

## ***Westborough Athletic Boosters Association Minutes - 8/27/18***

### **Call to Order:**

### **Roll Call:**

Rob Nagi, Gene McMahon, Bill Tarzia, Steve Wilichowski, Vanessa Aires, Wendy Kelley, Connie Fleiger, Johanna DiCarlo, Mary McDermott

### **President's Report:**

- Want to try to keep meetings as close to an hour as possible.
- “WABA Jar” - in an effort to encourage the rebranding effort and the use of the term “Boosters” instead of the acronym “WABA”, a fine of \$1 will be assessed for each use of the term WABA.
- Rob Nagi and Wendy Kelley gave overview of the presentation they will give about “reintroducing” Westborough Boosters at the Fall Sports Meeting on 8/30/18 and encouraging people to become Boosters members.
  - Stressing more of a social aspect to Boosters (tailgates, BBQ, Pre-Game socials, etc...)
  - Capitalise on energy and enthusiasm behind new stadium
  - Goal of more member participation and involvement
- Formed By-Law Subcommittee, chaired by Mary McDermott, to finish the work that was started at the beginning of the summer to present a set of bylaws for formal adoption at September or October Meeting. Johanna DiCarlo to get Mary McDermott the most recent “red lined” copy of the bylaws to work from. Goal is to have 3 copies, the original, the red-lined copy, and the proposed new copy.
  - Identified Nancy Marden, Connie Hastings, Connie Fleiger, Johanna DiCarlo as members of committee.
- Formed Fundraising/Event Subcommittee, chaired by Gene McMahon, to identify a series of events and a calendar that will carry us through next year so we can solicit volunteers and raise funds for the organization.
  - Identified Maureen Johnson, Steve Wilichowski, Johanna DiCarlo as members. This list will grow as we add new membership.
- Rob to contact Jack Foley, Principal of Gibbons Middle School, to discuss engaging Gibbons Middle School Parents in Westborough Boosters.
  - Johanna DiCarlo identified the scoreboard at Gibbons Gym needing replacement as a possible project we could try to get parents behind. (ballpark estimate of approx \$5k project) That gym is used by all grades outside of just middle school for camps, games, and other events.

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

- Bill Tarzia reports that he is in the process of preparing to file the tax returns for this fiscal year which will incorporate that activity from Rangers on Track. Westborough Boosters will request an exemption from MA related to the Review financial statement requirement and just file the 990 and MA PC.

- Next year will likely need to have a Reviewed Financial Statement attached given we will be above the funding threshold of \$200k.

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

- Johanna DiCarlo continued to offer her willingness to help and support Westborough Boosters in any way she is able.
- Westborough Boosters was moved up in the Fall Sports presentation and will present earlier in the hopes of capturing the most attention.
- Johanna reminded the group that due to the situation of last year's Westborough Boosters group dissolving, Westborough Boosters has not yet made a donation to Rangers on Track. She suggested that we consider paying for the "W" logo that is on the upper field (\$10K) which was not originally a budgeted item.
- Johanna will be sending out a Connect Five membership email once school starts, she suggested waiting until then as the best course of action.

#### **Other Items:**

- Defined the three Westborough Boosters \Membership Levels.
  - Basic Level - \$25 - newsletters, emails, and one voting member per family.
  - Booster Level - \$50 - newsletters, emails, one voting member per family, one sticker, and one complimentary pass to a Boosters social event (value not to exceed \$25)
  - Gold Level - \$100 - newsletters, emails, two voting members per family, two stickers, and two complimentary passes to a Boosters social event. (value not to exceed \$25 ea.)
- Mary McDermott to reach out to Lisa Whitney Scott regarding a new Westborough Boosters logo. Asking her for two options that will be voted on at next meeting. The goal is to make Car Stickers with our new logo to be given with Booster and Gold memberships.
- Rob reworking the Printable Boosters Membership Form, Mary McDermott adding the Membership Level information to the Westborough Boosters Website.
- Next meetings at WHS Library Conference Room identified as:
  - Monday, September 24th
  - Monday October 22nd
  - Monday November 26th
  - No December Meeting
  - 2019 Dates to be determined

#### **Important Dates:**

- 8/30/18 Fall Sports Meeting
- 9/6/18 First Day of School
- 9/13/18 Gibbons Middle School 7th Grade Open House
- 9/25/18 Gibbons Middle School 8th Grade Open House
- 9/29/19 WHS Homecoming Football Game

