

Hart High Baseball Dugout Club Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2022
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom

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 6:34 p.m.

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

III. Committee Business:

- a. Alumni Game:** Thanks to John Dow for chairing the Alumni Game and to Michelle for training the iScore volunteers and setting up the roster. Thanks to Kelly for doing an amazing job singing the National Anthem. Thanks also to Shelly for her connection to Sean of Cooney Meats who gave a generous donation of 140 hamburgers and 120 hot dogs to the canteen. We appreciate all of the volunteers who made this event such a great success. Honoree Ryan Haag donated \$5,000 and Steven gave a donation of \$500. Another kind donor gave \$50 in cash, so the day was beneficial to all who attended, as well as to the program.
- b. Media Guide:** As reported last meeting the final tally for sales was \$21,150. The Media Guides have been handed out to all players and their donors, but there are extra copies in the canteen. Thanks to everyone who supported the effort and especially to Jodi and Steve for all of their hard work.
- c. Fundraising:** Julie thanked those who have bought Super Bowl Squares and are willing to donate their winnings to the Dugout Club. The squares are all filled up which comes to about \$3,000. Please put in your orders for banners, yard signs, and shaker cups. The banner design was on display at the Coaches' Night. Julie showed a yard sign that will include your player's first name and number. Steve showed the cup from Ice Shaker, a company that was on Shark Tank and is run by Chris Gronkowski. This Thursday is a Firehouse Subs restaurant fundraiser thanks to Jeff; lunch and dinner orders will benefit the Club. Steve shared it on Facebook, which is a good idea to invite support. The next Restaurant Night will be at Vincenzo's Pizza on February 22nd; please order directly from them, mentioning Hart Baseball. The Cornhole Tournament fundraiser is coming up on March 19th at Lucky Luke's so look for the sign-up email. Thanks Julie.
- d. Apparel:** Diana reported that apparel sold at the Alumni Game made \$1,000. She has more dri-fits and t-shirts available. She is also working on getting more inventory, plus hats with a different vendor. Let her know if your son needs something and she will try to put those orders in. Thanks Diana.
- e. Canteen:** Kim said that the canteen made over \$300 at the Alumni Game. She also reported that every time the canteen is open, it makes money, but it does take volunteers, so please sign up whenever you can. She'll be sending out a Sign-Up Genius link to each team to help with scheduling. More drinks are needed to replenish the stock. Each family should donate a case of waters, sodas, and gator aids (20 ounce bottles - blue is a favorite color, but no green please.) Kim mentioned to Diana that another school has apparel in their canteen area to sell and that our school might benefit from that idea. They'll try to coordinate this for our canteen. Thanks Kim.

- f. **Website:** Steve is hoping to combine the website with live streams of the games. He showed us an app called Sideline HD that tracks each player, their stats, and video clips. Parents can “claim” their player to view, though for now, this is only available for the Varsity team. There is some question about CIF broadcast rules, but the school already has two free NFHS cameras for the gym and football field and since we aren’t contracted with a service provider for that it should be fine. Coach O and Craig will confirm. Diana asked why football gets the cameras, to which Craig replied that it was a district decision on the camera company. Steve encouraged all of us to get to know the School Board members and vote on those positions as they have so much influence on programs. He thanked Jeanette who took a wonderful photo of all the seniors from the different schools in the valley which is up on the website, along with interesting stories and game schedules. Check out the link at <http://harthighbaseball.com/>
- g. **Social Media:** Kerrie has volunteered to help with Social Media and asked that we follow the Dugout Club on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Thanks to Joseph who will be doing the Twitter graphics starting this Saturday. Restaurant Nights and fundraiser information are good to share with others via social media. Please invite family and friends to ‘friend’ and ‘like’ us on Facebook. Kerrie can also post scores and game information. She has JV games covered so if Frosh and Varsity parents can assist with information or photos from their games, please contact her. Thanks Kerrie.

h. Calendar of Events:

1. **Firehouse Subs Fundraiser** - Thursday, February 10th
2. **Spring Season Opener Easton Tourney** - Saturday, February 12th
3. **Vincenzo’s Pizza Night** - Tuesday, February 22nd
4. **Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser** - Saturday, March 19th
5. **Senior Day** - Thursday, April 28th
6. **Banquet** - Saturday, May 21st

IV. Treasurer’s Report: Shawn was unable to call in, but reported last meeting that we have a balance of \$28,888.

V. Coach’s Update: Coach O thanked the Privetts for opening their home for Coaches’ Night and the Downs for their outstanding work on the Media Guide. Thanks to everybody who helped with and came out to support the Alumni Game. He’s had lots of calls that conveyed how much the players enjoyed it. He noted Ryan Haag’s generous donation to the program. Easton Tournament games are coming up. He encouraged all of us to have fun in Santa Barbara and enjoy the beaches and seafood while we’re there. Some of the tournament times are still TBD since we need to wait for the outcomes of the games. This is a fun time of the year as the weather warms up, the field is getting greener, and the teams get to play. He reminded us that we’re nearing the 5-week mark so the students need to make sure their grades are up and rectify any problems. Coach O just heard from Shawn and she’s swamped at the office, so we’ll hear her Treasurer’s Report next week. Again, thanks from Coach for all the support from the parents. Thanks to you, Coach!

VI. New Business: Steve announced that Cornhole volunteers are needed and Stacy offered. Jeanette offered to help as well and asked about baskets for the raffle. Julie suggested that each team put together one basket with a theme. Steve asked if any parent from the Varsity team would like to volunteer to be a game announcer and to let him know. Poker/Bingo Night will need a committee and the Banquet needs volunteers too. He is appreciative of all the parent involvement and encouraged everyone to jump in somewhere to help out the program. Funds we raise help with things like equipment; currently, the batting cage netting needs replacing. Thank you all for your continued support.

VII. Agenda Items: Next meeting we’ll discuss upcoming volunteer opportunities. Thanks for joining us this evening.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (Now rescheduled to Thursday, March 17th at 6:30)

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.