

Football Backers Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 13, 2009

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Dan Gazzaniga, Al Inouye, Laura Andrews, Steve & Suzette DuBay, Logan Kittle, Marci Bernard, Carol N.

Action items:

- I. **Motion:** To approve minutes with changes noted by Debi Flory in regards to t-shirt design and changes from Lisa Nelson.

Made by: Jonathon Brunson

Seconded by: Carol Williams

Vote: Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

Other agenda items:

Coach's Report (3) – Dan Gazzaniga

Equipment update: 9 helmets were rejected and coaches would like to purchase 5-10 new helmets, which would be within budget; a new tackling sled has been ordered as a joint purchase with the Junior Blue Devil organization

Game schedule update: the schedule as sent to varsity players in January isn't final yet, game 5 is still being negotiated; an updated schedule will be sent to Colleen who will send it out to the listservs

Other calendar items: Skills Camp for 5th-8th grade players will be held May 9-10, coaches would like us to get the word out; Registration Night is April 20 for incoming freshmen and April 23 for JV and Varsity players (more information later in the agenda)

Lift-a-thon: David Cross is the coordinator from the Backers. The date is May 18th for varsity players, probably a separate date for JV and Frosh players. Dan wants to do things a little differently this year. Each player will be required to raise \$150, but there will be prizes for fundraising over and above the minimum. He's prepared a letter to parents explaining the lift-a-thon and how the fundraising will work (some changes were suggested for the letter, which Dan will see to). Dan will also have an orientation meeting with the players to explain about the fundraiser and fundraising in general. A donation mailer will be provided to help players with out of town donors. Monies will be collected up-front, so donations won't be tied to the amount the student lifts. Checks are preferred.

Junior Blue Devil partnership (4) – Al Inouye

Skills Camp: the Jr. Blue Devils are promoting the skills camp to their players and is committed to doing the same with the Champions program for eligible players this summer

Coaches clinic: DHS coaches will hold a coaching clinic for the Jr. Blue Devil coaches

Blue Devil Summer Camp: DHS coaches & players will hold a summer camp July 27-30 for younger players & Jr. Blue Devil players will be attending

In-season activities: the Juniors really enjoyed the activities last season (locker room access, field access, etc.); Jr. parents would like the DHS team to maybe hold a Youth Football Night to celebrate the Juniors on their own night (so as not to clash with homecoming); Lisa, Dan & Al will pick a game & let us know

Registration Night Activities (for backers) (4a-b) – Colleen

Sign-ups for listservs – we need to each encourage people to leave their e-mail information to get on the listserv

Posters & handouts – Colleen is preparing them and will have everything available (mostly volunteer information & sign-up forms)

Lisa will talk about backers, key dates, and how to get information: website, listserv, volunteering (there was a brief tangent about a buy-out option for those who do not wish to volunteer, but it was tabled for later, or never)

Backer brochure – Madeline will have the tri-fold brochure ready for distribution

Fundraising (4c-e) – Carol & Carol

Nugget scrip cards – this program actually goes to the ASB Football account, not the backers, but we'll have cards available; Carol Williams will check with Safeway about setting up an e-scrip account for the backers

Sports Physical Day – May 30 at Sutter Davis Hospital

Will have flyers available

Lori Williams is coordinating for DHS

A \$20 donation will be suggested, to go to the DHS Athletics Dept., probably for a trainer for all the teams

Mountain Mike's Pizza Night – April 23, right after registration night, so flyers will be available

Devil Wear (f)

Will be available at registration night

Website (5) – Bill Mead

Shanna has obtained the new domain <http://davishighfootball.org> (or www.davishighfootball.org) and server space

The site should go active before the freshman registration night, since it's listed on the handouts

Bill needs to know who needs access & training: Madeline, Colleen, Carol Williams, Lisa, Trish; we'll arrange training off-line, but in the meantime, send Bill content to get it up for next week; Lisa will work on getting a re-direct at the current dcn site

Other updates needed

DHS PTA – Madeline will arrange update

Davis Wiki currently points to Blue & White Foundation, Bill can change this

Devil Wear site is inactive, Debi will get it back up and Bill will add link on new site

Treasurer's Report (6) – Rich Jenness

The crab feed netted about \$12,000

Hanlees event made \$188 (\$173 from BBQ, \$15 from Advantage card sales)

A new account has been set up for Cheer with their \$300 from the backers' budget; two Cheer parents & two football parents are signers on this account; Barbara Barlow will be the treasurer for the Cheer account, and all account activity will be overseen by Rich Jenness.

Fundraising (7) – Carol Williams

Advantage cards – Shanna is working on getting new sponsors

Shanna will work on organizing a monthly pizza night at various pizza locations around town

The hall needs to be reserved now for next year's crab feed. Carol will make those arrangements for a date in early March, but we need to start planning & acting in January.

Cheer Committee (8) – Marci Bernard

Jeff Richmond is currently drafting changes to the by-laws (including allowing non-football parents to be on the backer board) required to incorporate cheer, we'll have more discussion when a draft is ready; some issues that were raised immediately were: impacts on the treasurer position with two separate accounting paths (including audits, tax filings)

Other items:

Logan Kittle, representing the Blue & White Foundation & the Backers, gave an update on the Stadium Project. The School Board has voted to go ahead with their portion of the funding from facilities funds, Blue & White has commitments for their portion of the funding of Phase I. Construction on

Phase I is to begin in June, but there's some question as to Phase II timing and whether the stadium will actually be usable for fall athletics & physical education. Because of its involvement in this project, Blue & White has also asked the Board and District staff to help achieve transparency in the accounting system with the District office, particularly for the concession operations. It was noted that, if the concession stand is not available next year, we'll need to come up with transportation funding from somewhere.