

# OCHS Blue & Orange Boosters Club Meeting

## Minutes

April 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Gene Kotulka at 7:00 pm

### In attendance:

Roger Almond  
Phyllis Anderson  
Louise Atkins  
Karen Aylor  
Robin Barnes  
Beverly Bayless  
Dana Bayless  
Erik Bennett  
Tammy Bennett  
Lisa Berry

Wendy Boheim  
Joyce Bosworth  
Chrys Dermody  
Martha Donaldson  
Neal Ferguson  
Paula Fincham  
Kevin Gilliam  
Marsha Jacobs  
Gina Jenkins  
Rita Johnson

Andrea Kearns  
Allison Murphy  
Leah Myers  
Shain Rose  
Janice Sidle  
Karyn Spahr  
Alyssa Waller  
Benny Williams  
Jonathan Yowell

### Coaches:

Jay Allen  
Doris Buzzell  
Angela Forth

Rod Hawkins  
John Kayajanian  
Jesse Lohr  
Adam Midock  
David Rabe

Keyode Rogers  
Fine Arts:  
Tom Dixon  
Lauren Visel

Gene spoke about the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 13 and that they had voted for level funding but no discussion about athletic funding. He asked that starting now everyone needs to be at the Board of Supervisors work sessions to show our support for them to financially support the athletics/activities at OCHS & the middle schools. If we don't show up it sends a message that we don't care. At the last Board of Supervisors work session they asked questions regarding sports. As representatives of the teams please let parents know about the Board of Supervisors meetings. Think about what will happen if we have no activities for students. Level funding occurred because the Board of Supervisors listened.

Gene spoke about organizing two booster clubs

- 1) Blue and Orange which would be sports and other activities
- 2) Fine Arts club made up of band/chorus/art/drama

In 2010-2011 there will be no athletic director but the title will change to Activity Director who will have an assistant activity director at OCHS and an assistant at each middle school.

Tickets for games will be: \$5 for high school games (dictated by VHSL) and \$4 for middle school games

High school athletes will have a \$100 per sport fee to participate  
Middle school athletes will have a \$50 per sport fee to participate

Applications will be available for parents to apply for financial hardship  
Some Orange citizens have already asked to sponsor athletes.

Money raised by sport teams will have an 80/20 split – the team will keep 80% raised and 20% will go to the general activities fund. This fund pays for the VHSL fees required by all high schools, to pay for the scholastic insurance that is carried on all athletes, field maintenance (chalk to line fields, fertilizer, etc.) athletic letters and awards, administrative expenses, post season play (transportation, food, hotels), officials, etc. As time goes on and if fundraising is successful this 80/20 may turn into 90/10.

Coaches of each sport were given the amount (10%) that they must have in their account by the deadline set by the Athletic Committee.

Fall sports – June 1

Winter sports – Aug. 1

Spring sports – Nov. 1

If a sport does not have a coach by the deadline then the Board of Directors will decide if that sport will continue or receive an extension.

At this time OCHS needs a gymnastics coach. A question was asked about how were coaching positions going to be advertized? Mr. Cole said he would look into that issue.

The school board approved the activities proposal that was presented to them by Gene.

Board of Directors will have 9 members.

The plan is to elect club officers within the next two weeks.

A question was raised regarding stipends for coaches – Gene stated that the stipends had been reduced from \$500,000 to \$250,000 but the club needs to come up with \$100,000 to \$150,000 to cover in house expenses. Transportation would be an additional \$65,000.

The club needs people to do and people to organize.

For the next two months both reps need to attend the meetings.

A rep mentioned that the newly organized Orange Youth Foundation is planning to donate money to the club but were interested in where the money would go. Answer: Cole and boosters would decide how to use money.

Question: Will all sports be treated fairly? Yes – money for sports will be allocated by the boosters club with the Board of Directors over them. All purchases will be pre-approved.

If donations are made from a private source to a sport then that money will go directly to the team.

Question: Are teams limited on number of fundraisers? Answer: yes and no

Businesses will be contacted by the boosters club, yearbook staff & program sponsors only – fundraisers by clubs will need to be coordinated so that no two sports are doing the same fundraiser at the same time.

Fine Arts teachers and representatives then left with Marc Cole to go over their programs, etc.

*Meeting was turned over to Sara Haney, Assistant Athletic Director*

Sara talked to those remaining regarding the upcoming golf tournament that is the 1<sup>st</sup> major fundraiser for the club. The tournament will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Meadows Golf Course starting at 1:30 pm.

Sara handed out forms for Hole sponsors and forms for registration to play. Each sport was asked to get 3 hole sponsors at \$100 each, they can do more if they can. These are to be sold by coaches and parents not athletes. All money raised from this fundraiser goes into the activities fund.

Meadows Golf Course has given the club a get rate for using the golf course.

Sara also spoke about the raffle tickets that the students will be selling at \$5 each for a set of Ping Golf Clubs. The spring athletes will be given tickets first and then the fall and winter sports will be asked to help sell.

We need to remember that we are all in this together and that includes the middle schools.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 pm OCHS**

**If anyone see's corrections that should be made please let me know. Thank you. Betty Almond**