

# Osseo Baseball Booster Club

## OCTOBER 2018 MEETING MINUTES

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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, October 16 at 7pm

**Attendance:** Tom Doubler, Barb Valeri, Tony Olson, Kurt Kisch, Joe Lavin, Amy Olson, Beth Bernardson, Pam Holien, Joe Klein, John Partanen, Jodie Kulla, Katie Bindewald, Jeff Wolff, Sherwin Vischer, Mark Azure, Michelle Azure, Kristin Wagenmaker, Kevin Wagenmaker, Brad Ktizman, Deidre Hultgren, Neil Lynch

1. Meeting Called to Order by Tom Doubler at 7:05pm
  - a. Announcements by the President
    - i. Thanks to everyone coming tonight!
2. Consent Business
  - a. Treasurers Report—verbally given by Barb Valeri
  - b. Currently have \$22,000, which is enough to make first loan payment in June of 12,000...which was our goal
  - c. Approval of September 2018 Minutes—motion by Joe Lavin, second by Kurt Kisch—all approve
3. COMMITTEE UPDATES
  - a. BANNERS (Mark & Michelle Azure-10) --Michelle
    - i. Received information and now working on following up
      1. Tom asked for other possible banner sponsors. Many members had suggestions. Also, thought to have boys get more involved in selling banners. Having them go business to business in their jerseys.
  - b. FIELD MAINTENANCE (Coach Lavin, Jeff Wolff-11)—verbally submitted by Joe Lavin
    - i. Mound has been fixed and ready to go
    - ii. They are still mowing, and will continue to do so until the snow flies.
    - iii. Tom sold, the bags from the mowers for \$1500
  - c. FUNDRAISING (John Partanen-11, Jeff Wolff-11)—verbally submitted by John Partanen
    - i. Continue with Cub—recently sold, so not a sure thing. Waiting to hear
    - ii. Discussion about dropping salt or pizza. Pizza has a higher profit margin. Looking for feedback from members.
    - iii. Looking at adding a pancake breakfast at Legion—more information to come.
    - iv. Want to make a motion to raise the fundraising buyout to \$350.00 instead of \$200.00. Will be discussed at a later meeting.
    - v. Tom spoke about how import fundraising is this year—factors include the FLA trip, some past invoices not paid by former staff and field improvements are things that need to be paid for this year.
    - vi. Tom Doubler would like to see both fundraisers stay and add others
    - vii. Coach Lavin talked about adding a “Booster Club Fee”—that would help support the field improvements, etc. This is on top of the athletic fee. Joe said that Booster Club fee would be similar to the buyout fee that John Partanen mentioned.

- viii. Tom Doubler asked for opinions about fundraising:
  - 1. Brad Klitzman felt salt went smoothly last year. Agreed—that it worked better. Challenge is semi comes on a date at a time—folks need to be there to unload. If boys have a game, can be a challenge to make sure folks are there to unload. Possible to order and deliver the salt before season. As long as there is a commitment from the families that everyone contributes. Will be an official voting item on the agenda for next meeting.
  - 2. Jodi Kulla—fine with adding/upper fee, just need to make it clear what it is being used for.
- d. CONCESSIONS & APPAREL (Brenda Doubler-10, Jodi Kulla-11, Pam Holien-10)—verbally submitted by Pam Holien
  - i. Still have some candy and soda---Coach Lavin will buy for classroom.
  - ii. Pam will donate the rest of the apparel that is left; we will start with a new selection next year.
- e. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT (Coach Lavin)—verbally submitted by Joe Lavin
  - i. Player meeting in November—will be in the middle school and high school announcements. He is working on the details and making sure he is following the rules.
  - ii. If players are not in a winter sport—should be in the weight room
  - iii. Will have east gym on Wednesday nights, looking to start beginning of December. Working on how to use that time—will look for volunteers to help him out. Dome nights start after the first of the year. Lavin is working on instructors for that as well.
  - iv. May do one last development while still “nice” outside
  - v. Still working on OMGAA and BPA meetings.
    - 1. Looking at having teams at games (similar to hockey)
- f. OSSEO GIVEBACK OMGAA and BPA NIGHTS (Coach Lavin)
  - i. No report
- g. SENIOR NIGHT (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)
- h. SPONSOR NIGHT (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)
- i. BANQUET NIGHT (Deirdre Hultgren-11)—submitted verbally by Deirdre Hultgren
  - i. D'Amico & Sons catering is taking over at Edinborough
  - ii. Save the Date—Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Discussion about changing date to later—so we can recognize conference honors, etc.
- j. ALUMNI NIGHT/STRIKE OUT CANCER (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)
  - i. When Exec Board met—want to make sure we do a Senior night and Cancer night.
    - 1. Deidre Hultgren, Jodie Kulla and Amy Olson volunteered to organize Senior Night

