



## Hilton Head Island High School All Sports Booster Club

### Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2009

**Present:** Mike Manesiotis, Julie Jilly, Barry Taylor, Chuck Park, Nancy Scanlin, Sue Brewer, Suzanna Johnston, Bubba Gillis, Scott Evans, William Leitner, David Martin, Debbi Reed, Coach Meg Hendy, Coach Mike Newton (and tiny guest) and Principal, Amanda O'Nan.

Mike Manesiotis called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and thanked everyone for coming. He reminded all attendees to please sign in and include your email address to ensure that your team gets credit for your attendance.

**Approval of Minutes** - The February meeting had minimal attendance due to the alternate date because of President's Day. The minutes were very short and were approved.

**Open Forum** - Amanda O'Nan asked for an update on the policy for letters, rings, etc. Mike reported that in previous Booster Club Meetings we had discussed the policies. We had called for feedback and after collected that, Mike had put the policy in writing. Lew Kent has the final draft for approval. We will try to disperse it at or before the next Booster Club Meeting.

**Athletic Director's Report** - Lew sent his report by email noting that he was sorry he was unable to attend because he was in Charleston at the Athletic Director's Meeting. Lew wanted to thank the Booster Club and all of those who assisted with the Winter Sports Banquet. He made a special note of thanks to Mike Manesiotis for the awesome "I AM AN ATHLETE" photos throughout the school. Lew reported great success with the Winter Sports Teams and a positive and exciting expectation for the Spring Sports Season. Congrats to all the athletes and coaches!

**Coaches Reports** - Coach Hendy asked about LaCrosse posters for the I AM AN ATHLETE campaign. Mike explained that he was trying to get photos from every team but that it was a tedious job. He is working with Mike & Ruthie Ritterbeck of HiltonHeadVideo.com

It was noted that HiltonHeadVideo is selling the posters to anyone and also selling photos from many of the sports. 15% of everything they sell is donated back to the Booster Club. Mike has their business cards and will be handing them out at many sports functions. Mike proposed a permanent banner ad on the website for the Ritterbecks as well as their mention on all the Banquet Programs. All were in agreement.

Coach Hendy also reported that the Girls LaCrosse team is 5 – 0. And doing great!

Coach Mike Newton reported that the Wrestling Team were Lower State Champions and that Jack Duane was Individual State Champion. Congrats!

Bubba noted that he knew Coach Newton had been working on a feeder program by promoting wrestling to the Middle School. Looks like his efforts have paid off --- and will continue to with a strong and deep team he has nurtured.

New Softball Coach – Sarah Beachkofsky was represented by her assistant, Coach Scott Evans.

Discussion followed on the Field of Dreams. The Booster Club has committed \$4,000 for debt reduction. Chris Wells and Chris Lindgren recently met and Baseball committed \$10,000. All revenues are running through the Booster Club. At the end of the season, Chris Wells will turn in all funds they have raised. Booster Club and Baseball Team have committed to retire the debt in 3 years. Bob Arundell recently made a \$100 donation which was earmarked for Field of Dreams.

Discussion followed on the dates for next year's Sports Banquets. Julie noted that Mr. Quindlen says the VPAC is filling up very quickly. It was noted that Thursdays seem to be the optimal day for the students. Julie and Mike will set the dates for next year and have them at next meeting.

David Martin began discussion on the banner program. David Martin and Greg Viventi agreed to join Mike and serve on the Banner Committee helping set banner policies, plans and campaigns for next year. It was noted that to put a banner ad up on the website only costs us \$25 so this is actually the best banner to sell. Don't forget that we can do swaps for banners too – such as we do with Moe's and Chick Fil A. Julie also noted that all banner sponsors are also mentioned in the 4 ads we place in the Island Packet each year.

Discussion followed on the LaCrosse scoreboard. As soon as the orders are signed, it can be put up. Larry Wilson needs to OK it and the wires are ready.

The Verizon Heritage Commissary is a very important fundraiser for the Booster Club. The Island Rec Center makes this available to us and we earn \$7,500 from it by supplying labor in the commissary. Sports teams can sign up with Barry Taylor to work the various shifts and earn money in the accounts.

**Golf Tournament** – The Golf Tournament will be Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dolphin Head. The cost is \$100 but students and teachers and administrators can play for \$75.

We need hole sponsors and players. Need drink donations. We are having a Silent Auction for big ticket items which are donated. We will also have a raffle for some Heritage Clubhouse tickets. Julie suggests that we open up the raffle by email so we get a better response. And the sooner, the better.

Mike discussed next years officers and the following slate was presented.

Seahawk Passes – Barry Taylor

VP – Greg Viventi

Concessions – Nancy/JV Scanlin

Volunteer coordinator – David Martin

Commissary – Barry Taylor/Mike Manesiotis

President – Mike Manesiotis

Treasurer – unknown

Recording Secretary – Julie Jilly / Sue Brewer

Banner Committee – David Martin / Greg Viventi  
Banquets – Susanna Johnston  
Golf Tournament chair – unknown

The slate was accepted and all approved.

Mike stated that if we win 3A title, we will have a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2010.

Discussion followed on Projects for our end of the year contribution to the school.

1. Build a tower on the LaCrosse field  
Posts are already up like on the football field so lets get it done for scoring, observing and filming.
2. Coach Evans brought up the need for windscreens and safety tubing for the softball field.  
All were in agreement that safety items are our priority and the Booster Club will cover the tubing right away.
3. Coach Evans also noted a need for more sand (\$750 per load).  
Mike noted that if Coach Evans would commit the softball team to support the Golf Tournament, Commissary and upcoming Booster club meetings, then the Booster Club would commit to the sand and tubing right away. All were in agreement.

Nancy Scanlin noted that Mr. Greg Westerfield who landscaped the front of the stadium, said that he has a class that would provide FREE LABOR if we would like any other landscaping. It was noted that we should take up his offer and contact Valley Crest to get a quote for irrigation so we can make this project work.

Susanna Johnston asked about the Activity Buses and why they are not used. Amanda reported that they are currently under litigation with the District so they will not be used.

There was not further discussion so the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting is Monday, April 20, 2009  
at 6pm in the Media Center**

**Golf Tournament – Sunday, May 3, 2009**

**And the Spring Sports Banquet is Tuesday, May 26th  
at 6pm in the VPAC**

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