

WHS Hornets Baseball Booster Meeting

February 19, 2024 – 7:00 pm Williamston High School

Minutes

a) Call to Order –

Scott Benzler started the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Present: Scott Benzler, Kim Johnson, Fred Elizondo, Ryan Orr, Varsity Baseball Coach, Jason Ide, Marion Palmer (arrived at ~7:30)

Absent: Andrea Gulick

b) Minutes –

a. Jan 15 Meeting Minutes were approved

c) Financial Update – Jason

Jason proposed the increase of \$3.50/mo. to move up a tier for Wix subscription. This upgrade will allow for invoicing from the website. The board approved the increase.

Decision made to use team photo with handwritten thank you to be distributed to sponsors and donors. This means we need to wait until the photos are complete to start with the thank you notes.

Tax document (990-N) for 2023 was filed; taxes not filed for 2022., however, we are in process to remedy this and complete 2022 filing without any penalties or fees.

Millionaire party qualification form being submitted for future fundraising opportunities. Currently obtaining requested financial documents that must be included in application.

Balance \$9,363.723 as of 2/12. Refer to the Treasurer Report for detailed debits and accruals as well as other items mentioned in the Financial Update. BSN order for back2back shirts placed and plan is to sell these shirts.

Financial flag raised: concern regarding missing fundraising goal. Requires strong push to increase sponsorships and run successful Vertical Raise and other planned fundraisers.

To date, \$3,700 in sponsorships with 8 new sponsors + 4 renewals

2024 budget shared and review of forecasted items discussed:

Continue to publish media guides and also need to make them available online

Novetsky training will not be considered for 2024 season, \$700 savings

Need 14 dozen baseballs for the season @ \$80/doz so approx. \$1,120 total

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Plan on \$6,500 for coaching budget (M. Crain will assist JV; A Schellie with assist Varsity)

Player fee will be \$100 for Varsity (hat, banner, bp shirt, game jersey); \$65 for JV/Freshman. We will use StudioFit for shirts. We will sue Merritt for the banners.

Ryan would like 18 helmets in total. We have 6 already and would like 12 more, currently they are on the Wish List.

Youth camp will be held Apr 27 for 5-8th grades. The plan is to provide 2 hr. for instruction, play game, provide camp t-shirt and grill hot dogs. The fee will be \$50/child and we will create a camp shirt using last year's logo with one color. Board presented summary of topics including Fall ball summary, Early dismissal for home league games, meeting with Athletic Director, Spring Break, and Financial Update

For remaining fundraisers, the follow chairpersons are noted:

Vertical Raise – Ryan Will start 3/19 and 21 days

Christian's Gift cards – Kim Timing around Mother's Day

Raffle for cooler/gift card – Fred Timing in mid-April

Consider running 50/50 raffles at home games; as long as total collected in less than \$100, no license is required

d) Coach Orr Report-

Team meeting to be held Mar 10, which is official kickoff of season

Tryouts will take place Monday 3/11 through Thursday 3/ 14. Plan is to have a Varsity, JV, and Freshman team.

e) New Business

Can drive on track to be held Feb 21 for bottle collection and return bottled Feb 24

Raffle license to be submitted to the State of Michigan for the cooler raffle

Batting cage project needs to be discussed on greater detail and formal quotes needed

We will consider purchase of concessions from winter sports teams for the Baseball concession stand, items to be purchased at cost

f) Close Meeting –

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Meeting ends approx. 9 pm.

Action Items

<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>
1. Fill in fundraiser list/committees	ALL	Oct 16
2. Quote for roof over cage	J. Ide/F. Elizondo	Nov 13
3. Submit choc milk grant	M. Palmer	Jan 31
4. Finalize 2024 budget	ALL	Feb 19
5. Provide quotes for the cage roof	F. Elizondo	Jan 30
6. Sponsorships due (JPEG, \$, etc.)	ALL	Mar 10
7. Access concession requirements	J. Ide	Mar 18
8. Talk with J. Lavengood re: concessions	J. Ide	Mar 18
9. File Raffle license application	M. Palmer	ASAP
10. File Millionaire party form	M. Palmer	ASAP
11. Obtain quote from MPC for cage roof	M. Palmer	ASAP
12. Submit application for Dick's grant	M. Palmer	Mar 18