts with a simplified design, black and gold scarves (<\$20) and jewelry/pendants/charms. By Mid-October, Heather is planning on having the stadium seats available for purchase. She reported that we have a surplus of Mustang Mania t-shirts and those are being used as giveaways in the stands during football games.

2) Concessions: Jill reported that for the last two upcoming football games she will be simplifying the menu due to the large crowds. She had planned on opening 2 windows; Tom requested that we consider opening three windows by opening the third bay which is typically a work area. The exec board will take this issue off line to determine how to staff an additional window as well as how to move the food through the staging process when we lose the counter. Robin offered to poll the soccer parents and asked pom and cheer to poll their parents for extra manpower needed when opening an additional widow. Jill requested 6-8 extra people to staff this area. Poms said they could probably obtain 8, as did soccer; and girls/boy’s golf also indicated that they would be able to provide manpower. To staff the third window, we would open just one more shift and make this shift overlap our two other busy later shifts. This shift would just be used for the Neuqua game (6:45-8:45PM).

3) LaCrosse Club presentation: Membership listened to representatives of the co-op Lacrosse Club, led by Tom Wood, of the Lacrosse coop/club. The team is comprised of boys from both WVHS and MVHS. The team has excelled and been one of the final 4 for the last 4 years. The club approached us as Lacrosse may be considered an IHSA sport within the next year. Until then, the club pays field dues, and its own costs for officiating, equipment and uniforms. The cost to the club/coop player is ~ \$700 per season. The sport is growing in popularity. They anticipate within the next year a total of 76 players with 30 players coming from Metea. The sport is a year-round sport, but its typical season is spring from March to June. There is a lot of opportunity to play as everyone is in the game and typically rotates in and out as larger groups as opposed to single substitutions. They are requesting that the MVHS Athletic Booster club consider a donation to their club in the spring. The Lacrosse representative added that their program is one of the least expensive in the area but the field arranging is difficult, a large expense and time consuming to procure. They consider our Mustang stadium an excellent location for Lacrosse as the field is well marked and sized appropriately.

4) General Treasurer Report: Bruce summed up the current status of the treasury and distributed a report to the membership: To date this year we have received \$1,700-1,800 from the school store and \$500 from soccer concessions. Football concessions is generating about \$6,000 per game, with another \$1,500 per game from spirit wear. We have also sold about \$1,100 in yard signs.

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5) 50/50 raffle for the Neuqua game: Since this is the NVHS game, we anticipate a large crowd on both sides of the stadium and for the first time, we will be selling 50/50 raffle chances. Robin will coordinate the process and Laura will help select specific adults to handle the transactions. Candy will be provided with each raffle ticket purchase. We plan on having one shift of perhaps 4-6 adult volunteers who will begin to sell just prior to the varsity game and through half time. We will pull the winner at half time and announce/post it between the third and fourth quarters. Bruce will handle the “cash box” as well as the allocation of the cash to the volunteers and the counting of the profits and dividing of the cash prize during half time. The plan is to sell only to those 18 or over one ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5 and 10 tickets for \$10. The winner must be present to win.

6) Grant process: We will look at grants in the Spring this year and then plan on executing the grant request process twice a year. Tom, as the Athletic Director, will be the clearing house from the coaches on any and all grant requests. He will determine if it is appropriate for the Athletic Booster Exec board to receive the request. Part of the process will require the coach to indicate what level of “Service” their team/sport has offered to the Athletic booster club. Currently, it would be providing volunteers for Booster Concession sales.

At this time, some of the coaches are looking at purchases that would benefit multiple sports. Requests like these will be given higher consideration. For example, there is a need for a water wheel which would water all grass fields in one pass. This piece of equipment could cost nearly \$10K.

This year Mike indicated that we have funded the Impact testing and coach training, both items that benefit all coaching and athletes regardless of sport. This year we also assisted with the payment of upgraded bus transportation for the football team – to attend a game in Quincy.

7) Stadium recycling program: The athletic booster club would like to look into the recycling program particularly for the outdoor fall sports – football games, since we generate a lot of recyclable materials. Rob Davis will look further into the cost, process and suggest the course of action. Tentatively, the booster organization can offer to pay the cost of the actual purchase of the recyclable containers. However, there are additional costs to determine and opt. This is an open issue which requires additional research and discussion with school and district.

8) Athletic Booster fundraising options: Mike has renewed the Clark Car care fundraiser which is of no cost to our organization. He will take on the promotion and coordination of this fundraiser. Through November 30, any person that makes an appointment for a Clarke’s Car Care oil change and identifies themselves as the MVHS promotion, Clarks will donate 100% of the cost of the oil change to Metea Athletic boosters.

Mike noted the number of other “Metea nights” at local “fast” food area restaurants. I.e.- October 6 at Jersey Mikes and other dates for Jimmy Johns and Meatheads. Mike will be looking into some of these money makers and will handle the promotion and execution of these fundraisers toward booster profits!

9) Dog Wash: The boys soccer program had a very fun and successful day at the Two Bostons dog wash raising more than \$400 and washing more than 40 dogs during the few hours at Springbrook Parking lot. MVHS is the proud owner of a large trophy by beating both NVHS and WVHS! Arrangements have been made to make this an annual event for the boys soccer program and including the cheer and pom groups, should they wish to participate. This year the boys soccer program will use this money to defray the costs of their year-end program-wide soccer dinner at

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MVHS. Much thanks to the many cheerleaders that came out to support the guys and were instrumental in getting business and helping Metea “get noticed”. This fundraiser was really intended to be more of a spirit raiser and achieved both goals. So, Boys soccer provided \$100 to the cheerleaders for their participation and compensated the pom group for their “dog bandanas”!

10) Boys varsity soccer team plays at Toyota Park – Pepsi Challenge: Due to a great response and support of all of the Metea soccer parents, varsity team was able to represent Metea by playing against division champs St. Viator at Toyota Park—and we won the game 2-0 which garnered attention of college and Chicago Fire recruiters, and the Chicago Tribune. This was a great opportunity and a unique experience for all of the MVHS soccer players.

11) Facebook : Janine, Communication Coordinator, has developed a Facebook page for communication and a way to announce accomplishments, changes and important events, etc.

12) Cross-Country “off site” district meet: Cross country parents will be arranging ,purchasing and staffing their own off site concession area for the district meet on October 16. Jill offered to advise if needed. Athletic Department will loan large coolers.

The next general membership meeting will be Wednesday, October 27 at 7 PM in the Metea Commons.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solomon
MVHS Athletic Booster Club Secretary