

**Football Backers Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: January 13, 2009**  
**Call to order: 7:00 p.m.**

Board members present: Lisa Nelson, Paul Schmiegel, Logan Kittle, Madeline Brattesani

Members-at-large present: Carol Williams, Courtney Williams

Others present: Colleen Martin, Debi Flory & John Flory, Patricia Price, Shanna Bianchi, Annette (Bianchi?), Dave Cross, Jonathon Brunson, Enrico Poort, Coach Dan Gazzaniga, Jeff Richmond, Al Inouye, Laura Andrews

Action items:

I. **Motion:** Accept minutes as submitted.

**Made by:** Paul Schmiegel

**Seconded by:** Lisa Nelson

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

II. **Motion:** Approve slate for 2009 board members (attached).

**Made by:** Logan Kittle

**Seconded by:** Paul Schmiegel

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

III. **Motion:** Approve treasurer's report for 2008 as submitted.

**Made by:** Dave Cross

**Seconded by:** Colleen Martin

**Discussion:** Susan Price completed an audit of the 2008 books with 3 exceptions. She found a \$16.10 discrepancy, but signed off that the books are in good order.

The treasurer reviewed her reports briefly and pointed out that there may still be outstanding invoices from the District for transportation, but she is waiting for the audit of monies managed by the District (2008 Liftathon, Thursday/Friday concession stand receipts, etc.). The board supports any effort to obtain this information from the District, Jonathon Brunson will submit a request for financial information and attempt to work with the District to get as much information as possible. Coach Gazzaniga is also working from his side, but with no results so far.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

IV. **Motion:** Place additional funds in coach's discretionary fund not to exceed (NTE) \$1,000 for purchase of a neck machine.

**Made by:** Colleen Martin

**Seconded by:** Dave Cross

**Discussion:** This motion came out of Coach Gazzaniga's discussion of budget for next year. The neck machine will help protect players from injury on the field by strengthening the supporting muscles in the neck.

His prioritized wish list also includes video management equipment to assist coaches with game and play analysis at a cost of \$6,000-8,000. The board would like to provide the money, but will need to do additional fundraising. Also the school administration athletic department has offered to help fund or purchase this item. The board decided to postpone action at this time to give the athletic department a chance to act.

Coach Gazzaniga would also like to offer some sort of financial assistance to players so they can attend Sierra Camp.

Coach Gazzaniga mentioned that post-workout nutrition is crucial for maintaining athletic progress so he has been providing bananas and chocolate milk for players after strength training in the morning.

**Motion to append with:** ... and funds NTE \$1,000 for purchase of food items to feed JV/V players after morning strength training two days a week.

**Made by:** Madeline Brattesani

**Approved by:** Colleen Martin & Dave Cross

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

- V. **Motion:** Hold crab feed fundraising event on March 7, 2009, at Veteran's Memorial Hall and establish a committee headed by Carol Williams to implement the event.

**Made by:** Jonathon Brunson

**Seconded by:** Carol Williams

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

**Discussion:** Carol is ready to go into action on the crab feed and there is support in place as well. Shanna Bianchi pointed out that this event is greatly appreciated and enjoyed in the community. Others stated it's a lot of work, but also a lot of fun and a good source of revenue.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Other agenda items:

Discussed new meeting space for future meetings.

Coach's Important Dates

April 15: Spring registration

September 25: Homecoming (v. Will C. Wood)

June 6: Liftathon

General calendar comments:

There will be 5 home and 5 away games

Coach is considering separate registration nights for Frosh and JV/V

Fundraising ideas:

Letter writing campaign (Dan Gazzaniga)

Some sort of presence at the Amgen Tour of California next month (Lisa Nelson)

Sponsors for Devil Wear items (Debi Flory)

Televised game sponsorship (Debi Flory)