

**Spring-Ford Athletic Booster Club
Secretary's Report
September 12, 2011**

President's Welcome: Jim Sellman called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Jim then introduced the board members of the Booster Club.

Treasurer's Report – Shelley Kratz:

- The period covered by the report is for the new fiscal year: 7/1 – 8/31.
- There was one question: Is a donation to the Booster Club is made without specifying a team, what account does it go into? It would go to the general account. Shelly listed some of the uses of monies in the general fund. The report was approved with no changes.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Irrera

- Approved with no changes.

Athletic Director Report – Mickey McDaniels

- The Homecoming game will be against Owen J. Roberts at 2:00 p.m. 10/22. More information to come.
- We have not signed a contract anywhere for the senior banquet. We can probably not go back to the Radisson because of size. (approx. 167 senior athletes at this point). One of our options may be the school cafeteria. Mickey stated that if we had it at the high school, we would bring in real tables and other amenities to make it seem less like the school cafeteria. Stay tuned for more information on this.
- Schedule Star: Parents see it as "High School Sports" on the Internet. Spring-Ford, along with the entire country, is having issues with this application. We are migrating to League Minder, but it will take awhile to move all information over. The information on Schedule Star today is neither thorough nor accurate in many cases. In addition to greater accuracy, League Minder will also provide us with the ability to pay the Student Activity Fee online.
- Concerning the Fee, there was a delay in the approval paperwork. The deadline was moved to 9/16. Mickey reiterated how the fee works: the fee should be paid only when a student is selected for a team. Normally, there is a 3-week time period from the first day of try-outs until the fee is due. This \$100 fee goes into the Spring-Ford General Fund. The fee is a one-time fee. If the student plays multiple sports, they only have to pay one fee per academic year.
 - If a student is on the reduced-lunch program, please let Mickey know. That will qualify them as "hardship" in terms of the activity fee.
 - If a student cannot afford the fee, and someone wants to donate money to help that athlete, the donation must be made to the Spring-Ford Athletic Booster Club and specified to the specific Sport. A donation may NOT be made in the name of a student, or that student immediately becomes ineligible to play.

Individual Sports (AD and Team Parent Reports):

- Cross Country: Novice Girls won a weekend tournament.
- Cheerleaders: there is a movement underfoot to classify it as a winter sport. Spring-Ford has traditionally listed it for Fall. More information to come.
- Field Hockey: Team is 4 wins, no losses right now. The team has 3 girls on the <17 national team. Team will be selling 50/50 at the football games this season.
- Football: A major schedule change may be coming. There is a vote this week. (Mickey). The S-F team is 1 win, 1 loss so far. The team will be attending an ice cream eating contest in October. This year's Taste of Spring-Ford is 11/3.
- Cheerleaders: have done a lot of fundraising. Pancake breakfast at Applebees this weekend. JV is selling programs at all of the football games this year. The team would like to get a loan from the Winter fund to help supplement some of the activities of the Fall team. In October, the team is planning a cheerleading clinic for younger girls in the community – this is expected to be a nice fundraiser. Recognition: 2 girls from the team were featured on this past Friday's Channel 6 sportscast. Finally, at this Friday's football game, the girls are doing a food collection for Project Outreach.
- Golf: no report

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- Boys Soccer: no report
- Girls Soccer: no report
- Tennis: Team is 4 wins, 1 loss.
- Volleyball: Team has a new coach and is learning the new system. First week's matches included a match at PJP, who was ranked #1 in the state. This is turning into a nice rivalry.

Taste of Spring-Ford – Jim Sellman:

- This year's event is on November 3. If any team is interested in having a table at this event, please contact Mr. Brubaker. It is open to any sports team who is interested in participating.

Old Business:

- All 3 championship banquets went very well. Some of the JV members of the Track team have not picked up their plaques, so if anyone knows of any athletes who didn't receive a plaque, let them know that they are in the AD's' office.
- Mickey went on to say that there are a number of awards in addition to the plaques that are still in his office. Spring sports are the toughest because of the timing of when the sports finish.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Air Band: Booster Club will no longer sponsor this. SNAP may pick it up.
- Finance: please let us know if you're interested after reading the by-laws; it is addressed there
- 50/50: being handled this year by Field Hockey team at all home football games
- Fundraisers:
 - Girls Soccer: Sly Fox dinner
 - Girls Soccer: Selling Yankee candles & Joe Corbi's
 - 9th Grade Football team: selling players' edge cards. Can be picked up at the 9th grade center.
 - Cheerleaders: Applebee's this weekend
 - Boys Soccer: Beef & beverage at the VFW
- Membership: Shelley & Cindy: We have 50 members so far this year. We are considering offering to the coaches that if they get 90% or greater participation in Booster Club, the club will return a percentage to the team. A motion was made to accept this idea, and it was seconded. This will apply to 10th – 12th grade teams only.
 - We then discussed the issues associated with getting people to join the Booster Club. The coaches need to help us communicate the benefits of the club. We will send out a note with a membership form to the coaches to have them distribute the Booster Club information.
- Scholarship Committee: Paula handles. This will be a springtime event.
- Spirit Wear: We are still selling jackets. They can be seen and tried on at the shed during football games.
- Summit Awards: These have not yet been revived.

New By-Laws: Because of the tax/non-profit status, we need to get this done asap. This is why we are not reading the new by-laws at 3 consecutive meetings.

- Small changes to document: 7.02M should says "Net" revenues, and there is just one vice president
- Motion to pass new bylaws was made and seconded

Team Clubs: There is just one so far, the Touchdown Club. All subsequently-formed clubs will use the same by-laws and structure as the Touchdown Club does. Any team has the right to form a sport-specific club.

Open Houses and Community Days:

We are looking for help on 9/24 for Limerick Community Days from 9 – 1 at the Manderach Playground. Volunteers would be selling spirit wear, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.