

SOLON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

Previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Don Holub

We are \$3,046.80 in the red as of now which can be attributed to the absence of Nautica. This deficit does not include revenue from the Comet Classic. The Comet Classic generated more revenue this year than last year.

Athletic Director's Report – Mark McGuire

We will be hosting sectional boys/girls diving on 2/6 and 2/7.

We will be hosting boys' basketball sectionals and districts at the end of February and semis and finals in March.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer invited Mark and two of our athletes to the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards as their guests. Therese Haiss and Anthony Collica were chosen to attend.

Mark suggested adding his parking spot for football games as a raffle item for the Signature event.

President's Report – Bob Fox

We will advertise for the golf outing at the Signature event.

Dine and Donate fundraisers were discussed as a few restaurants in Solon have advised they would be interested in working with us. This entails a restaurant giving us a percentage of sales from a selected day when the Solon Athletic Boosters is mentioned or a certificate is provided. Although this is easy money, we want to be careful about not asking people to participate in many events that raise a minimal amount of money and not having them support bigger events.

We have been told we will be unable to use our hotel rewards if someone pays for a block of rooms with one credit card. Hilton has however advised they will give us two free rooms when we book a certain number of rooms.

REQUESTS

BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING – We previously tabled the request for 50 Speedo swimming bags at a cost of \$42.00 per bag. Boys swimming has 84% membership and girls swimming has 86% membership and they have helped when asked. Mark's contact could not beat the price the swim coach quoted. The request was **APPROVED**.

GIRLS BASKETBALL – A request for 8 hotel rooms (\$63.59 per room) for the Classic in the County in Berlin, Ohio was **APPROVED**.

MEMBERSHIP – Pat was not present

As of 1/1/13 \$16,075 has been generated from membership. This is a slight decrease from last year.

PARENT REPS – Tammy nor Pat were present

Each team has been contacted about their team basket for the fundraising event.

SPIRIT STORE – Susette Even and Kim Littman

Nothing new to report.

CONCESSIONS – Jolie Hauptert

Volunteers were needed for wrestling on 1/23 and will be needed for basketball playoffs. An email went/will go out requesting volunteers.

The final testing for the Donation's Page was being performed and was expected to be live within a few days. There will be pre-selected amount and fill in amounts for donations. Donations are tax deductible and can be made online or mailed in. There will be a spot for advertising on the side of the Donation's Page.

ADVERTISING

This committee will be meeting soon. Top priority is making money from the scoreboard without interfering with the students. Personal ads (Good Luck John) were once again mentioned. This committee will be coming up with a proposal for local businesses.

GOLF OUTING – Tim Longville

The golf outing will take place on 7/27 at Grantwood. This is the same weekend as the Solon Homedays.

The cost will be \$100 per foursome to include lunch, dinner, 18 holes and cart.

There will be hole sponsorships.

The event will be advertised in the Solon Homedays brochure sent to all Solon residents and will also be included in the program for the Signature event.

FUNDRAISER – Susette Even and Cheryl Kresevic

Alertnow was sent to all families in the school district. Also, invitations were sent to football seat holders who no longer have students attending Solon schools. Brad Cisar's wife is doing additional advertising.

We decided to have a Booster Booze Basket. All board members were asked to donate a bottle of booze for the basket. Donations were to be given to Susette or Cheryl by the end of January.

It was noted that there is a girls basketball game the night of the event. In order to accommodate those who wanted to attend the game and the event the following were proposed: special pricing or making arrangements with Signature staff to keep some food reserved. I believe we decided on the second option.

CAGE CLASSIC – Orlando Cumberlander

This event will take place in April.

It was noted that it is very difficult to arrange for convenient locations and to staff inconvenient locations. Inconvenient locations are needed as a result of the large number of teams participating in the event (approximately 300). A cap on the number of teams was suggested in an effort to eliminate the need to look at inconvenient locations.

A meeting was suggested with Pat to discuss this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Many of the glitches in the Booster scholarship form have been corrected.

ALUMNI

A data base needs to be compiled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38.

Next meeting 2/11/13.