



# Portage Northern Soccer Boosters

## Draft General Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2008 7:00 PM

- I. Approval of Feb 13, 2008 Minutes - approved.
- II. Financial Report - Judy Hayes. Two expenses: Girls' uniforms and coaches' fees. The improvement account went up slightly due to Meijers matching. Norm Jansen also got a Pfizer matching (like Margie's previous match) that will show up next month. We will make our next loan payment in June. Financial report was approved.
- III. Administration Report - Chris Riker, Athletic Director.
  - A. Assistant coaches' pay, Chris explained that all non-staff members have to go through VanBuren Research center which has a 15% charge. We have increased our payment to cover that. The non-staff members (our assistant coaches) have to fill out additional paperwork. Chris has done all he could to get around this, but that is the way it is.
  - B. Bond Update: No final plan yet for our field, ideas are constantly changing. Chris would like them to move the field rather than taking a road close to it or using up our parking.
  - C. Countywide Operational Millage Renewal: Will be voted on May 6. Not passing could affect middle school sports.
- IV. Coaches' Comments - Andy Fuehr
  - A. Coaches Convention Report - Fri Sat Feb 15-16 at Mt Pleasant Soaring Eagle. PN got some new ideas. Pat Tetreault and David Groves also went. Notre Dame coach did an attacking and zone defending clinic along with team leadership and personalities. Hope ran a goalkeeping clinic. CMU - possession and transition.
  - B. 2008-2009 (next fall) Equipment Needs - 5 balls, so they can be rotated. Team Geist balls will be ordered. Just got new uniforms on girls and guys side, so those should be all set.
  - C. Volunteer Opportunities for our girls' team- Lake St Boys and Girls club: we may run a clinic on a Sat in the next few weeks.
  - D. Girls Alumni Game / Picnic coordinator - we did get 2 parents to sign up.
  - E. Team Warm-up outfits - Starting next year Andy would like to have kids buy their own warm-ups, and keep them to use all 4 years. School owned warm ups end up getting lost.
  - F. Invoice from soccer zone - for our tryouts, 3 hours/day for 5 days. Pretty good rate. Approved to pay soccer zone.
  - G. Gazelle - waiting for the bill - Andy needs to fill out a tax exempt form.

V. Long Range Goals - (deferred due to Bond)

VI. Fundraising

- A. Concession - Fire extinguisher should be there by the first game. Bought candy holder, recycle containers, nacho cheese machine. Will also purchase the recycle bins. The drink containers are on hold until the fall.
- B. Car Stickers - there are a couple of contacts.
- C. Guys' team - Margie will Email guys team with sports wear and Carrabbas information.
- D. Hardings card, Meijer rewards (Our code is 530394) - You can get these cards at the respective stores. Then you go on line and sign up. The Harding's scrip payments get added directly to our booster checking account.
- E. Wenke Bucks (girls season only) - no one signed up
- F. Banner Sales - nothing new here.
- G. Team Program - \$100 sponsorship per player due by April 2.
- H. Carrabba's Italian Grill- Sat, April 26 12-2:30. \$10 tickets - see Margie Stinson. Please sell to family, friends and neighbors!
- I. Car wash - we need to set a date for this.

VII. Activities

- A. Volunteer sign-ups - any holes? Marian will find the holes and will email it out.
- B. Web Site - Al Nemeth / Norm Jansen
- C. Pre-season cleanup - Wed March 26 5:30 (update 3/26: postponed due to snow)
- D. Banquet date - June 17
- E. Austin Melgar day - Fr May 23
- F. Youth Soccer night - Wed April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 4 teams come and play each other and get in free.
- G. Sr Night - May 5

VIII. New Business

- A. There may be an anonymous business who wants to donate to the soccer boosters. In discussion about what to do with the possible funds, Chris reminded us that for eligibility reasons, high school rules don't allow the boosters to give anything to kids that they end up keeping. Funds that the kids help to raise are an exception. There was discussion about the possibility of paying the banquet fee for the players. This was tabled until further notice of any donation.
- B. Next Meeting dates: April 17, May 15, June TBA