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2018-2019 Budget Approval—verbally submitted by Kurt Kisch
  - i. Kurt reviewed the budget with the membership
    - 1. We were conservative with the budget this year
    - 2. Need to make sure fundraising is a priority
    - 3. No discussion
  - ii. Motion to approve by Tony Olson, second Barb Valeri and all approved.
- b. Field Upgrades—submitted verbally by Tom Doubler

- i. Tom had some plans posted in the room for folks to review
- ii. Field and spectator improvements. Will be done in phases, but need to have the whole plan ready in order for that to happen.
- iii. Board likes the traditional winged bleachers
- iv. Tom looking for feedback during this process:
  - 1. Deidre Hultgren—why didn't original plan have winged bleacher---to use our existing bleachers. As a Board we want to have our concession staff be able to see the field.
  - 2. Tom talked about having first three rows of bleachers as seats—and sell them as a fundraising effort.
  - 3. Tom meeting with designer tomorrow(10/17) and will firm up plan
  - 4. Nothing will get done unless we have the money to do it—just need to get plans ready and get phases set and that will allow us to go forward to get sponsorships. Tom has put out some feelers and have some potential donors, but they want to see our plans.
  - 5. Field improvements---making whole infield turf...batters eye added in centerfield.
  - 6. Looking for 5-8 people to help him with fundraising—would meet and get a game plan so everyone has a list of businesses to contact. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tom Doubler directly.
  - 7. Tom noted that the total project will not cost what the “invoice” price is—we need that big number for fundraising. We will make sure we use our contractors and local business that might be willing to partner with us for more favorable rates.
  - 8. Tom received the fundraising packets from Dundess—shared with the folks in attendance at meeting.
  - 9. John Partanen—question about steepness of bleachers. Also talked about Twins grant, Amy Olson will help with grant.
  - 10. Jeff Wolff---big thank you to Tom Doubler for all the time he has put into this project. His goal is to see this project through—even after his kids are done. It will be a legacy that this whole parent group will be a part of—will call it the “legacy project” Tom wants everyone to know that the players come first—making sure they have training and development. But then having a great facility will be what we left behind.
  - 11. BarbValeri had random request—having recycle bins at field next year
  - 12. Joe Lavin requested an AED

## 5. Old Business

- a. 2019 Spring Trip—Tom
  - i. Set and ready to go
  - ii. Names will need to get in shortly
  - iii. Start looking at airfare—Neil Lynch volunteered
  - iv. Will be an expense for the players who are invited—will have a way to earn some of that money. Those not invited will have training back in Osseo
- b. Field Clean-up Day—
  - i. Big thank you to everyone who helped out, everything did get accomplished
  - ii. Big thank you to Jeff Wolff for being point person and getting it all done
  - iii. Jeff and Joe will get lasts things checked off the list

6. Meeting Adjourned—motion by Tony Olson, second Joe Lavin, all approved, and meeting is adjourned at 8:15pm

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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