

November 2025 Solon Athletic Boosters Minutes

Girls Basketball Program Update

- Coach Trish overview: 17 years at Solon, 22 years total coaching experience
 - 23 girls on roster this year (vs 15 last year)
 - Emphasizes “Above the Line” philosophy from Urban Meyer book
 - Above line actions: positivity, teamwork, responsibility, trust, focus
 - Below line actions (BCD): blaming, complaining, defending
 - Uses 10-80-10 model: 10% elite performers, 80% majority, 10% team killers
- Season opener: Two weeks from meeting date at Aurora High School
- Schedule includes new teams this year for variety

Athletic Department Updates

- Fall sports achievements:
 - Serena Wu: Golf state runner-up
 - Girls soccer: District champions, advanced to regionals
 - Boys soccer: District runner-up
 - Cross country: 4 state qualifiers (Matt Scipione, Mac Lane, Camryne Caine, Lila Miller)
- Winter sports starting practices (wrestling begins Friday)
- First competitions this weekend: Bowling at Kent Lanes (Saturday), Hockey at Gilmore (Sunday)

Pool Construction Crisis

- Pool closed since April, construction ongoing
- Swimmers practicing at Chagrin Valley Athletic Club
- Working on transportation solutions (normally don't transport for off-site practices)
- John Carroll backup venue arranged for meets if needed
- Expected completion: End of November (uncertain)

Coaching Vacancies

- Need new football and volleyball coaches
- Advertised statewide, receiving out-of-state applications
- Goal: Hire both positions by January 1st
- Head coaches select their own staff (no obligation to retain previous assistants)
- Interview process: Jim + Ms. Short first round, then superintendent/assistant superintendent finals
- Focus on finding program builders who can develop K-12 systems

NIL Policy Changes

- Court ruling makes NIL bans for high school athletes illegal
- OHSAA developing rules (schools vote week of November 17th)
- Key proposed rules:
 - Athletes must report NIL deals to OHSAA
 - No school branding/connection allowed in deals
 - Booster clubs cannot create NIL deals
 - Schools not responsible for enforcement
- Suburban League split 10-9 on voting (Solon leaning yes for OHSAA rules vs court control)
- Concerns about private school advantages

Booster Club Financial Report

- Spirit Store: Strong performance, new inventory ordered, planning winter sidewalk sale
- Revenue highlights:
 - \$2,000 Jenkins family donation
 - \$1,200 February fundraiser payments received
 - Concessions deposits from fall sports
- Expenses: Team gear, state qualifier hoodies, trunk-or-treat event
- Engaged Sarah Lots (CPA) for QuickBooks cleanup and regulatory filings

Technology & Events

- Video board operations: Tyler Moehler supported 23 events this fall
- Comet Classic wrestling tournament: December 22-23
 - Times: 11am first day, 10am second day
 - 22+ teams registered
 - Need volunteers (challenging dates during work week)
- Score table animations ready for winter sports
- Roll House signed as outdoor sponsor, T-shirt giveaway planned January 9th

Action Items

- Jim: Pool construction update by end of November
- Melanie: Email team names for February fundraiser payments to Lori
- Evan: Program player cards for score board, coordinate with Scott Glover on team photos
- Wrestling: Continue volunteer recruitment for Comet Classic, ask Rob for names
- Spirit Store: Decision needed on Comet Classic tournament shirts