

Hart High Baseball Dugout Club Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Coach Ozella's Classroom T209

Attendees:

- Jim Ozella - Head Coach
- Steve Downs - President
- Julie Meinecke - Vice President
- Shawn Damiani - Treasurer
- Koi Howard - Secretary
- Parents of Hart Players

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: The motion to approve minutes notes from the last meeting carried, seconded by Jennifer.

III. Committee Business:

- a. **Media Guide:** Jodi reported that she has already received some ads and verbal commitments for others. She reminded us that the deadline for all paperwork for the Guide is December 3rd. Each player has a \$500 goal to meet by requesting sponsors from friends, family and local businesses. Kerrie asked who will see the Media Guide. Jodi said that each sponsor will get a complimentary copy, so we may see it on display in local businesses and doctors' offices in the area. Also, our baseball families will have copies, plus more will be distributed at the Alumni Game. Steve added that around 350-500 copies will be printed and that sponsor forms are on the Dugout Club website. Firehouse Subs has donated coupon cards for a free sub for those who turn in forms as a yummy incentive. Jeanette raised a question about how sponsors can pay. Steve said that they can pay via PayPal on the website, but please include a note with info about the payment to indicate which player should be credited. Jodi mentioned that we can always email her with any questions. The Media Guide is a nice keepsake yearbook for our players.
- b. **Fundraising:** Julie announced that there is a restaurant fundraiser at Panda Express (on Bouquet by In & Out) tomorrow, Wednesday, the 10th, from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Just let the restaurant know that you are there to support Hart's Dugout Club, so we'll receive 20% of the profit. She is coordinating with Mod Pizza for Tuesday, November 30th. Look out for emails regarding more upcoming restaurant fundraisers; it's a good way to support the Club and take care of a meal for the family.
- c. **Apparel:** Diana De La Maza is our Apparel Chair. If you haven't done so already, please pay for your apparel order as soon as possible. Steve said that the bulk of the order should arrive in 2-3 weeks, with hats and bags taking around 5-6 weeks. Hopefully, the orders will arrive before Christmas. One note on helmets: they are a new model with a universal flap, but those can be removed.
- d. **Canteen:** Kim reported that we opened last Saturday and the canteen is all cleaned, organized and stocked. We do need a minimum of two adults per game and siblings can volunteer as well. Each shift is 2.5 hours and you can take turns. She said it's a great place to watch the game too. The wish list for items for the canteen include: a Kureg, small microwave, crockpot, and fan. Kim suggested writing your name on anything that needs to be returned. She also asked for donations of diet coke and blue and orange gatorade (no yellow please, as we have plenty of those.) Team reps can coordinate with Kim on donations and volunteers: without volunteers, the canteen will have to be closed, so please volunteer.
- e. **Website:** Steve requested help with the website and has been approached by a couple of people. Thanks to those willing to help with our website which is: <http://harthighbaseball.com/>

f. **Calendar of Events:**

1. **Mod Pizza Fundraiser** - Tuesday, November 30, 2021
2. **Popcorn Fundraiser** - December 13-17, 2021
3. **Meet the Coaches** - End of January (possibly off campus)
4. **Alumni Game** - Sunday, February 6, 2022
5. **Spring Season Opener Easton Tourney** - Saturday, February 12, 2022
6. **Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser** - March 2022 (tentative)
7. **Senior Day** - Tuesday, April 26, 2022
8. **Banquet** - Saturday, May 21, 2022

IV. Treasurer's Report: Shawn reported that as of last meeting, we had \$9,624 in our account. We've received \$2,049 in donations, \$14,308 for apparel, \$275 from the canteen, and a whopping 8¢ in interest. We have \$11,718 in expenses, \$4,326 for tournaments and fields, and \$340 in umpire fees. That leaves us with \$9,774 in the account.

V. Coach's Update: Fall ball has started and Coach O appreciates the great turnout from parents. If possible, he would like for players to limit their driving time before games so they're focused. The JV schedule remains TBA as field availability varies: Quartz Hill was available to JV this week; Varsity will be in Alemany next week while JV is at home. So please have your player check Google Classroom for updates on game dates and times. Further juggling of teams and players is necessary due to covid test outcomes and regulations; we'll try to communicate with you as things shift. Regarding the freshmen schedule, we've reached out to the Complex, but are still waiting for a specific time. Parents remember that this Friday is the end date for progress reports, so check in with your students on classwork. We put in grades on Monday and then we're into Thanksgiving break, so if they have a grade to bring up or need to catch up on work, please remind them to do so. Encourage them to reach out to their teachers on what they need to do to improve a low grade with the approaching deadline. Coach appreciates your fundraising efforts with field expenses and feels blessed to have parent involvement. (Daylight savings time means it gets dark earlier for our practices and he knows Coach Piper likes to go until 6:00. Coach Hinojosa chimed in that they'll try to rein him in by 5:00:) Coach is cleaning team uniforms himself and has a great stain remover mix to share next week. Thanks Coach!

VI. New Business: We need more volunteers for the Canteen during home games. Please let Kim or your Team Rep know when you can help. Remember that siblings and students needing service hours are welcome to volunteer. The following committees also need volunteers: Cornhole fundraiser, Senior Day, Banquet, and the Alumni Game, so there are many opportunities available to help out and contribute. Thanks to all of our volunteers. We couldn't do all that we do for our program without your dedication and support.

VII. Agenda Items: Volunteer Committees will be discussed and we'll be encouraging 100% participation on the Media Guide. Thank you all for attending.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.