

# **NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS**

## ***Minutes from Meeting on September 16, 2009***

Boosters President Mark Cavano opened the meeting and thanked Mike Smith and Chris Mazzeo for their hard work on the concession stand over the summer. The concession stand was updated, and hot water was added to the restrooms.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Cindy DeBenedictis read the treasurer's report. During July and August, income was still coming in from the golf tournament and Boosters dues were beginning to come in. Expenses paid over the summer include \$4,500 paid for banners that are now up in the gym.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, seconded, and approved.

### ***Back to School Barbeque Recap***

The Boosters felt the BBQ was very successful. We were able to go and talk to the fall sports teams, assign their fundraisers, and identify a parent coordinator for each team. Also, many came forward to sign up for the fall fundraisers. Boys and girls soccer will run a clipper fun night, cross country and field hockey will run a car wash/bake sale, and the football team and cheerleaders will be available to help with homecoming.

Mark thanked Mike Smith for overseeing and coordinating all of the food for the BBQ. Mike reported that it cost \$1,200 this year to run the event. Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped set up, clean up, and man the sign up tables.

Athletic Director Scott Paine suggested moving the start time to 5:30 or 6:00 for next year so all the teams will have a chance to arrive at the BBQ on time. Scott received phone calls from several area athletic directors interested in running a similar event at their high schools. He commented that the event is unique to Norwell, and a great way to get everyone together and kick off the season.

### ***2009/2010 Fundraising Calendar***

The fundraising goal this year is \$85,000. This will allow us to meet our \$75,000 contribution, and offset approximately \$10,000 in annual expenses. This year we added 2 new fundraisers: the tennis tournament and the Boosters "Dine Around." The goal of these events is to expand involvement in the community, as well as offer fun, social events for the NHS parents. We also eliminated one fundraiser: the \$10,000 raffle.

There are opportunities in several locations around the school to sell sign sponsorships. If you would be interested in helping out in this fundraiser, please contact Mark at [mcavano@comcast.net](mailto:mcavano@comcast.net).

### ***Tennis Tournament***

Despite a rainy Saturday, the tournament was enjoyed by all. A very special thank you to the YMCA for donating indoor courts Friday night, and to Maryann and Roger Vierra

for hosting the BBQ Sunday. The committee of Kathy Weiler, Jeff Gordon, Cindy Barry, and Patty DeMarco worked very hard to make this event come together. Congratulations to winners Marjorie Mannix and Tom O'Toole!

### ***Homecoming***

Thank you to Gail Conley and Linda Daley for agreeing to chair the homecoming committee this year. The event is scheduled for 10/24. The theme this year is "cities," with each class assigned a city to represent on their "wall." Tickets will be \$15 again this year. If you are interested in helping out with this year's homecoming, please contact Gail at [conleyfamily5@comcast.net](mailto:conleyfamily5@comcast.net).

### ***Dine Around***

The Boosters are looking for 10 – 14 people to host a dinner for 8-10 people at their house for this event, scheduled for Sat., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Dinner guests will be charged \$75 for dinner, and everyone will congregate for dessert later in the evening. If you would be available to host a dinner, please contact Deb Cox at [dlccox@comcast.net](mailto:dlccox@comcast.net).

### ***Newsletter***

If you have pictures of your son or daughter's team event, the Boosters newsletter would love to print them! Please forward to Deb Cox at the address above.

### ***Other Opportunities***

If you have an idea for a new fundraiser for the Boosters, we'd love to hear about it! Please contact Mark Cavano at the email address above.

If you have a topic you would like to address at a future meeting, please email Mark, so he can add it to the agenda.

### ***Athletic Director's Report***

Scott Paine let the group know that football coach and NHS teacher Jim Sullivan's prognosis is good as he fights his battle with cancer. He will be in and out of coaching this year as he continues his treatment. John Willis has kindly volunteered to coach in his absence, with support from Matt Lucarelli. Please keep Jim in your thoughts.

Scott is thrilled that the administration and school committee supported the addition of two freshman teams this year: girls soccer and field hockey. Scott feels this has been an incredibly positive addition, providing the girls good competition, keeping them active, and assisting in the transition to high school.

Participation in fall sports is very high this year. The cross country team has doubled its numbers, from 25 to approximately 50 this year. Scott is thrilled to see more than half of the students participating in fall sports!

Norwell youth team players (any sport) and cheerleaders who wear their game shirts to a high school football game will gain free admission this year! We are hoping to attract

larger crowds at the games, and look forward to seeing the middle school students in attendance.

Scott reported that Rockland has been voted into our league. The high school teams in Rockland are strongly supported by their town. The additional revenue in gate receipts will help to offset our increasing transportation costs. Scott is also pursuing the addition of Hanover into the league.

The fall teams are off to a phenomenal start! The football team beat Millis 21-14. Both boys and girls cross country teams won their first meet. Field hockey is having their best season ever, with a tie against powerhouse Harwich. Both boys and girls soccer are 3-0, and neither team has given up a goal!

The concept of selling NHS apparel, either at games, or on line, will be explored. If you'd like to join a small group to look into this idea further, please contact Mark at the email address above.

The next Boosters meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha DeMarco  
Secretary