



**Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters Meeting Minutes
May 14 2020 – COVID-19 Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Athletic Director's Report:

- Update on requests '19/'20 didn't dip into Professional Development that was \$4000 that was not used, in light of COVID, but would like to offer if able due to new coaches
- Spring, are going to do the improve on baseball and softball fields
- Fall & Winter, pretty good with requests, did what we said we going to do in not communicated
- Looking to '20/'21 season, explained to coaches, until we figure out what is going to happen without a Demon Derby, not sure where things are with Boosters; coaches have been very understanding of situation
- Tony very proud of coaches, doing all they can do under current conditions
- School district hit with \$1.2M in cuts; basically writing a check back to state gov about \$600,00, still some debate on unemployment and taxes coming into district. Will try to keep cuts as minimal as possible but can't say there won't be any. So much up in the air, things change from day to day
- Doing different things to honor Senior Athletes, banners, videos, jersey, etc... really appreciate whoever helped honor the athletes
- Office hours, come in 1 day a week and rest of time work from home. Tony & Kathy will be in and out; need to arrange in advance anything that needs to get done; staff cleaning and cleaning lockers
- Flurry of new head coaches hired (get list form Tony)
 - Coach Kuomo, Golf taking over for Berlikamp
 - Alum: Brendon Teets Hockey, Coach Duke will stay on staff to assist & Doug Koonts, Boy Soccer take over for Basu
 - Girls basketball, Kory Rojik, moved to Bay Village
 - Boy & girls track Tuesday to drop off uniforms/items, envelope with certificate, pins, numbers, etc... available at pick-up
 - Wednesday is baseball & softball
 - Lacrosse & tennis, Thursday
 - How were certificates, pins, etc.... determined Tony has been on several calls to try to, most popular practice baseball, softball & LXC they had selected their Varsity teams all team member will get letter
 - Tennis & B/G Track – will get letter
 - Underclass will have the opportunity to retroactively get letter next year as well



- Will get plaques to athletes
- Spring in normal year do not do banquet do an award ceremony; will do an award ceremony award OHSa awards; will do this similar to scholarship night will be recorded and post video to announce special award winners
- Each of the coaches are doing different things to celebrate the Senior Athletes
- Will pull data for 3 team athletes; don't have to offer but Tony will pull data if WDAB wants to do that
- Governor announced some openings today, youth sports, non-contact, will be allowed May 26th – no guidelines released as yet
- Shut down of outdoor facilities was never part of the order; will reevaluate to see if that is this something that might change
- OHSa still maintained contact until May 31st; stay socially distanced
- OHSa has waived the 10-day rule; in the summer all coaches are expected to coach their team a full 10 days
- Have not been able to get in touch with Life Touch to get Spring picture to athletes
- Some talk about OHSa lessen about update physical, received word today this is not the case must have physical in last 13 months; a TeleHealth physical will count
- Some rumor of no contact sport order being lifted in August, one of the discussions that has come up, some concerns from fall sport coaches. Believes if school starts in August then those orders might be lifted
- Referendum – will give Jerry Snodgrass, Executive Director, a lot of power to adapt rules to fit what is needed
- What is defined as contact? baseball, softball, golf, tennis, are ok, no soccer, wait to see what is released in guidelines from GOV tomorrow
- Will free physicals be offered again by UH? Not sure but Tony will reach out to AJ to get some more info...
- Confirmed track remains closed; no way to disperse anyone on the field to allow for social distancing
- What does fall look like? No idea; determined on what fall will look like from education (back to school) standpoint
- Hometown tickets update; in discussion about going to full paperless; use them for season passes will get that done soon as possible. Huddle can no longer provide free paper tickets. Hometown does have paper tickets that will link to the website. Don't think we need to do online ticketing for many other sports beside football. Will work with Hometown in some form. Agreement with who? WDAB or Athletics or both? Trying to get these details.

1. Requests/Financial/Guest



Officers Reports

President: Tim Bihn

Motion to approve March minutes: Dana Wolfe

Second: Ivy Arndt

All vote, motion carries,

Tim's report:

- Spring sports program at printer, plan to give limited number just to Senior athletes as a gift – should be done in about a week. Depending on when they come they can distribute to senior with envelopes when they pick up certificates/pins/letters next week
- Spirit Aug 12th still planning; Laser Wash is sponsor
- Scholarships – received 14 applications; virtual ceremony planned on May 22nd at 7PM, made a senior video; accidentally left out the girls' soccer team; video has been corrected and posted

Open Positions

- The Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters is looking for a few volunteers to be a committee chair starting next school year.
- WDAB is fortunate to have an incredible group of parents full of Demon Pride that make things happen on behalf of our student athletes.
- Terms are up for a few chairpersons and we need your assistance to continue to help WDAB thrive with the main goal of supporting our student athletes at LBMS and WHS.
- **Open Positions for 2020-2022 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022)**
- **Concessions** - Manage and coordinate all the concession stands including inventory and volunteers.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** - Manage and facilitate the event (including food preparation with WHS cafeteria staff)
- **Corporate Sponsors** - Maintain, renew and seek new corporate sponsors, including event partnerships.
- **Volunteer & Team Reps** - Coordinate the communications between WDAB and Parents and seek volunteers for events.
- **The W Shop (FILLED)** - Sells spirit wear during home football games. Determines The W Shop hours and replenishes/creates inventory as needed.
- **Yard Signs** - Manage and coordinate the order and distribution of the yard signs for fall, winter and spring sports.
- If you are interested in one of the positions, or would like to find out additional information, please email Tim Bihn (tbihn.wdab@gmail.com).

