

Elizabethtown Boys Club Board Meeting

3/11/09

Attendees: S. Heisey, B. Schoenberger, M. Rehrer, R. Martin, J. Fosnot, T. Lonardi, J. Epler, P. Rehrer, R. Garber, M. Ernest

Previous Meeting Minutes Reviewed: The meeting minutes were read from the February 11, 2009 meeting and the motion to accept the minutes was first and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was read and the motion to accept the report was first and seconded.

GEARS/Facilities/High School: A GEARS Facilities meeting will be held on 3/23. Spencer asked Mike Rehrer to attend the meeting with him. There are currently no High School issues at this time. A football chicken barbecue will be held at Poplar Street on 3/28.

Cheerleading: Registrations to begin on April 1 for online registrations and the first in-person registration date will be on April 6. Melanie got approval for the new registration costs and to allow for only one lumped registration fee instead of multiple charges for different items. There will also now be a Pre-Pixie Squad for 4 year olds. The cost for Pre-Pixies will be \$40 and include a Polo Shirt and Skort. Pixies will now hold just 5 & 6 year olds and the registration for them will be \$60 and also include a Polo Shirt and Skort. Rink, Pee Wee, Pony and Midget Squads (ABCD) will be \$95 and include Sneakers, Crop Top, Bloomers, Hair Bows, Socks and Uniform Rental. Melanie will also put together a stunt group to perform at the Mill Road Basketball game that will take place on Tues., 3/17 at the High School. This year the girls will need to be evaluated if they are interested in the Competition Squad. Everyone will cheer for Football games. The surveys are back with the exception of A Squad's and the results were positive. The category receiving the lowest score was Communication and that will be addressed this season.

Baseball: At this point of registrations, compared to previous years, registrations are down about 8 kids with 2 weeks to go. The Majors division added 2 teams for a total of 7 teams while the Minors division dropped 2 teams for a total of 8 teams. Try-outs will be held on Saturday 3/14 at East High with the draft being held on Saturday night. Field Maintenance will be on Friday, 3/13 and again on Saturday 3/14. Field maintenance projects include edging the fields, laying new dimatex, adding a fence topper, installing a batting cage mat and installing rubber mats under the RH batters boxes on Wenger and Minors fields. Cassell Field gave the OK for the EBC to use its field. Rick has bases and homeplate for the field. EBC night at the Lancaster Barnstormers will be held on 5/16. Opening day is on April 18. First pitch will be Senator Mike Fulmer. The baseball fundraiser will be a sub sale.

Wrestling: No Report

Football: There was a Red Rose League meeting that took place recently and there were a few changes made. Some teams were realigned due to competitive advantages. Section 1 now has 7 teams, Section 2 has 9 and Section 3 has 7 teams. Brian has gotten the approval for the EBC football program to use the Poplar Street fields from August 10 through October 31. Physicals will be on Aug. 9 and Pictures will be on Sept. 14. We have 47 shoulder pads that don't need replaced while the rest should be replaced. Brian had cleaned the shed but still needs to clean out some older equipment and misc. items. It was mentioned that we should consider putting our older pads on EBay or check with other local organizations to see if they would like to buy them for a few dollars and then recondition them themselves. Brian is trying to finalize the registration costs for 2009 and was thinking of \$50 for the first registration with a multiple child discount of \$25. Registration dates are TBD.

Fundraising: See last sentence of the baseball report.

Website/Media Update: February saw a total of 433 visitors and Month-to-date for March is 199. Year-to-date visitor total is 4,933 with the baseball season about to get into full swing we can only expect the numbers to grow rapidly over the next few months. Online registration saw a considerable jump over last years numbers. Overall numbers for 2009 Baseball Registrations are up 164% over 2008 Baseball Registrations. Even in a "down economy" we are still seeing a great support from our families as this baseball season we saw over \$200 in donations during registrations. I would like to say thank you to all those who donated and continue to support the EBC.

Unfinished Business: The screen door for the concessions stand will need to be installed shortly. The hot water was turned on in the concessions stand so cleaning can begin.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned