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**Metea Valley High School (Mustangs)
Athletic Booster Club – General Membership meeting minutes
April 27, 2011**

Attendees: Mike House, Robin Solomon, Elaine Archey, Rick Bolle, Rob Davis, Bruce Gidlow, Jill McKay, Anne Meyer, Heather Roets, Sue Varchetto, and Tom Schweer.

Meeting began at 7:05 PM. Minutes from the March 26, 2011 General Membership meeting were approved as submitted.

1) Fight Song Sign – Competition Gym: In process of finalizing a 10' x 5' fight song sign to be mounted in the competition gym. Project is targeted to be completed and mounted in gym during the summer.

2) 2011-2012 Executive Officers – Quorum was present to vote on the slate. Rob Davis indicated that no additional candidates came forward. The slate that was presented at last month's general membership meeting was approved by members present. Formal transfer of duties will take place on July 1 at the conclusion our fiscal year on June 30. Transition between prior board and elected officer positions will begin in May. Elected officers for Athletic Boosters 2011-2012 will be Bruce Gidlow (President); Robin Solomon (VP1); Rick Bolle (VP2) Anne Meyer (Secretary) and Cheri Obendorf (Treasurer).

3) Baseball/Softball concessions: Plans for a dual entry storage shed to be constructed in the outer area between softball and baseball fields are being drawn up by an intern working for the district this spring. In addition to pouring concrete for baseball cages, shed is targeted for completion this summer to house baseball, softball, football, soccer equipment for outer fields. Baseball and softball concession areas should be cleared out in press box buildings. 2 coolers are coming from PEPSI to be installed in these two press box concession areas.

4) Booster Club membership/district passes: Tom indicated that the district has decided not to increase the costs of the district passes for 2011-2012. Tom credits MVHS Booster Club leadership with providing an opposing viewpoint to any cost increases. It will be revisited by the district for 2012-2013.

5) Athletic Booster Membership form: The form is in final stages and will include the Mustang Mania promotion. The actual date of Mustang Mania is to be determined. It may end up on Friday August 19 or could be similar in format and date as this past year and take place during the day on August 20. Presently there is discussion in having the event on Friday, August 19, in part to make it more difficult for other schools to send scouts to our Varsity pre-season scrimmages.

6) Spring 2011 weather issues: Poor weather has forced many reschedules for outdoor spring sports. Anticipate all baseball and softball playing daily until the end of the Spring IHSA season in order to align with Upstage Eight competition.

7) Missing Spring sports media coverage: Member brought up concern about lack of coverage in news media for Metea Spring Sports. Tom and Athletic Booster club membership indicated that the rainy weather and huge number of cancels was probably a contributing factor. Tom indicated that the coaches are trained and have tools available to them to call in their scores and significant details to the Daily Herald, Naperville Sun and Beacon. Tom will follow up with coaches about the process. Additionally, some of our spring sports parent booster reps again questioned the reason

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why there is no spring program and would like that issue revisited at the next general membership meeting. Tom will look into that issue.

7) Financial Update: Bruce indicated that the district has been paid their approximate \$11K in district passes. We have also finished our grants for this year at \$11,493 which includes coaches training, impact and heart testing, as well as specific sport team equipment/services purchases. Detail of grant benefits is captured in the 2011-2012 membership form and will be on website soon. Presently we have ~ \$44K in the bank.

8) Apparel /Concession sales– Heather will communicate to Student Government that they have the class t-shirt work going forward which includes for the frosh class coming in this fall. There was some interest in having the seniors create a special t-shirt for this first graduating class. As far as mustang mania t-shirts, there is some interest but it is suggested that no date be put on the shirts. Also, Heather and Sue will be having the school apparel store open on May 14 from 10-2 PM during the District Art festival. Reminder, there are still stadium seats (\$40) and nice golf umbrellas (\$25) available along with a large selection of merchandise and other apparel.

Music boosters will be handling their own concessions using the concession stand inside the commons. They will be using the popcorn machine and products needed to pop and pack the pop corn. Jill will be making sure Linda Watkins and Teri Ashcraft are “trained” and have two large boxes of popcorn and supplies for this May 14 event. At the conclusion of the event, we will bill for either one or two large boxes of popcorn supplies. Jill will advise Bruce.

9) Scholarship committee: As the first year of a senior class approaches, Rob Davis has been laying some groundwork for the scholarship committee. The Scholarship chair may be either Rob or an incoming freshmen parent, Kristen Salerno.

10) Communications/Bylaws – Mike reminded membership that the bylaws have been updated and will be re-posted on the website. There are no significant changes, rather clarifications discussed from the prior general membership meeting. Mike also indicated that as he has done for the past couple years, he will craft an "end of the year" letter for the website emphasizing the great volunteer spirit and our gratitude for people putting in their time to the Athletic Boosters which benefits the Metea community in general. Mike commented that the membership form provided a lot of detail about the “organization” and function of the Athletic Boosters. He noted the contributions that we have seen over the past couple years and the need to keep the momentum going as we continually improve the organization and its value.

The next and final general membership meeting for 2010-2011 will be Wednesday, May 25 at 7PM in the Metea Commons.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Solomon
Metea Valley Athletic Booster Secretary