



Portage Northern Soccer Boosters Draft Meeting Minutes

Sep 18, 2008

Meeting called to order @ 7:37 PM.

- I. Aug 14, 2008 minutes were approved with no changes.
- II. Financial Report - Judy Hayes
 - Judy reported lots of activity but nothing unusual. Sizable expenses included Assistant Coach's stipend, Spiritwear, away game meals, socks for boys and girls, and concession. Sizable deposits included player fees (shirts, socks, away game meals) and Spiritwear. Monies from concession will be in next month's figures. Under the Soccer Improvement fund, a deposit by Pfizer was noted. Thanks, Margie!
- III. Administration Report - Chris Riker, Athletic Director
 - On behalf on Chris, it was reported that while it was unclear what PAF (Portage Athletic Fund) would do this year, if monies become available our soccer program may receive funds for field improvements that would improve the quality of play. A 50-50 match of funds between PAF and our boosters for soccer backstop netting, extending the windscreen, or building a crow's nest is possible. Stay tuned!
- IV. Coaches' Comments - Andy Fuehr
 - A. Concession Staffing ideas
 - ideas were discussed about getting more parents involved in support of our concessions program. A specific informational meeting for JV parents at the beginning of the season will be considered in the future.
 - B. Program
 - the program was a success this year, it provides good publicity. Norm Jansen helped with the pictures.
 - C. League & district tournament updates
 - the SMAC tournament will take place on Oct 2, 7, and 9. We went 4-0 in our division, so we are in position to host several games. If we win one crossover game, we could host 2 of 3, if we win both crossovers, we could host all 3 games (as long as we keep winning).
 - Portage Central hosts districts involving 7 teams. 1st round games are on Mon Oct 13 at 6 pm and on Tues Oct 14 at 5 and 7 pm. The semis are on Thurs, Oct 16 at 5 and 7pm. Finals on Sat Oct 18 at 6 pm.
 - it is possible, but not likely, that we would host regional games.
 - the E. Kentwood makeup date is Sat, Oct 4. Currently games are at 10 and 12, but moving a little later for SAT testing conflict is possible.
 - D. Corporate sponsor banner
 - all business sponsors who donated to the program will be put on one banner to be displayed at the field.
 - E. Youth night and Senior day updates
 - it was noted that preparations were made and plans in place for these

- two events.
 - F. 2009 field upkeep and improvement ideas
 - see Garnet's handout and discussion under next item.
- V. Long range Goals

Garnet prepared and handed out a sheet on 5 possible improvements: goal post padding, sign updates, crowd's nest, soccer backstop netting, and windscreen extension. Information on the sheet included the vendor involved, estimated cost, and other notes. Garnet then suggested that Andy give us his ordering of items in terms of need. Top of the list was goal post padding by the south goal and practice field area due to safety issues. A motion was passed to order 3 brown pads at a cost of \$230. The other improvements were discussed including the condition of our wooden sign, do we have an official Huskie logo for sign display?, and other issues. Other possible field improvements were also mentioned. No other action was taken at this time. It was reminded that we have one final Promissory note payment due in June 2009. We will revisit these items again later.
- VI. Fundraising
 - A. Basketball concession duties at two upcoming games
 - workers will be lined up
 - B. Car stickers
 - now available for purchase at the concession stand.
 - C. Harding's and Meijer's rewards
 - reminder given
 - D. Banner Sales
 - it was reported for Margie that banner renewals from Westshire and Green Bay were received and renewal letters for others went out a couple of weeks ago.
 - E. Husky pet dishes
 - sales have been good and monies are coming in.
- VII. Activities
 - A. Web Site - Al Nemeth and Norm Jansen
 - updates made by Al as information comes to him.
 - to update a new business item from last meeting, the ball runner shirts are really cool and the runners enjoy wearing them! Thanks Al for the suggestion and to Blake Glass for the printing!
 - B. Concession stand update
 - a sizable amount of money has been taken in so far with several more home games coming up. Deposits will be made to Judy soon.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Banquet date of Wed, Nov 12 @ the Fetzer Center
 - some discussion took place regarding the banquet and its activities. A reminder was given as to boosters paying for the players' meal starting with this boys season.
- IX. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned @ 9:15 PM.
- X. Next meeting is Wed, Oct 8th at 7:00 PM.