

## **HANFORD SPORTS BOOSTERS MEETING WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2002**

**Attendees:** Ed Brost, Tom Hegarty, Mike DePeel, Geri Leonard, Rob Cuello, Betty Whitney, Patty Briggs, Barb Gillespie, Janet Oswalt, Kathy Kramer, Susan Gailey, Gail Robertson, Don Farmer, Pat Krzan, and Chris Bond

President, Mike DePeel, called the meeting to order.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Minutes from January 9, 2002 meeting were approved as amended.

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's Report** Ed Brost reported that we have a current balance of \$12,739.93 in our checking account.

We have \$3,000 in outstanding bills mostly for the ASB split. Expenses paid during the month totaled about \$1500. Income during the month totaled \$5200.

We transferred \$15,000 of our Smith-Barney account into a 6 month commitment at 2 ¼ %; which becomes available again July 24, 2002.

**Concessions Status:** Discussed upcoming District and Regional basketball tournaments and what coverage we might need. Since Regionals are going to be at Richland High this year, do we want to bid on doing concessions even if we might not be in it. It would be a good money raiser and we could possibly do 50/50 and pop shoot. Mike DePeel will look into it. We need more pop for the remainder of our regular games and districts.

**Booster Table for Basketball:** Mike asked for volunteers to help at Booster table, pop shoot and 50/50.

Feb. 8	Booster Table:	Brost-Girl's/ Cuellos-Boy's
	50/50:	Mike DePeel
	Pop Shoot:	Rob Cuello

Feb. 9	Booster Table:	Bill Whitney-Girl's/Pat Kzran-Boy's
	50/50:	Mike DePeel/Chris Bond
	Pop Shoot:	Rob Cuello

**Booster Roster:** Mike DePeel encouraged everyone to use the roster as a tool and keep recruiting.

**AAU Basketball Fundraiser:** We netted \$1601.80 for the Fall AAU season plus the approximately \$400 from concessions brought us to ~\$2000. The school district did not charge any janitorial fees as they did determine that we were a school fundraiser. We have 5 more weeks through March 8<sup>th</sup> for the Spring season and need volunteers to help out either in the morning or the afternoons at Carmichael Middle School. Please call Mike DePeel if you can help. Susan Gailey volunteered to help Sat. Feb. 23.

**AAU Concessions:** Made approximately \$400 as stated above for the fall season.

**Fall Falcon Golf Tournament:** Mike DePeel is still following up on our outstanding pledge from West Richland Family Dental. Mike wants to go to Columbia Point to set a date for next year's tournament. Discussed the possibility of doing the tournament on Sunday so we don't conflict with soccer or cross-country. Would like to get some feedback from others on this possibility.

**Soccer/Baseball Complex:** Plans are proceeding on the complex. Coca Cola has offered to do a scoreboard for the soccer field as well as for both Falcon and Eyrie Gyms if we would agree to an extended contract. Response from concessions is very positive about dealings with Coke, however it would also affect the school's contract and that has not been discussed yet.

We have received a couple of bids for the 2,150 linear feet of fencing needed for the soccer field. Tri-City Fence estimated \$34,000-35,000. They are meeting Mike DePeel at the field on Feb. 11 to check the site.

Frontier Fence quoted ` \$21,000. A lot of different things are being discussed, including the clubhouse, parking lot, and using ecology blocks to build a retaining wall to kick against, but we are really trying to just take 1 step at a time.

**Eyrie Gym:** We got approval from the School District to paint. The district painter consulted on what paint to use and other needs. Mike got bids on the paint which runs about \$17.50 per gallon and we need ~70 gallons, so \$1225 for paint. The plan is to try to do it over a weekend after Spring break. We will be spraying the paint on. We need two lifts. The biggest issue is the prep work of taping/covering floor, fixtures, etc. We will set a date in April at our next meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PA System Falcon Gym:** Still waiting for instructions.

**Sports Medicine Program:** This class will be offered starting next Fall. The number of classes will depend on the demand. It will be a regular class credit, but if students help out after school as an athletic trainer, they will receive lab credit. Mike Perala from Northwest Orthopedics is helping to coordinate and recruit a candidate to teach.

**Web Site:** Thanks to Barb Gillespie, we now have a Web site that is currently linked to Barb's site (<http://www.televar.com/~bmgilles/HHBoosters.html>). It just has some of the basic information on it. We discussed whether we want our own site, what do we want on it and who will maintain it. Some suggestions were volunteer sign-up lists, game results and pictures (although pictures take up a lot of space). May look into own site since we may not be able to keep adding to Barb's indefinitely—space limitations. Mike will follow up with Mike Galvin and discuss possibilities of linking with WIA and getting electronic pictures.

**Alumni Recruitment:** Discussed how to recruit more alumni to build our Boosters. Mike received an alumni relations list dating back 3 years from Theresa Knirck that is currently on a data base and would like to put it in a Excel spreadsheet. We need to go back more than 3 years—especially to parents who graduated from Hanford and now have children attending. Much was discussed around building a renewed interest in Homecoming that would hopefully spill over into an overall interest. This will be an on-going topic, so come share your ideas.

#### **New Business:**

**Falcon Mascot/Giant Flag:** Pat Krzan spoke about the need to replace the **old** Falcon mascot suits with a better looking suit and to really put some effort into training the mascot just like the cheerleaders go through. Most mascots are trained and receive a letter for their efforts. He said there is a web site (mascots.com) that has a lot of great costumes and that we could get a falcon that looks just like the falcon on letter jackets, etc. He discussed the pros of utilizing the mascot as a key relations booster that can be used in all sorts of situations, such as going out to the schools when registering 6<sup>th</sup> graders. He is going to meet with Luis Ojeda, who was Taz, as well as the Americans mascot to get some feedback. Don Farmer will talk to Mrs. Mayer to see if she would be receptive to having a mascot along with the cheerleaders.

Mike DePeel is going to look into the possibility of ordering a giant flag that can be carried by the someone such as the mascot around the stadium, gym, etc. after goals. He is also looking into the large foam #1 finger to sell.

**Dust Devils 50/50:** Since we signed up originally for a 3 year commitment on the 50/50, we need to purchase 2 season tickets for the season (6/17 – 8/31/02). They may be lowering their prices. The Flames will also continue to do the 50/50.

**Fair:** Kathy Kramer wanted to make sure we wanted to usher for the Rodeo again for the fair. We confirmed that we definitely want to do the rodeo and Mike wants to possibly bid on doing the Beer Garden, but will get more information before we pursue it. Kathy will make sure Mike gets the packet of information the fair board sends out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Next Meeting** 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 6, 2002.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bond, Secretary

