

Lafayette Football Booster Meeting Minutes 1/14/2014

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Rodney Ramey

Opening Statements

- Tasha has stepped down as President
- Rodney will now be the President
- Wesley has decided to step down as Treasurer but would like to be a class rep.
- The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are now open

President's Message

- This program is about the kids
- We are here to support the players and the coaches/staff
- Agendas passed out
- Jennifer Ward introduced as new secretary
- There are no minutes currently available from the December meeting; Angie will bring those next month
- The treasurer's report will be available at the next meeting
- An interim Vice President and Treasurer need to be appointed until the next meeting
- Mike read from the by laws Article 5, Section G) *"In case of resignation or the vacating of any office for any reason, the President shall nominate someone to fill the office and an election will be held at the next regularly scheduled or specially called meeting of the Booster Club following the announcement of the office being vacant at a regular Booster Club meeting. In case of vacancy of the office of President, the President-Elect shall immediately fill that office."*
- This officially makes Rodney Ramey the new Booster Club president.
- The floor was opened for volunteers to fill the positions on an interim basis
- Mike will step in as the interim Vice President
- Wesley agrees to stay on as the interim Treasurer until next month's meeting
- An email will go out in regards to open positions

Board Business

- If no one is interested in being the Treasurer, the books can be outsourced
- Charlotte will find quotes before the next meeting
- Class representatives will be elected; one per class
- These reps will be acting members of the Booster Board
- An email will go out to solicit nominations for rep positions
- Lashonda Crouch agrees to be the Senior Class Rep
- Angie Alstatt agrees to be Junior Class Rep
- Wesley Wood agrees to be Sophomore Class Rep
- Angie Marcum agrees to be Freshman Class Rep

Coach's Business

- Introduction of new Speed Coach
- Sharrieffa Barksdale will be replacing a traditional assistant coach
- She will work with the players through the dead period
- She is prepping the boys for camp
- Member of the 1984 Olympic team; 3 time Olympic Coach and Trainer; Nike Rep.
- Coach Barksdale handed out copies of her bio
- She spoke about the work she is already doing with the boys
- The players will learn proper running technique and will be faster
- Coach Shaw is excited about how much Coach Barksdale will add to the program
- Other coaches are being interviewed and have been interviewed recently
- Coach Ashley has left the program to take the head coaching position at Lexington Christian
- Angie Alstatt and Wesley Wood said their boys were already with Coach Barksdale and have seen marked improvement
- Coach Shaw showed pictures of the new away uniforms; they will be white with red numbers, outlined in navy
- New helmets are being ordered; they will be glossy white
- Gray uniforms cycle out next year
- Next year we will be going back to the red and white

- 22 players showed up for 6am conditioning yesterday and another 20 something were there for the after school session
- Players that lift in the morning will go outside in the afternoon
- Each player is required to lift 3 times a week
- No one will be penalized for missing AM sessions
- 15 incoming freshman started conditioning with Coach Lawson today
- If Coach feels it is needed a Friday session may be added
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays during the PM session players will work with Coach Barksdale
- Meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Coach has already reserved the library
- During the season we will meet twice a month; once we know when the 2nd meeting will be, Coach will reserve the library
- Coach mentioned Tasha and that we are sending prayers
- Valerie Morrison asked about Grays
 - Coach answered that uniforms are cycled out every two years
- The boys will each be getting spirit packs and the goal is for each kid to not have to pay for them
- Each spirit pack will consist of:
 - A short sleeve tight fit
 - A long sleeve tight fit
 - 1 red pair of socks
 - 1 white pair of socks
 - Shorts
 - T-shirt
- There will be a cleat and glove order day in the spring
- All cleats must be ADIDAS

Fundraising

- Hoping to get Bingo back
- The kids will each be assigned shifts and will work the shift, find a replacement or pay a fee for not covering their shift
- There will be a rewards program for the players who regularly work
- Players will be responsible for fundraising
 - Each player will need to bring the addresses for 5 family members to send out donation letters
- Coaches are responsible for raising \$2000 each
- Hoping the players can raise at least \$200 a piece
- Question from the floor was, “Will we receive notification when a donation comes in?”
 - Answer is yes, the player’s name and number should be included with each donation to keep record of what is sent in
- Coach handed out his account information
 - Account is currently in the negative
 - Fundraising needs to be strong to cover all the team’s needs
- Question from the floor, “Will there be an option to opt out of the fundraising and just write a check?”
 - The answer is yes, however Coach wants the boys to take ownership of the team
- Kids will not be penalized if they can not come up with the money
- Players will be sending out thank you notes
- Coach will be emailing a copy of the donation letter
- Question from the floor is “What is the deadline for donations?”
 - No set deadline, just as soon as possible
- Uniforms are being ordered next week
- Any fundraising ideas the Boosters come up with, the kids will do

Misc.

