

## September Solon Athletic Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Mon, Sep 8 6:31 PM

### **Cross Country Program Updates**

- Girls team (Coach Anna Guseilo, 9th season as head coach)
  - 29 girls on team: 12 freshmen, 6 seniors, 2 juniors, rest sophomores
  - Qualified for state meet last year as team for first time ever
  - Last year Won district championship (last ever district winners due to realignment)
  - Last week JV won recent race at Kenston against large competitive schools
  - Next two weeks critical: regional location for meet Saturday, league meet location following week
- Boys team (Coach Matt Wieczorek, 9th season as head coach)
  - 36 boys out this year, balanced across all classes
  - Significant improvement: 12 kids already broke 18 minutes vs 4 total last year
  - Division realignment creates better competitive positioning
  - Strong senior leadership development focus

### **Cross Country Fundraising Opportunities**

- Home invitational (August 23rd) revenue potential
  - 300+ cars attending, could charge \$5 parking = \$1,500
  - T-shirt sales opportunity during meet (coaches can't manage during event)
  - 650 total kids participated (200 high school, 300+ middle school)
  - 8 schools in each division
- Food service expansion possibilities
  - Coffee service for cold morning meets
  - Food trucks (Heritage cart suggested)
  - Dunkin Donuts coordination needed for next year

### **Wrestling Equipment Request**

- Coach Connor McMahon requesting new warmups for high school and middle school
  - Total cost: \$4,822 for 40 pieces (20 each level)
  - Tracking system implemented with numbered items and Google forms
  - Team rule: everyone wears identical warmups at meets for organized appearance
  - Checkout system: items distributed for meets, returned Monday for washing

### **Comet Classic Wrestling Tournament**

- Date change: December 22nd-23rd (Monday-Tuesday before Christmas)
  - OHSA schedule changes forced tournament date shifts
  - Nearly 30 teams registered (most ever)
  - Volunteer coordination needed for gates, concessions, table workers
  - T-shirt sales opportunity discussion
  - Boosters historically managed tournament merchandise

- Hospitality room coordination (Tanya responsible)

### **Financial Report Highlights**

- Total assets increased from \$130K to \$144K monthly
  - Savings account: \$105K to \$126K (earning \$300-400/month interest)
  - Year-over-year: \$144K vs \$107K last August
- August revenue sources
  - Golf outing proceeds
  - Strong membership signup month
  - Spirit store sales performing exceptionally well
  - BSN credit refund: \$4,300
  - Bin Bath partnership: \$1,000
- Outstanding items: golf outing final collections, ball drop winner payment (Tamara)

### **Spirit Store & Merchandise Operations**

- Top performers: hoodies in youth/adult sizes nearly sold out
- Expansion requests: jackets, vests, men's polo shirts
- Minimum order challenges: 24-piece requirements for some items
- Social media integration issues
  - Multiple conflicting Instagram accounts being consolidated
  - Facebook business profile complications from 2015 setup
  - Need Athletic Boosters Instagram account creation

### **Administrative Challenges & School Relations**

- Water department shut off during Friday game without notice
- E-bike damage issues at middle school and stadium facilities
  - Considering turnstile entrances to prevent vehicle access
- Limited community engagement permissions from Administration
- Restrictive policies on food trucks, student activities
- School board election strategy: organize candidates for 2027 election

### **Action Items & Next Steps**

- Adam: Set up Athletic Boosters Instagram account, coordinate with Nick on Booster Hub integration
- Lindsay: Contact Dave Peleg about rec center availability for February fundraiser
- Ashley: Lead homecoming tailgate planning (September 29th game)
- Tanya: Coordinate February fundraiser planning committee with Lindsay and Ashley
- Evan: Coordinate swag purchasing with spirit store team (\$2,500 budget approved)
- Wrestling warmup request: email vote pending detailed form review