

## Hart High Baseball Dugout Club Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 14, 2021  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Coach Ozella's Classroom T209

### **Attendees:**

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

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Julie's motion to approve the minutes from last meeting carried, seconded by Diana.

### **III. Committee Business:**

- a. **Media Guide:** Jodi is working on the Media Guide and it's going well. Payments are being processed now. Approximately \$15,000 has been raised so far. The freshmen can boast 100% participation. Thanks frosh families! Sophomores are at 45%, Juniors at 88%, and Seniors at 64%, so overall, participation is really good. Steve and Jodi will start putting the book together over the break and are hoping to get it to the printer by January 3rd. The Media Guide is a nice keepsake yearbook for our players; thanks to all who have contributed - and to Jodi and Steve for all of their hard work on this.
- b. **Fundraising:** Julie found a local company to do our popcorn fundraiser in time for Christmas. It is in Santa Clarita so we can help each other with pick-ups. Steve said they have some interesting flavors. Tracy concurred as she said that the Dance Team has used this company before and the popcorn is good. 50% of the proceeds come back to us, so please do support the cause if you can. The Panda Express and Mod Pizza nights raised about \$200. Thanks to all who supported those. One of our frosh dads volunteered to set up Firehouse Subs for January. Thanks Jeff! Look out for emails from Julie regarding upcoming restaurant fundraisers; it's a good way to support the Club and take care of a meal for your family. Also in January is a chance to sell Super Bowl Squares: details to be shared soon. We are booked for the March 19th Cornhole Tournament fundraiser, so save that date. The brewery is now called Lucky Loo - off the 126. We can have 100 players, which is 50 teams, but anyone not on a team can come and support. Food and drinks will be available and any drink sales over \$800 will garner 15% for us. Anything over the \$500 fee for Cornhole will come back to us as well. Yard Signs are also coming up soon. Thanks Julie!
- c. **Apparel:** Diana is picking up and sorting out the shorts, shirts and hoodies orders tomorrow. She will figure out the best way for pick-ups, which may be at practice next week. Hats and bags may come in next week as well, so everything should be in for Christmas. Only a limited amount of extra apparel has been ordered as we haven't made too much money on it and we'll see what is needed for a possible additional order later. Julie asked if there is any leftover stock from past years. Diana said there are about 10 bins of a hodgepodge of things that no one seems to want, so there may be a chance to either sell those or eventually donate the items that aren't useful to our teams. She said that Step In House has been a nice company to work with and could fill later orders of items the boys might want for spring. Thanks Diana!
- d. **Website:** Steve requested volunteers for the website and is talking to a couple of people. Thanks to those willing to help with our website which is: <http://harthighbaseball.com/>

- e. **Canteen:** Kim reported that so far the canteen is going well, but we always need volunteers. Please sign up and follow the closing procedures, so Kim knows what to replenish. The 2nd refrigerator did break unfortunately, so that is a problem. Coach O mentioned that the sponsor company might be willing to fix or replace that and he will get in touch with them. Kim said that people are enjoying the canteen, so please keep supporting it and volunteering to help out. Thanks Kim!

- f. **Calendar of Events:**

1. **Popcorn Fundraiser** - December 13-17, 2021
2. **Meet the Coaches** - End of January (possibly off campus)
3. **Alumni Game** - Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
4. **Spring Season Opener Easton Tourney** - Saturday, February 12, 2022
5. **Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser** - Saturday, March 19, 2022
6. **Senior Day** - Thursday, April 28, 2022
7. **Banquet** - Saturday, May 21, 2022

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** Shawn was unable to make it this evening with work, inclement weather, and traffic delays, but reported last meeting that we had \$9,774 in our account. The popcorn fundraiser will be added to that amount as well.

**V. Coach's Update:** Coach O will be opening the field on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. until 11 or 12:00 during the holidays, including for college players who might want to work out. If your son would like to work out on another day just give Coach a heads up so he can arrange a time. The freshmen team plays at Mid Valley against Crestmead on the 8th at 3:00. We are in finals week so the schedule has been a bit crazy and today we didn't practice due to the rain. We'll try to practice on Friday and are playing Saturday, which is our last game until 2022. Martin Luther King weekend (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday: January 15-17) Varsity and JV will be playing three games at a tournament in Newberry Park. Freshmen will play at the home field. The season will start for Varsity and JV on February 12th, and on the 14th for the Freshmen team. So, once we get back we have to get ready for the season. Hopefully, effort is being put in on finals this week as these grades will go on transcripts. June grades will go on second semester transcripts, so do remind your students to keep their grades up and talk to their teachers if help is needed. At this time of the year, Coach is writing recommendation letters for AP students. One senior has completed 8 AP classes that he has passed with a 5; that kind of outstanding student is easy to write letters for, so tell your students that those early grades are important for a strong transcript. A high GPA pays off down the road, so keep encouraging your student-athletes. Coach appreciates all the fundraising efforts and support of the program. Thanks for being involved and for your help with the snack bar too. Your time and sacrifices are noticed and appreciated. Thanks Coach!

**VI. New Business:** Player pics are scheduled for this Thursday. Hopefully, everyone got the email about the boys wearing a white button-down shirt with a black tie. The seniors will take some individual shots for the Media Guide cover. Tom has graciously volunteered to take the photos, which we appreciate. Thanks to all of our volunteers. We couldn't do all that we do for our program without your support. Kerry asked Coach for his secret stain remover product. Zote Soap was guessed. He revealed that it's Soilove in the green bottle and can be bought at the Dollar Store; his wife discovered that it's also available at Ralph's. Coach did warn that Soilove does irritate the hands, but gets the job done. Great info!

**VII. Agenda Items:** We'll discuss Coaches' Night and Super Bowl Squares. Volunteer Committees will also be discussed. Thank you all for attending. Happy Holidays to all of our Dugout Club families.

**VIII. Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.