

Football Backers Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 10, 2009
Call to order: 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Lisa Nelson, Colleen Martin, Carol Williams, Trish Price, Rich Jenness

Members-at-large present: Deby Flory, Jonathon Brunson, Madeline Brattesani, David Cross, Shanna Bianchi

Others present: Dan Gazzaniga, Enrico Poort, Laura Andrews, Annette Smyth

Action items:

- I. **Motion:** Motion to accept minutes as submitted and board contact information as corrected by Lisa Nelson.

Made by: Madeline Brattesani

Seconded by: Jonathon Brunson

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

- II. **Motion:** Motion to approve the 2009 budget with a transfer of \$500 from the Varsity Banquet to End of Year Coach's Gifts and establish a quarterly review of the budget.

Made by: Madeline Brattesani

Seconded by: David Cross

Discussion: A number of fundraisers are planned & the all need coordinators, so we need to remember to recruit at registration for these positions (pizza night, bingo night, Blue & White Scrimmage bbq, banquet coordinators); other notes: Debi Flory is always open to getting bids for Devil wear, she's also working on getting the program printing donated; the Jr. Blue Devils plan to purchase a youth size tackling sled & dummies which they will share with the Frosh team; the Varsity will order a tackling dummy to share with JV; cheer and football spirit really want a breakaway banner, so there's extra for them because they did such a great job on homecoming last year; there's talk about not having the summer bbq and providing snacks for 2-a-days instead; we need to re-think the varsity pasta feeds because Coach would like to have them at the high school (so would parents) although the players like having separate pasta feeds; we should also re-think the varsity banquet because it's just too expensive for the Backers and for some families as well, we'll talk more throughout the off-season but need to make a decision before the season starts, we should move \$500 from the varsity banquet to end of year coach's gifts now; Deby will get bids on yard signs, although that may go away.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Other agenda items:

Coach's report (3)

- The principal and athletic director have approved homecoming in week 3 of the season against Will C. Wood. Brett Stone needs to give final approval for the date.
- A scrimmage against Granite Bay has been added to the schedule for September 3 at Granite Bay. JV and Frosh teams will play opposite ends of the field at 5:00 pm, Varsity will play at 6:30 pm.
- Registration night dates have been set:
 - April 20 for Frosh to include introduction of coaches and backers, as well as registration activities and volunteer sign-ups
 - April 22 for JV and Varsity to include registration and volunteer sign-upsThese nights will probably be registration for Champions and Sierra Camp only with participation fees to be paid later in summer.
- Fundraising
 - Lift-a-thon
 - To be moved up to late April for Varsity, JV to go in June because of the limitations of the weight room & scheduling for students at the junior high schools
 - Players will collect donations at the time of the pledges rather than having to chase people down after the lift; coach will instruct the players in how to do this
 - 5-6 volunteers will be needed the days of the lifts to count the money
 - Letter campaign will be around the same time as the lift-a-thon; each player will have a minimum fundraising goal and there will be prizes for exceeding the goal
- Staffing
 - Adam Perez has accepted the Frosh head coach position and already has some assistants lined up; Ty Brown has accepted the JV head coach position
- Sport Physicals
 - The coaches would like to have a physical day in the gym where all the players can get their paperwork done correctly; Lisa will contact Sutter West to see if they can do something at the high school; Backers will help with volunteers to work on paperwork; the physical day should be open to all sports
- Winter strength & conditioning (Varsity)
 - The program is going well, the first max lifts were February 9 and 10; coach plans to videotape Thursday and Friday just for the record
- Junior Blue Devils
 - There will be a "Top Gun" Skills Camp in May for 5th-8th graders (Colleen Martin mentioned there might be a recruiting issue with the 8th graders, but Jonathon Brunson says "camps" are okay; coach will confirm).
- Champions Program for the summer
 - The draft of the flyer was distributed, dates and times to be finalized for registration; Rich Jenness suggests that some indication of the staffing should be included on the flyer
- Schedule for next season
 - No changes yet from the schedule distributed last month (other than the Granite Bay scrimmage mentioned earlier), so Lisa will send that schedule to Rico to post on the Backer website

Crab Feed (4)

- Auction/Raffle Item Donations – about 30 auction items have come in from businesses and 6-8 auction items have been received from private sources
 - New ideas: “Hire a Devil” – get a few varsity players to donate chores or a child’s birthday party
- Corporate Sponsorship – there are 5 corporate sponsors as of tonight
- Ticket sales – Honda has sold none; Davis Sport Shop has sold a few, but last year they went during the last week; Colleen Martin collected some from Honda and will take them over to the Muni Golf Club; monies should go directly to Rich Jenness, ticket requests should go to Colleen; Madeline will contact sponsors if anyone has leads; there is no will-call for tickets
- Catering – in place
- Entertainment – confirmed, Hardwater representatives have been in contact with Carol
- Liquor license – David Cross has done the paperwork, the license will be mailed to him and he will try to get a donation from Phillips when he gets it; David would like to be sure the bartenders are strict about carding; the Andrews will run the bar & take care of any ordering needs; Trish will contact UC Davis about a donation of the university label wine & beer
- Dumpster rental – David Cross has the rental rate info and a reservation, but Carol spoke to them and they’ll donate the dumpster if they get a donation letter so she will take care of it
- Publicity – Colleen will contact the Enterprise about publicity and Al Inouye about getting word out to the Jr. Blue Devils and Cable Channel 17 about running a free ad; the PTA listservs have been contacted and they’ll either run the announcement or not
- Decorations – a subcommittee has been established and they’re working on it
- Volunteers
 - Set up
 - Cashiers – Annette and Shanna, Lisa has ordered the credit card machine
 - Varsity players will serve
 - Clean up
- A crab feed committee meeting will be held Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 pm at Carol Williams’ home

Treasurer’s Report (5)

- Rich Jenness provided the current month’s report – no discussion