

**Spring-Ford Athletic Booster Club
Secretary's Report
October 3, 2011**

President's Welcome: Jim Sellman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Sellman:

- Field hockey is almost out of its negative balance.
- Approved with no changes.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Irrera

- Approved with no changes.

Athletic Director Report – Mickey McDaniels

- Mickey was not present this week.
- Jim reported that Mickey confirmed via phone that our teams are not permitted to solicit donations at professional sporting events. It is a liability issue, and will not be approved as a fundraiser. We discussed other fundraising activities and emphasized that if a team is going to do a fundraising activity, it must first be approved.
- Also regarding fundraising activities; if parents incur out of pocket expenses, and subsequent fundraising activities occur, individual parents or students will not be reimbursed. Any monies left in team accounts at year end cannot be returned to individuals, by law. There is a particular issue/concern with fall and winter cheerleading. Jim indicated that the coach is not able to request to combine the Winter and Fall Cheerleading accounts. They are two separate teams. For additional flexibility with funding, the teams would have to combine into one team.

Individual Sports (AD and Team Parent Reports):

- Cross Country: Boys are 4 – 2. The girls are 2 – 3. Nice showing at PV. At an Invitational last week, one of our athletes placed 11th out of a field of several hundred.
- Cheerleaders:
 - Did a fundraiser at Limerick Community Days and raised \$225 profit.
 - They also did their Project Outreach food collection at the football game and collected 400 cans of food. The next collection will be at the game on 11/2, as well as at the Taste of Spring-Ford.
 - The cheer clinic is now scheduled for October 29.
- Field Hockey: Starting 2nd half of the PAC-10. They have a winning record and 2 games this week.
- Football:
 - Huge game this past Friday, beating Pottsgrove, whom S-F hasn't beaten since 1999.
 - Record is 3 – 0 in the PAC 10 and 4 – 1 overall.
 - Reminder that Taste of Spring-Ford is November 3. All coaches have been invited to have their teams participate (but will still require a fundraising form and approval).
- Golf: Madison Gilmartin won the section title.
- Boys Soccer: Team has been winning lately.
- Girls Soccer: no report
- Tennis: No report
- Volleyball: The team is now 5 – 3 in the Ches-Mont league. Big matches coming up against Bishop Shanahan. Also looking forward to the upcoming home game vs. PJP (Friday, 10/14).

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Finance: Needs a chair
- 50/50: nothing to report
- Fundraisers:

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- We discussed the best way to disseminate information on fundraising activities. We mentioned Fusion as a possibility. We are trying to put information in as many places as we can to try to reach as many people as possible. Jim will make sure fundraising information gets to all of our various outlets (Fusion, RamTV, Booster Club website). Skyward is moving toward being used just for grades and not so much for announcements. Flyers must also be approved prior to posting them.
- Girls Softball: Applebees: 11/5 and 12/3. All you can eat for \$7.
- Vera Bradley Bingo: 10/16
- Sports teams may use the Booster Club license if they would like to hold a bingo. Coordinate this through one of the Booster Club board members.
- Membership: Jim: There are currently 71 members of the Booster Club. We spoke at some length about the poor response we have received so far to the invitation to coaches to earn back 30%. There are 397 student athletes participating in fall sports, and only 15% of those families are Booster Club members. Parents who attended the meeting this week were encouraged to speak to the other parents on their teams about joining the Booster Club.
- Scholarship Committee: Paula agreed to continue chairing.
- Spirit Wear: Total sold was \$1,144.50 this past weekend through sales at the football game, Limerick Community Days, and the band competition. We are also continuing to receive jacket orders.

New Business:

- George recommended that we look into Sunnybrook as a possibility for the senior banquet.
- There has been a request to move the meeting to 7:30, since it is difficult to make a 7:00 meeting while events are going on. We will try it next month (November 7) to see if attendance goes up. If it doesn't work, we will change back to our traditional 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.