

**April 2016 Meeting Minutes
Blaine Bengal Dugout Club Meeting
7:00pm BHS Room 101**

Board in attendance:

Mark Sonaglia – Vice President
Mike Laciskey – Treasurer
Diane Mullins – Secretary
Pete Riola – Junior Parent
Deanne Miller – Sophomore Parent

Not in attendance:

Ernie Johnson – President
Scott Wuertz – Senior Parent
Chad Spencer – Freshman Parent

Others in Attendance: Director- Eric Feigum
Julie Laciskey

1. Finance Update - Mike Laciskey
 - a. Batting cage: Approximately \$3000 cost for completion. Mike confirmed Funds are available; Pete delivered Ernie's update: Concrete to be poured Saturday
 - b. Fundraiser Income generated from Cub Bagging March 25 - \$1875
 - c. Fundraiser Income generated from Kickoff Card Sales - \$11000
 - d. Continuing to pursue Signage sponsorships - There are 3 new signs at BBC
 - e. \$540 income from game concessions: 2 Basketball, 1 Football
 - f. \$700 income from Player packs
 - g. \$1400 income from sales of extra Baseball hats/pants/t-shirts; Julie suggested we have the rest of items for sale at the Banquet as summer teams could use extra items
 - h. Coach Bus expense to Grand Rapids Varsity/JV games cost \$500; Eric to see if school will cover more; Eric suggested pre-ordered food for ride for the next game- Deanne volunteered to get Subway forms and order.
2. Team Assignment / Development / Training
 - a. Summer Strength Training BHS - Eric will get registration form and give instruction for registration
 - b. Summer Speed Training by Acceleration at BHS - Eric will give instruction for registration and Diane will send Emails asap
 - c. We will resend email about Summer baseball opportunities and that costs provide uniforms, field time & maintenance, umpires.
3. VFW tournament update
 - a. 13 confirmed teams (Includes 2 Blaine teams) Working on another team; Games will be played at BBC fields
4. Senior Night Update - May 23 - Julie Laciskey volunteered to organize Pizza, Water, and Cupcakes for players after the game. Mark suggested opening building by field, Eric will get

key. Julie will get Flowers for Senior Mom's, Eric will get baseball's for Dad's. Pete volunteered to do pre-game photographs.

5. Player Banquet Update - Julie & Mike Laciskey volunteered
 - a. Confirmed for Sunday, June 5th, 2016 5:30PM Majestic Oaks.
 - b. Deanne was told by Majestic that Raffle is not possible because we're not 501(c)
 - c. Determine how many kids to expect so a cost per person can be determined Julie & Mike chose Italian buffet at \$15.99/person but will determine if there's a minimum food order to defer room rental fee and how much to charge each person to cover cost. Coaches & Managers won't be charged, Then Diane will send email invitations for families to print and mail back.
6. Additional fundraising ideas
 - a. Pete presented new Fundraiser ideas Mark & Eric suggested we raise funds for Turtle on wheels; Pete made many suggestions: Selling time for new batting cage once complete; Selling items that we can order through a Bengal Baseball PayPal account: Softner Salt (generate \$2 bag), Heggies Pizza (generate \$3/pizza), Mulch, Smokehouse Pulled Pork items (generate \$10-15 pkg). We agreed selling items sooner than later so we can capitalize on High school grad parties, summer break food, Plus include SAA and BATBA players to sell as they will get to take advantage of Bengal Baseball programs/ items in the future. Pete will suggest at next SAA/BATBA meeting, Pete will also design website / email order forms. Mike will set up PayPal account. Diane will send emails
7. 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization; Ernie to look into process and report back.
8. Miscellaneous
 - a. Julie mentioned last year some Coaches and some Managers got a Card & gift from their teams but some didn't. She volunteered to purchase, on behalf of Dugout club, a Card & \$20 Caribou gift card for each Manager. The Dugout Club will send a communication to the parents in May to explain that if they want to give cards and gifts to coaches this will need to be organized by the parents within each team.
 - b. Blaine Bengals FaceBook Page - Eric said there was one in the past but perhaps we create a new page. We talked about what we could post, Game/Team/Player highlights, video's, Fundraiser Goals and what items purchased with incomes, Program & Volunteer highlights... Diane & Pete to talk about creating
 - i. Diane reached Sarah Anderson who knew that Karla Erlandson has been looking for someone to update the Blaine Bengal Baseball FB page. Karla has added editing rights to Diane & Pete so we can keep same page & move forward.