

TOUCHDOWN CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2023

6:00PM

BHS RM A24

1. Welcome
 - a. Present:
 - Paul Sczepanski-President
 - Brad Westrum-Treasurer
 - Jackie Sczepanski-Secretary
 - Vicki Classen-Vice President
 - Vince Varpness-Head Football Coach
 - Number of non-board members in attendance - 10
2. Coaches Report
 - a. New practice jerseys
 - b. Kids are learning the no huddle offense really well
 - c. We have some depth this year
 - d. Huddle has a playbook online that all kids have access to if they sign into their huddle account.
3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Balance update
 - \$500 from the Dan Patch donation
 - b. Recent purchases
 - \$576 - Renewed the Football website with Wix until 2026
 - Waiting on a receipt for the practice jerseys from South Metro
 - c. Touchdown Club Fee update
 - Touchdown Club Booster Contributions are at about \$1300 so far.
 - d. Concession stand
 - License for the concession stand has been sent. We are just waiting on the form to arrive.
4. Secretary Report
 - a. Jackie mailed the tournament request dates to MYAS
 - We got word this afternoon that the gyms are are not available anymore. There is boys and girls basketball practice and dance practice in the gyms those days.
 - Jackie will let the MYAS know that we are not able to do
 - Carrie Westrum noted that we are only able to get the facilities for free once per year. Anything more than that and we have to pay for the gym rental. There was a question if we would even be able to do a mattress sale and a tournament. Update* Jackie called and talked to Kyle Heinrichsen the day after the meeting and he said that it is one tournament per academic year, July 1-June 31. The mattress sale in May did not count as a tournament and was considered a fundraiser so we could do a mattress sale and a tournament in the future if needed.
 - b. As of August 14 we need to fill 12 shifts for the concession stand, the most being 7 for Homecoming. Carrie suggested we contact the National Honor Society to help on Homecoming. They helped last year
5. President Agenda
 - a. Agenda Items:
 - Blaze Card Sales
 - Bill Hoag coming tomorrow @ 10:15 to talk to the players about the cards.

- Thursday the coaches will organize kids to do an email blast
 - August 24 is Blitz Night. Players will get pizza and a treat when they get back from selling.
 - Money and unsold cards need to be turned in by August 26.
 - Bill will bring the envelopes for players
 - If kids sell 20 cards they get a backpack or sweatshirt. If they sell 40 they get both. If they sell 50 they get a bluetooth speaker. He pays half the amount for the prizes and the boosters pay for the \$10 gift cards.
 - Jackie will write a blurb for the kids to say when selling since this card has a new feature.
 - Jackie will pick up \$10 gift cards from Dairy Queen, Chipotle, Canes for the players that sell 10 cards or more.
- Team Photo Day - Vicki Classen, Kara Chudeke
 - Kemmetmueller
 - Get a smaller banner for the whole team photo. The one last year took up the whole gate.
 - Get a smaller banner for the individual team photos. Last years size was 36x60.
 - If we got a 30x40 banner it would cost us \$35.00 per banner.
 - Jackie will get the individual team photos to put in the game day program.
 - Game Day Photos
 - Kara Chudeke has expressed interest in taking the photos again for the varsity games. Vicki will contact Keanen Wold to see if he would be interested in taking photos also.
- Logistics for Watermelon Bowl/Tailgate
 - Rack Shack is donating food for the watermelon bowl.
 - Brad will go to Sams Club and purchase 3 large coolers so we do not have to use the schools coolers. Then we will have coolers for the concession stand if we need to.
 - Vicki will contact Cub foods and pick up the watermelons. Last year we got 30 and had too many so we are going to ask for 20 or 25
 - The school is taking care of the refs this year so the booster club will not have that to pay.
 - Jackie will reserve the cafeteria if bad weather so we have some place to eat. She will also send out a Sign up genius to get parents to help set up and cut watermelons
- Tackle Cancer
 - Erica Nowak has signed up to help with Tackle Cancer this year. Kari Ecklund volunteered to help her.
 - BAC have helped by walking around with buckets collecting donations.
 - A parent suggested raffling off some gift cards to raise additional money for Tackle Cancer
 - Jackie will contact Erica to pass on the tackle cancer supplies.

- Teacher Appreciation Night
 - Teacher appreciation night is only for the seniors.
 - The budget is \$250. Vicki will get the gifts for the teachers. It was suggested to give the teachers a little coupon for something at the concession stand. Burger/Hotdog and a pop?
 - A Burnsville teacher has volunteered to lead this event. Vicki will get the gifts and Mrs. Stachowski will coordinate the rest.
 - Not sure if teachers get in free but we will need to email the list of teachers coming to Jeanine to get them on the pass list.

- Senior Night - Jessica Sherlock
 - Jackie will email Jessica the senior night form.
 - Seniors are acknowledged before the game
 - In past years we have gone to HyVee for the flowers (Like a rose or carnation) and tied a ribbon around it.
 - It would be great if we could get some junior parents to help so they can see how it is done for next year.
 - Senior parents get in for free for this game so we will need to email Jeanine the list of parents to put on the pass list.

- First Responder Night/Military Appreciation - Tanya Joubert
 - Past years Carrie would contact the school resource officer at Burnsville, City of Savage and Burnsville, Police and Fire
 - Made a note of them at half time - Jackie will send Tanya what has been said before.
 - Each responder in attendance will get a coupon for a free Popcorn.
 - First responders get in free if in uniform or with an ID but their spouse would have to pay if they were not a first responder

- Game Day Food:
 - Jimmy Johns is under new ownership and not doing the free sandwiches before games. The players need simple cards so they are not sleepy for the game. Preferably something light, like a sandwich.
 - Parents volunteered to contact some restaurants to see if they would donate or provide food at a discount for us.
 - Vicki Classen - Jersey Mikes and HyVee
 - Kari Ecklund will go to Culvers and ask
 - Other ideas were purchasing sandwich platters from Sams Club and Costco, Outback Steakhouse, purchase from Rack Shack as a thank you
 - We need to feed 50 players on game day.
 - Our budgeted amount for game day meals is \$1500.

- Night Before Game Meal:
 - Olive Garden is not offering their Thursday night spaghetti dinner for \$5 for the players anymore.
 - Varp will contact Olive Garden to see how much it would cost to get just the food and have it brought to the school to eat.
 - Barley and Vine was also suggested to buy and bring the pasta and sauce to the school.

- Snack Table: Looking to do a "pre-game snack" table for kids to eat as we get closer to games...
 - 2 hrs and in - fueling station & fruit (Nature valley protein bar, cliff bar, goldfish, belvita fruit bar, fig bars, nutrigrain bar, mini pretzel bags, small bag of peanuts, banana, orange, apples, etc.
 - Varp will get us a list to send out to parents and see if anyone would want to donate to the snack table.
 - We would like to do this for the non-varsity games as well.

- Game Day Program:
 - Cost of Program
 - 1000 programs with 24 pages came in at a cost of \$1.04 per program at Cornerstone so we will be going with them.
 - We are going to include the marching band, dance and cheer team in the program as well.
 - We are trying to keep it to 24 pages but with all the sponsors having full ads that might be difficult.

- Sponsorship
 - Banners are the cheapest at Dakota Printing.
 - Banners are \$75 for a 4x6 and \$45 for a 3x4
 - Last day to get the sponsors into the program is August 18. Any sponsorships that come in after the 18th will not be able to be in the program.