

Portage Northern Soccer Boosters

General Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2006

7:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of May 9, 2006 Minutes - Margie Stinson read the minutes and they were accepted.

- II. Financial Report - Sally Kowalisyn
 - A. Loan Payment is due this month to PPS.
 - B. The checking balance was reported. Still need to write all of the raffle checks.
 - C. 'Soccer Improvement Account' is the name we will use to refer to the tax deductible account at PPS for the PN Soccer Boosters Capital Campaign.
 - D. Portage Athletic Foundation (PAF) which raises funds for both high school athletic programs donated \$300 for each team. They have a golf outing August 14. Please email Margie Stinson if you are interested in golfing.

- III. Administration Report - Chris Riker, new Athletic Dir. Chris is using highschoolsports.net for schedules of all of our sports. Check this web site for the dates. Transportation will be changing next year due to budget. Chris will have one night per season for a meeting with all athletes & parents for that season's sports.

- IV. Fundraising Activities
 - A. Kingdom Game at McCamley field Fri June 16 7:30 - We get some proceeds from the game. There is a contract between PPS and Kingdom for when they use PPS fields. We will follow the contract signed with PPS. You can buy tickets ahead from KICK for \$3 instead of \$5 at the gate.
 - B. Meijer Rewards- add the Portage Northern Soccer boosters. Go to meijer.com Our code is 530394
 - C. Wenke Bucks -we profited. Thanks to Kim Sommers for her work.
 - D. Large Raffle - We earned \$ on large raffle. Next year it will be for all sports in Nov. Every athlete will get 10 tickets no matter how many sports played, with an extra kickback to your specific sport(s) for the # tickets sold. PN has about 500 athletes.
 - E. Golf outing - Maybe Oct. would be a good time for the golf outing. Without raffle, we need something else substantial. Greg Hart

will explore this looking at this fall and next June . It would take a fair amount of work and participation. Corporate sponsors are where they make the most money.

V. Coaches' Comments - Chris Riker

- A. Coach selection process - Interviewed numerous candidates. In second interview stage. He is very close to a decision. As a committee we wanted 1 person for both. Will send out mass email of new coach's name.
- B. Middle School sign-up for men's season - never happened at North. Did get some from PSC and from West. Only 4 signed up at West. Chris will put something out in Huskie tracks in July. If you know of anyone give the names to Chris who will pass this on to the new coach and the Srs to set up scrimmages.
- C. Men's season dates - Team camp for Olivet is last weekend in July. Want returning Varsity then JV then incoming Fresh. If we can get 2 teams, great, will split into older and younger teams.
- D. Tournament at PSC. There will be some pre-tournament set up clean up, and weeding. We will have to provide the concession workers. The deal with Portage Soccer Club allows them to keep all concession profits. We charge \$5 per person gate receipt which goes to PN general athletic fund. Some teams in it are: Warren De LaSalle, E Kent, TCWest, Forest Hills, PC, Chelsea, GH, Loy N, Matt, KC, BCL, Otsego. JV goes to Hacket same day. We could sell Tshirts at the concession with a pre-order form. Chris will send this with the registration. Norm will contact Pete Strazdas to see if we can sell these.

VI. Long Range Projects

- A. Field Maintenance - Brian talked with John Spenser who indicated that they will start scaling and redressing this summer. No date yet. Kids Kingdom Camp is scheduled for next week on our field.
- B. Work date - June 29th at 6PM. Bring painting stuff, clean up stuff, trash. Concession is done.

VII. Activities

- A. Physicals: PN June 15 6-8 \$20. An earlier date was requested for next year due to this date being try-out date for club soccer.
- B. Banquet Date is June 20 at Fetzer Center at 6:00
- C. Web Site - Al Nemeth - will post raffle results each Sat.

VIII. New Business

- A. We have a standing approval every season for the boosters to pay a total amount for one dinner out for the team. The additional money spent was also approved for the girls' dinner before the regional game.
- B. Next year's officers - Don Meyer was nominated and approved as the new booster Co-President representing the girls' team. Welcome Don!! Brian Doud will continue on as the Co-President for the boys team. Sally Kowalisyn continues on for one more year as the Treasurer and Margie Stinson as the Secretary. Thanks to Peggy Staver for a FINE job as Co-President for 3 years. Much was accomplished under your leadership.
- C. July meeting - will be at the Douds to meet the coach.

**IX. Adjournment 8:40 & Next Meeting: TBA in July at Douds
Huskiesports.com**

Action Items:

Sally: Loan Payment is due this month to PPS.

Chris: Chris will put something out in Huskie tracks in July about soccer for incoming freshmen.

Norm Jansen: Norm will contact Pete Strazdas to see if we can sell Tshirts for the PSC tournament.

Everyone:

Welcome Don Meyer as new Co-President of the Boosters. Thanks & Goodbye to Peggy Staver.

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