

## Track & Field/XC Booster Meeting

03/19/2024

### 1. Welcome

- a. Attendees: Tracey Slife, Megan Teply, Jen Cortez, Steve Xu, Casey Moran, Kim Moore, Joy Fowler, Jim Slife, Lisa Schmaltz, Christine Moran, Jessica Orr, Betsy Amshoff, Carrie Hawkins, Kristen Weber
- b. Absent board members: Melissa Buckalew

### 2. Special Guests: Scott Stemple - Athletic Dir

- a. The expectation of the Booster Club is to support the mission of athletic department and coaches. Help them with the best tools to help our children become more successful as athletes.
- b. Athletic department supports coaches with equipment, uniforms, Varsity team transportation and lodging for State Championship trips, assistant coaches, etc (within reason). Boosters support can include but is not limited to: athlete overnight trips, additional assistant coaches, additional equipment that AD cannot cover, coaches apparel, team t-shirts, meals. It is not unreasonable for a Booster club (no matter the sport) to cover an overnight trip. Most Booster Clubs cover trips for Varsity teams. But any of this can be denied by a Booster Club.
- c. Varsity teams have different opportunities than JV. With so many participants, Mason has been able to develop a strong JV program and worked with other local schools to create a JV competition schedule.
- d. Coaches have concerns about boosters not covering varsity only overnight trips. This seems to be a misunderstanding, boosters raised the cost concern earlier in the season because of budget deficit last year... and before raising large amounts of funds with the Turkey Trot.
- e. Indoor track is not OHSAA sponsored, currently it is invite only and treated as preseason of track & field. Since there are now more funds needed for transportation, entry fees, etc, the school needs to think about how to cover the increasing costs. One solution is to make it a club sport and charge a student activity fee.
- f. Track Club: Revenue can be taken out of the Boosters (if necessary) and placed in a school account that can be earmarked to be used for Track & Field needs only.

### 3. Treasurer's Report -

- a. The following items have recently been approved by the Board and will be added to the budget
  - i. Track Club Budget Increase for additional coaches/adults for safety and organization.  
**Action needed:** Speak with the AD to determine how the funds are to be routed for paying the adults.
  - ii. Additional \$1900 for track supplies
  - iii. \$4400 for 2 new 10x15 Mason logo'd tents

### 4. MMS Intersquad Meet Wednesday 3/20

- a. Volunteers (almost) full!
- b. Dan Mix will print out the roster and bring for the Volunteer check-in
- c. No concessions open, but will be accepting donation drop-off 4-5pm

### 5. Team Picture Day - Wednesday 3/20

- a. Senior Pictures for banners same day - by Melissa Anderson
- b. Tracey & Melissa Buckalew will design banners and send to print after break

6. **Buckeye Relays** - Saturday March 23 @ 10am until about 1pm
  - a. Concessions - Snacks, bottled beverages, Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck
    - i. Coaches Hospitality (Jessica & Kim) - Coffee, donuts, bagels, whole fruit
    - ii. Krispy Kreme - Fundraiser price is \$7.50/doz for min order of 25 doz of glazed. Coffee boxes are \$17.99 and feeds 10. Will order 25 doz for concession/coaches.
    - iii. Concession Donations (sign-up genius) - will do another push after spring break
7. **Youth Track Club**
  - a. Promotion for the sign-up is on our website - April 19 (returning kids), Apr 22 (new kids)
8. **RunMason Website**
  - i. Parent and Athlete emails added for emailing capabilities
9. **Miscellaneous/New Business**
  - a. Sponsorships available! Will post on website and include in Parent email updates.
  - b. Athletic Department will cover Pizza for Coaches Hospitality for 2 meets -GMC and Districts for prelims or finals night- (TBD by Hospitality organizers - Jessica Orr and Kim Moore)
  - c. Banquet Planning - Jessica Orr will gather some folks to help plan
    - i. Note: Varsity Boys and girls will be together in Large Commons - no meal, drink and dessert only. JV is planning to be a separate after school event.
    - ii. Note: Tracey reached out via email on 3/21 to JV Coaches to see if they would entertain the idea of moving to an evening so parents could attend. Response 3/22: "[After speaking with all coaches] we will continue hosting our banquets after school. In our experience, we have found that we get a better turnout with the kids when we have the banquet in the afternoon as opposed to the evening -due to the craziness of the end-of-the-school-year activities. While we understand that a few parents may want to be at the banquet, as coaches, we view our banquet as a more personal celebration of each athlete and their contributions to the team over the season."
    - iii. In the past, the boosters provided pizzas, water, and/or desserts for the athletes. If we want to contribute something more personalized for the kids, like goody bags instead of food, that is up to us (Boosters) to decide. We have 162 JV Girls and Boys combined. Coaches are appreciative for whatever is decided and easiest for the parents.
    - iv. Event Date: Thursday May 9 after school for both boys and girls.
    - v. **Action Needed:** We (Boosters) need to decide a plan for the JV Celebration. Someone to plan? Input desired, please.
  - d. Elections in April
  - e. Changes in Bylaws? Ideas given:
    - i. Boosters covers 1 out of town trip per season: bus and all items beyond \$XX that athlete pays to attend to help defer costs.
    - ii. Parental Refreshers/Guidelines on volunteer expectations
    - iii. **Action Needed:** New Booster Board to decide on the above detail.
10. **Next Meeting April 16, May 7**

**Minutes Compiled by:** Steve Xu, Tracey Slife