

Dugout Club Meeting  
September 13, 2021 - 7:30pm  
Blaine High School

Present: Teri Charest, Laurie Curnow, Al Stauffacher, Bree Stuflick, Ted Erickson, Sarah Anderson

Absent: Colleen Brazier, Dana Frederick

Meeting Called to Order at 7:32pm by Teri Charest, President

#### Minutes Approval

- Motion made to approve the July, 2021 Minutes was made by Bree Stuflick
- Seconded by Sarah Anderson
- Minutes were approved by all

#### 2022 Season Planning Update (Ted)

- Teams are headed back to Duluth East for road games this season
  - Likely will include Varsity, JV, Freshman Team(s)
  - Duluth will host a BBQ for teams
  - We will rent a coach bus, estimated at \$900
    - School will pay for \$300 of bus expense
    - Dugout Club will pay the difference (this is in budget)
    - Coach Erickson will check with school to see if we have preferred bussing vendor for the coach

#### Budget Updates & Discussion (Laurie)

- Laurie presented budget updates and progress being made (see handout provided)
- Goal for the meeting was to come away with a general number for the upcoming season
- Coach Erickson reviewed expected expenses & some highlights
  - Pants - \$350
  - Bus to Duluth - \$900 (see above for breakdown on school supplementing)
  - Jerseys - No minimum order on jerseys
  - Discussed previous conversation about possibly allowing lettering seniors keep a jersey
  - Discussed additional uniform parts and costs
    - Columbia Blue Pants - \$45 each
    - Navy Blue Pants- \$33.50
  - Clarified that the school is on a 3-year cycle for buying uniforms
    - Ted is not sure where we are at in the cycles but will check
- Discussed Coaching Fees
  - Booster Club should budget \$15,165 for coaches (approx)
  - Coaches' Clinics (MSHSBCA & St. Olaf) - \$500
  - Coaches' Apparel x 12 coaches - \$2,400

- Men's Digital Throwback Jersey (Navy) - 12 more @\$42.50
- Other Wish List Items
  - BP Zone Turf Protector - \$500
  - Pitching Machine Baseballs (24) - \$120
- Total - \$20,445
- Further discussed coaches' salaries
  - Coach Erickson walked through proposed pay for staff

#### Fundraising (Bree)

- Bree reported that an American Legion Post Sponsorship is being worked on for future
- Discussed VFW Sponsor and relationship
- Discussed ability to again host a Winter Clinic
- Coach Erickson discussed a summer clinic that could take place after BALL, BATBA & SBAA seasons wind down
- Discussed the 2021 Raffle and future considerations
  - Fundraiser was a success and got great feedback
  - Project and increase in profit in 2022
  - Look at players' sales goals and increase this year
  - Consider other places to sell tickets (set up booths)
    - Wal-Mart, Target, etc.
    - Grocery Stores
    - Restaurants
- Discussed that a stretch goal should be set for coaches' payments
  - At October meeting we will get a recommendation out & set a stretch goal
  - We want to be offer fair and competitive compensation

#### 2021-2022 Calendar Updates (Teri)

- Teri & Dana have been working on a master calendar for Dugout Club with schedule of dates and events
  - Calendar is being shared
- Board agreed to schedule meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
- Homecoming parade will give visibility to baseball program
  - Coach Erickson will confirm date and communicate with players
- Discussed ways to get information out regarding employee giving and talked about possible webinar in October or consider other ways to share information
- CUB Bagging Dates
  - Teri will follow-up with CUB on possible bagging dates
- Alumni Roundtable Event
  - Ted will follow-up on scheduling this event for current players to come and hear from Blaine Baseball Alumni
- Tryouts
  - Arm Care will be March 14-18, 2022
  - Trouts will be March 21-25, 2022

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- Centennial Game & Community Impact Night - May 17th
  - We will need to form a committee to work on this with Centennial Boosters

#### New Fundraising Idea (Ted)

- Alumni Event - Home Run Derby or Alumni Day - \$50 Donation to participate/compete

#### Volunteer Recruitment (Sarah)

- Will set a date within next two weeks to get a small group together to work on ideas to get more people involved with the Booster Club and volunteering for the program
- Target meeting date will be in October as we wanted to wait until school was underway and fall sports were well into seasons

#### Survey Results (Teri)

- 15 results
  - 20% emails
  - 40% of players
- Discussed learnings
  - VFW roster size was concern
    - Should we consider tryouts in 2022?
  - Uniforms - Flat, VFW skewed low

#### Scholarship Discussion (Teri)

- Group discussed possible scholarship opportunities
- More discovery and discussion to come in near future

Meeting Adjourned by Teri Charest, President