



GBN BOOSTER CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES 4/7/2021

Erin Denk opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Some joined the meeting in person in the GBN Library and some members participated via Zoom.

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Name	Position	Attending
Erin Denk/ Garry Denk	President	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brian Lydon	Public Relations	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cari Stoneburner	Treasurer	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Raju	Secretary	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Catalano	Athletic Director	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Vignocchi	Asst Athletic Director	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Purdy	Asst Athletic Director	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathi Burow	Senior Banquet	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heather Wilensky	Spartanwear	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David MacMillin	Yard Signs	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kari Knebelkamp	Jamboree	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cathy Burnham	Membership	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Todd Speed	Concessions	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patrice Bazianos	Team Representatives	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Schmidt	Party Boxes	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TBD	Booster Bash	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Presidents' Report

Meeting dates for 2020-2021 school year:

Wednesday, August 12, 2020	Exec Only
Wednesday, September 9, 2020	Exec, General, Team Reps
Wednesday, October 7, 2020	Exec Only
Wednesday, November 4, 2020	Exec Only
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	Exec, General, Team Reps
Wednesday, January 6, 2021	Exec Only
Wednesday, February 10, 2021	Exec, General
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	Exec, General,
Wednesday, April 7, 2021	Exec, General, Team Reps
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	Exec, General
Wednesday, June 9, 2021	Exec

- The March minutes were approved.
- We are handing out 300 booster gift bags for the Spring Athletes. Seasons are ending quickly due to condensed and re-arranged seasons because of Covid.
- Summer sports seasons bags will be created quickly following and will be handed out to the Summer Season athletes during their seasons.
- We are looking at holding a very casual outdoor Booster Bash event on June 12th 6:00-9:00 at Willow Hill Golf course. A subcommittee has created to plan the event.
- Senior Banquet and athlete gifts are still on hold.

Athletic Director

- The athletic training room is nearly been completely renovated by D225 and is almost completed. The Booster Club donated several tables for over \$5,000. This donation will benefit many students across all sports.
- We have taken on 2 athletic training interns for this Spring. We often have one, but we were able to have two this year to help the program at North Park University. Due to Covid-19, some students are struggling to find internships and with our trainers taking on extra responsibility with the Covid situation, it's a great fit.
- We have many senior nights coming up. Cheerleading will hold theirs on Friday, Water polo is holding theirs next week. We are pushing Senior nights earlier in to the season to make sure we don't have them canceled.
- Summer construction update: GBN is ripping up the track and re-laying a whole new track. The baseball field is getting new fence. Softball is getting a new backstop with a brick wall built behind it. A lot of nice improvements are on the way for our athletic fields this year.
- We are likely to have some coaching changes over the next few years. It has becoming more and more difficult to hire an educator who is also a coach. We have a lot of coaches doing two sports and the commitment for each sport are growing.
- We have had to make adjustments this year for parent/fan attendance at our sporting events. Fans are allowed at many events, but each sport has its own rules. We are managing it the best we can. More fans are allowed at outdoor events than indoor and mask rules are in place.
- We are not emphasizing the wins and losses as we have in previous years. Covid has reduced the numbers participating on our sports teams. Our main goal is to achieve an opportunity for each sport to have a fulfilling season and safety is always our top priority.
- We have had a fairly successful situation from a covid perspective with a low number of cases. This is helping to keep our teams playing their seasons.

Treasurer

- We have \$76,000 in our bank local account after paying for roughly \$5,300 for the new tables for the redesigned training room. Roughly \$10,000 of it is being held for a Dylan Buckner memorial. There is roughly \$71,000 in the GBN held funds.
- We are still waiting for an EIN Tax ID number. The application has been filed.
- After that is awarded, Cari will file for the 501(c)3 designation.
- Spring sports donations have come in from many Spring Sports.

Public Relations

- We have been updating the social media accounts for all sports, both retweeting and creating our own content.
- Bryan has been updating our e-mail addresses in Mail Chimp, our new e-mail software

Secretary

- No report

Membership

- We have 4 new families! We have 399 total families who have joined the Booster Club this year and we have brought in \$23,325 from memberships.

Team Representatives

- We are still not sponsoring team bonding events due to covid-19.

Spartanwear

- Heather is going to sell spirit wear during the next football game in the hut.
- Heather is going to try a Cheddar Up sale for 8th grade graduates. This is a usually a big seller for us. Cheddar Up is an online sales tool.
- The birthday signs sales are going great!

Jamboree

No report

Yard Signs

No report

Concessions

No report

Party Boxes

No report

Booster Bash

- Please note Booster Bash report in the President's Report above.

Senior Banquet

No report

Team Reps

Patrice Bazianos - thank you so much for being team reps! You are doing a great job being the communication bridge between the Booster Club and the parents! Please keep communication channels open! Report news to us, scores, stories, pictures and we will put it on Social Media. Contact Bryan Lydon with any exciting athletic news!

As a reminder, the coaches are working so hard this year. Please make an extra effort to collect funds for the coach gift and donation to the Booster club. Especially in a year when we the Booster Club is still contributing to supporting our sports and we have limited opportunities to fundraise.

The donation requested from the athletes is \$5 per athlete. After the money is collected, please coordinate the distribution of funds to Cari Raymond, Booster Club treasurer and make sure to note which team the funds are from.

No team parties or parent sponsored get togethers are allowed due to Covid-19 safety protocols.

The Booster Club is giving sports gift bags to each Spring Athlete. Please provide the bags to your athletes. The bags can be picked up from the Denks.

We are still decorating for senior night. Team reps that aren't senior parents should try to step up and help organize for Senior night. Balloons, Streamers and signs are in the concession stand. Email John Catalano to get into the Concession stand.

Please sign up to be a member of the Booster Club!

Continue to order Spartan Wear! Heather Wilensky, our spirit wear coordinator, can help you with your custom team gear. Look for her in the hut at the football game this weekend!

Get your yard signs to show your Team Spirit! Dave MacMillan creates your custom yard sign!

Consider attending the Booster Bash and continue to promote the Booster Bash to your team members, even if out of Season.

Team Reports:

Bonnie Bachenheimer and Robin Bergman - Sophomore soccer has won all of their games with one tie, with 3 games left in the season

Diane Nekritz - JV Girls volleyball - Win this Saturday (4-3-21) against Buffalo Grove!
Big win vs. undefeated GBS in 2 games on 4-5-21!!

Pam Harlantiz - Freshman Girls Volleyball - We have won all of our games except 2, vs. New Trier and GBS.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Raju, Secretary