Vice President: Dana Wolfe

- Demon Derby update, collected over \$17K in revenue when we sent our refund letter we asked for donations over \$6K in donations (get details from Dana)
- Baskets are stored for now
- Alcohol is stored for next year



- Looking at maybe doing a WDAB dine around once things open up again; maybe Hail Mary, Time Warp & Rusty Barrel to offer a night out with a drink & appetizers on WDAB- purchase a raffle ticket for basket
- BIG Thank you to everyone!
- Secured another sponsor for Spirit Rally and some other events

Treasurer: Tricia Balch

- Balanced March & April, check requests are updated
- Looking good; outstanding checks a few, will reach out
- Would like to have all expenses cleared up by June
- Send Tony an update reserve account
- Gina is willing to help to take inventory for W-Shop to get to Trisha
- Some coaches have reached out to help with whatever, Tony will send email to enlist help
- \$195K cash balance, Reserves positive \$134K

Secretary: Ivy Arndt

- Sign in please on signup sheet
- Send info if not at meeting
- Is everyone getting emails, please sign up on sheet with emails, will update Constant Contact

Committee Reports

Alumni & Community Relations: Megan Moutoux

- Give away 4 scholarships

Concessions: Jenny Pirnat & Angela Kolocouris

- Not present
- Report, senior class asked about left over concessions donated to Seniors to make treats bags at Auto-Rama for graduation ceremony

Membership: Laurel Clarke

- **Did get a few extra due to scholarships; 189 memberships, down a little from last year; LY at 225; part due to ticket issues and COVID-19**

Public Relations: Marti Bowman

- Not present

Scholarships: Diane Norris

- Not present, talked about scholarships. Video of presentation will be recorded on May 22nd

Senior Banners: Jessica Hennessey

- Distributed; worked through Picture Takers for rights to Senior banner photos- will meet in June July discuss what WDAB has rights to

Social Media: Amy Havelka,

- Send anything wanted to get out; sharing posts from district; will share about open positions
- Most popular posts in past month; RP&M face shields, reached 1500
- Tony tweeting senior spotlights and where are they now...Gina asked to retweet



Spaghetti Dinner: Chuck Backus & Bill Chmielowiec,

- Need to fill position

Spirit Rally: Dana Hartup

- Still on track Aug 12th

Corporate Sponsorships: Gina Redinger

- Nothing new, just tried to collect on outstanding balances; should have all collected at this point
- Created and sent a list of all corporate sponsorships and some history for the next person who will be taking over corporate sponsorships
- Spring Program, advertising; will check with Diane to get a handful to give to some of the sponsorships
- Handing off the advertising portion to someone; would typically start selling after July 4th

Sports Programs: Dianne Gallagher: not present

- On track to be made this week, will give to Senior Athletes and a few to corporate sponsorship

Volunteer & Team Reps: Cheryl Bansek, not present

- Open position

Varsity Jackets: Sharon Prexta

- No present

The W Shop/Truck: Gina Redinger & Tim Bihn

Spirit Wear

- Pulled a few things for one of the new coaches
- Work with Jennie Pirnat to take over W Shop
- Good shape, store in order
- Look at supply of black out/white out shirts to see if we might be able to turn into masks to donate to school- Tony will grab a few for Dana to work on possible mask solution

Website: Lori Jolliffe

- Not present

Yard Signs: Carolyn Hansen

- Open position

NEW BUSINESS:

Bottom board on one of the trophy case fell out; Tony will get in touch with School Pride



Organizational Message from Gina, we are not for profit; should not have more than 15% for the next year; looking to next year; have to spend the money that the families have raised. Discussion about what can be done and upcoming projects. Goal for Tony is to lessen the financial impact on our students. Up in the air based on if will have fall sports.

- *Motion to adjourn: Gina Redinger*
Second: Dana Wolfe
All vote motion carries

Next meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2020 – Virtual Zoom Meeting

Virtual Sign-Up/In Attendance:

- Dana Wolfe
- Tim Bihn
- Tricia Balch
- Ivy Arndt
- Laurel Clark
- Amy Havelka
- Jessica Hennesey
- Carrie Rendziak
- Marti Bowman
- Dan LaRocca
- Tony Cipollone
- Gina Redinger
- Megan Moutoux
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Athletic Director Report-5/14/2020

1. Requests/Financial/Guest

- a. Update on requests 19-20
- b. Requests
 - i. Have told coaches that currently holding all requests
- c. Budget impact for district is not known at this time but there could be long lasting implications without football, soccer

2. Thank you to all/Congrats/Prayers/Volunteer opportunities

- a. Thank you to so many of you for doing different things for our athletes and especially our seniors, it is a tough time but I think we are doing the best we can
- b. Office hours will vary, custodians are cleaning, Kathy and I are staggering our time in the office because of the set up

3. Updates

- a. New Coaches (Kuns, Teets, Cuomo, Rojeck)
- b. Spring uniform collection and award distribution
 - i. Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse-all seniors and varsity team members will receive a letter
 - ii. Tennis, Track-all seniors will receive a letter and underclassmen will be granted opportunity to double letter next season
 - iii. Plaques for 4 year letter winners are on hold until trophy/photography get caught up
- c. Departmental/OHSAA awards
 - i. Will film next week (arranging with Les Szekly and Doug Warnke)
 - ii. May 28th was the night it was supposed to happen so I plan to air on that night
- d. Senior days/nights
 - i. Each head coach is determining what works best for their team (softball, glax)
- e. 3 sport athlete pulling data-prior to spring break
- f. Facilities are still shut down until 6/30-maybe
- g. No contact until May 31st, 10 days waived
- h. Pictures-we have not had any communication with lifetouch as of yesterday
- i. Fall update
 - i. OHSAA
 1. Physicals still required-updated forms on website or OHSAA.org
 - ii. District