- Question from the floor, “If a player can’t lift, can they speed train?”
 - Yes, they should do what they can, as they can
- Lifting is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; both AM and PM
- Each player needs to lift 3 times a week
- On Wednesdays in the PM the boys will go over fundamentals and film

- Multi sport athletes will have the opportunity to lift and work with Coach Barksdale as she will be with the boys through the dead period in late June
- Incoming freshman are lifting only Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the PM
 - Coach Lawson will be teaching fundamentals to the incoming freshman until next month to ensure they can properly lift without injuring themselves
- Coach will be combining the email lists to send out information
- Wesley has the list and will send it on to Coach
- Coach is asking everyone to call him if there are any issues or concerns; please do not start rumors or gossip
- Communication is key - we should not be making assumptions
- If you hear of something going on, be proactive and contact Coach

Gaming Commission

- Rodney states that our gaming license has expired
- Mike has all the information
- We will discuss the issue for 10 minutes then table it until next week if necessary
- Mike called the gaming commission
- Apparently, we didn't file the October 2012 monthly report
- They are saying 5 letters were sent and went unanswered
- We must pay a \$2000 fine before we can reapply
- According to someone Mike has spoken to, we may be able to get the fine lowered
- Someone at the commission is pulling our file to see if there are any other outstanding issues
- Mike will report back once he knows all the details
- We can not move forward with Bingo until we take care of our gaming license
- There was a discussion about whether or not we even need to get the gaming license and if it's financially going to be worth it
- Many members agreed we need to clean up the mess with the gaming commission so future Boosters don't have to worry about it
- We can work with another group who has their gaming license if need be
- There was a discussion about how profitable Bingo was
- We lost money in the past after moving to a new location
- Bingo Discussion
 - The smoking ban hurt us
 - We must pay the hall for the night regardless of what we make
 - We may have to settle for a night that isn't very profitable and build a relationship with the Bingo hall before getting a better night as one comes available
 - Adults must be present to supervise and it is a big time commitment
 - Those who have done so in the past have worked from 4:30/4:45-12:00 midnight
 - There are 2 Bingo halls in Lexington (Eastland and Clays Mill) and 1 in Winchester
 - Lisa will look into what is available
 - 2 people must be trained during an all day training

By Laws

- Mike will highlight the proposed changes to the by laws
- Many were not present at last month's meeting and did not receive copy of the by laws so copies will be emailed out
- Angie Young mentioned that according the District AD 2 signatures should be required for each check
- By laws will be amended to include dual signor status
- Checks will be written at the end of each meeting after being approved by the membership during the meeting
- Petty cash checks can be written between meetings for concessions or other immediate needs with the notice that each check is not to exceed a specified amount
- Question was brought up as to the limit on the concessions money since there has not been a set amount before
- Question was raised about incoming freshman parents being considered for elections
- Question was raised as to the ability of incoming freshman parents to vote
- Someone will be checking to see if there is any kind of rule down town as to how incoming

- freshman should be handled within the Booster organization
- The sentiment was made that incoming freshman parents should be included as voting members
 - Alumni should also be permitted to be voting members of the Boosters
 - Coach feels that everyone who has an interest in the organization should have the chance to be a voting member
 - We should be building the Boosters to be bigger and reaching out further into the community
 - Anyone who participates in the meetings should be allowed to vote
 - Those who are not working with the Boosters and aren't attending meetings will miss the vote
 - Recommendation that the President be an outgoing senior parent
 - We should be building relationships with Alumni
 - Suggestion was made to allow members to vote non-parents into the Booster organization
 - There should be an action to tally them into membership
 - We should not limit our resources
 - The number needed for a quorum has been defined in the proposed by laws
 - A copy of the current and proposed by laws will be emailed to all parents
 - A vote will be taken at next month's meeting to approved new by laws

New Business

- Wesley asked what we were going to do about electing people to the open positions
- An email will go out requesting nominations and a vote will be taken at the next meeting
- Introduction of Doug Carr who handles our website and takes all our photographs

Closing

- Volunteers are needed
- The same people should not always be the only ones working
- Freshman parents should be working the Friday games
- Varsity parents should be working the Monday night games
- Buy outs will be discussed further in the future
- Any one can contact Rodney by calling Wendy at 859-519-6132 or texting and asking Rodney to call
- Rodney can also be contacted by email at Rodney@bestchoicesupply.com
- Coach says the Legends have donated a field cart
 - We would need to purchase the cart now while it can be found on sale
 - The Legends will pay the money on the back end
 - The cost is \$2000
- Motion was made by Angela Young to purchase the field cart
- Jack Batts 2nd
- Discussion
 - Are we sure we will get the money back?
 - Yes, Legends are good for it, it's a done deal
 - Do we have the money in our account?
 - Yes we have more than \$30,000
- Vote was taken and the membership approved the purchase
- Mike made a motion to adjourn
- Angie Young 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm