

MINUTES OF THE ORRVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
Held March 20, 2018

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mike Hamsher, Jeff Aul, Karen Flinner, Theresa Conway, Jason Haley
STAFF PRESENT: Audrey Zuercher, Tim Adams, Brent Steiner, Sly Slaughter, Doug Davault, Tyrone Mosley, Jason Ayers, Mark Alberts

Welcome

President Mike Hamsher called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 pm with officers, staff, and 2 members in attendance.

Hamsher thanked Tammy Auble and crew for all of their work with spring picture day. Thank you also to Kelly Bertsch and Michelle Lax for their continued work in the concession stands.

Minutes

Jason Ayers moved and Jason Haley seconded to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018, Booster Club meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance:	\$56,667.17
Savings accounts balance:	10,003.46
Minimum balance hold:	5,000.00
PayPal account balance:	467.85
Petty Cash on hand:	725.00
Accounts payable:	4,650.00
Unspent coach budgets:	20,069.15
Unencumbered balance:	\$38,144.33

We have received \$1,170 in memorial donations for Patricia Davault. The Davault family would like \$750 of the money to be used to pay for the Maurice Clarett presentation and the balance to be used to purchase t-shirts for those students in attendance.

We received \$250 from the Rhett Acker Memorial Scholarship Fund in recognition of senior Seth Hill. Seth will be given the scholarship at the Senior Assembly on May 25.

Keith Hamsher, winner of the car raffle, donated \$1,500 back to the Booster Club. He would like the money split between his granddaughters' sports as follows: \$425 Volleyball, \$425 Girls Basketball, \$300 Softball, and \$350 Girls Track. Those funds will be deposited into the coach budgets.

Turf CD balance: \$78,927.28

Brent Steiner moved and Jeff Aul seconded to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business

Every two years the Booster Club honors a person or persons with a Lifetime Honor Award. This award is given to someone who has contributed greatly to the Booster Club and/or the athletic program in some way. The last honoree was Kent Smith in 2016. They are considered lifetime

members of the Booster Club. If anyone has any suggestions for the 2018 honoree, please let a Booster Club officer or Audrey know.

The Booster Club will have an opening for the secretary position next year. Anyone with an interest in donating their time to the Booster Club in any of our positions, please contact an officer. A slate of officers will be presented at the April meeting with a vote at the May meeting.

The spring schedule for track and AAU concession stand workers has been distributed. The inside AAU basketball games will require at least one adult and several student workers. The outside track concession stand will require 2-4 student workers only. A reminder will be sent to each coach prior to a scheduled work date.

Please continue to use and promote the www.goredriders.org website for updated sports information and dates. This is a one stop shop for all news, information and updates on high school and middle school sports.

Please continue using AmazonSmile when making purchases on-line. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of any eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Orrville Athletic Booster Club when you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-6734859>. This is an easy way for the Booster Club to raise money for our student athletes.

New Business

The May Booster Club meeting has been rescheduled to May 22.

Doug Davault and Sly Slaughter presented information from NST Sports Performance, which is an athletic training program. They would like to start training in May and run through July, approx. 12 weeks, for our high school athletes. The program costs approximately \$150 per session (75 minutes with 2 coaches) with up to 30 kids per session. Attendance over 30 athletes per session would cost more. NST recommended charging the athletes \$5 per session to attend (total of \$80), but Doug and Sly would like help from the Booster Club to offset the approx. cost of \$7,200. It was discussed in executive session that we could offer half or approx. \$3,600 and see how the program progresses. There is no money from the athletic department going towards this program. Jason Haley moved and Jason Ayers seconded that the Booster Club pay the entire amount of the program. Opposed: Hamsher, Flinner. Motion carried.

AD Report

Audrey Zuercher reported that the PAC7 winter banquet was held on March 19 with multiple athletes being recognized. The new college signing background has been received.

Audrey approached the Booster Club at prior meetings regarding a proposed letter jacket program wherein jackets would be purchased for first year athletic, music, or academic varsity letter recipients. She has received approval to go ahead with this program and the first jackets have been ordered. First time letter winners will get a \$50 voucher from the Athletic Booster Club and a \$50 voucher from the Athletic Department to partially pay for their jackets at Blaine Carmichael Sports. The basic coat cost is \$175.00. Please see Audrey if you have any questions regarding this program.

Coaches Reports

Wrestling: Coach Steiner reported that the wrestling team finished their season strong with a 3rd place finish in the PAC tournament. Three wrestlers (Sam Auble, Cameron VanBrunt and Cory Stiffler) placed in districts, with VanBrunt and Auble both going to the state tournament. VanBrunt placed 8th on the podium. Thank you to the Booster Club for paying for the athlete and coach meals while at state. Good luck in the future to the three seniors ... Austin Shaffer, Sam Auble, and Cameron VanBrunt.

Boys Basketball: Coach Slaughter reported that the boys' basketball team finished their season with a record of 7-17. The team played better toward the end of the season and had a good sectional win vs. Tuslaw, but finished with a tough loss vs. Triway. Summer league will be starting in June. Good luck to the team's only senior, Seth Hill, on his future plans.

Girls Basketball: Coach Alberts reported that the girls' basketball team had a great season and finished with a record of 21-4. The team was honored at the PAC banquet last night as PAC champions. There is a strong nucleus of juniors for next year, so the chemistry should be good for another great season. We will miss the four seniors, Emily Landis, Sierra Kauf, Alexis Tillison, and De'Asya Gray.

Cheer: Cheerleading tryouts are taking place this week.

Tennis: Audrey Zuercher reported for Coach Smith that the boys' tennis team will have a shortage of players both in terms of numbers and tennis experience this year. We have three returning varsity players and will fill the varsity squad with JV and possibly new players. Our lack of depth will require everyone to stay positive and continue to work hard to improve throughout the season.

Track and Field: Coach Ayers reported that middle school numbers are down with approx. 40 athletes each on the boys and girls teams. There are currently 42 varsity girls on the team with 8 seniors. This squad of girls may potentially be better than last year's team. Coach Mosley reported that there are 48 boys on the varsity team with 10 seniors. He is loaded with distance runners and field events, but still looking for boys to fill vacancies in the speed events.

Public Comment

None

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 7:30 pm in the high school library. All Booster Club members are invited to attend and participate.

Meeting adjourned.

