

WHS Hornets Baseball Booster Meeting
November 13, 2023 – 7:00 pm Brookshire

Minutes

a) Call to Order –

Scott Benzler started the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Present: Scott Benzler, Marion Palmer, Kim Johnson, Jason Ide, Fred Elizondo,
Ryan Orr, Varsity Baseball Coach, Paige Paulsen, AD

Absent: Andrea Gulick

b) Minutes –

a. Oct 16 Meeting Minutes were approved

c) Financial Update –

Balance as of 11/7 is \$7,549.35.

Fall ball coaches paid and thank you letters distributed.

Mobile payment device will be purchased in 2024. One-time cost of \$29.00 expected.

2023 fundraising total was \$14,700.95

2024 fundraising goal is \$10,000

Board agreed to do the following fundraisers for the upcoming season:

Christian's gift certificates

Vertical Raise

Superbowl football squares

Euchre night

Raffle giveaway

Grants such as Dicks Sporting Goods, Dow Chemical, etc. will require a planning meeting to discuss further.

d) Coach Orr Report-

Matt Crain will join JV staff during the upcoming season

D. Harbert has agreed to provide sponsorship for the upcoming season

Swag request for BP shirts: \$25/ea. for 50 players total \$1,250

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Request to purchase new bat bags for Varsity, \$60/ea. for approx. total of \$1,000. Current bags will be passed down to JV team. Need to get bag tags from Andrea.

Athletes will receive new hats for the 2024 season. We will need to order additional S/M hats.

e) Visit with Paige Paulsen-

Paige informed the board members that he typically likes to work through the head coach for communications.

We shared our goals and discussed the current program setup. No detail was available regarding how the player fees are used other than sharing that funds are placed in “general fund”.

Budget set by school is based on historical precedence and not based on current needs. Funds are not expected to increase from school for the upcoming season.

The school does get rebates from vendors and funds are available to use on various programs. Question was asked if there was a benefit to “bundle” purchases with vendors to get a better discount.

Title IX relates to having equal “facilities” available for comparable sports teams.

Discussion held on how to proceed with needed investment for outdoor covered batting cage. Next bond will include some items to address issues between baseball and softball facilities, but no details were shared. We agreed that we would like Paige to come to a future meeting when more details are made available.

We shared Class of 2024 feedback, and we were only able to secure early release from school for home conference games. Any further requests require a business case to be presented to the principal.

Indoor practice time is a concern as we are competing with other sports. We need to consider using the hallways and possible other buildings.

Main goal for next season is to secure the fundraising to the 80x20 steel cover for the outdoor batting cage.

f) New Business -

g) Close Meeting –

Benzler closed the meeting at 9 pm.

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Action Items

<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>
1. Review if existing document storage adequate	ALL	Oct 31
2. Send info and due dates for grants	J. Ide	Oct 16
3. Create alumni list	K. Johnson	Oct 31
4. Look at adding widgets to website	J. Ide/M. Palmer	Nov 25
5. Fill in fundraiser list/committees	ALL	Oct 16
6. Check Gmail account, e.g., choc milk grant	S. Benzler	Ongoing
7. Update website	M. Palmer	Nov 15
8. Send note re: chocolate milk grant	M. Palmer	Nov 28
9. Resend 2023/2024 budget	J. Ide	Nov 3
10. Create membership mtg agenda	ALL	Nov 13
11. Create fundraising goals, levels, flyer	ALL	Nov 13
12. Set up BSN shop for baseball swag	R. Orr	Nov 20
13. Quote for roof over cage	J. Ide/F. Elizondo	Nov 13
14. Review bylaws for board members	S. Benzler	Dec 11
15. Review Andrea's tasks	K. Johnson	Dec 11