

## Hart High Baseball Dugout Club Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 8, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Coach'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 7:03 p.m. Minutes from the last meeting were approved by Mike, with a second from Julie.

### **II. Committee Business:**

- a. **Media Guide:** Jodi reported that ads were already starting to come in for the guide. She will update the sponsor list as those are received. The due date for turning in forms, ads and tributes will be December 9th. Please contact her at [hartbaseballmediaguide@gmail.com](mailto:hartbaseballmediaguide@gmail.com) with questions or to submit forms for the guide. Reach out if you need help with the layout or artwork on an ad. Elaine asked if vendors outside of our area can be included in the guide; Jodi said that any and all vendors are welcome to buy ads. Tom will be taking photos of the players; they will each need to wear a white button-down shirt and a black tie. Many thanks to Tom for his help with the photography and to Jodi and Steve for all of their work on putting our Media Guide together. It is a great keepsake and a successful fundraiser for the program.
- b. **Fundraising:** Julie asked each family to download the app to sell Double Good Popcorn. The app creates an individual shopping link to send out so that family and friends can place orders directly. This company does ship out-of-state so there is no need to worry about pick-up or delivery. This is an easy and lucrative fundraiser so it is hoped that there will be 100% participation. Thanks to Julie for all of her hard work for the club.
- c. **Apparel:** Diana has placed orders with the hope that the new apparel, bags and helmets will arrive by Christmas. Please get any money owed for your order to her. Checks can be brought to her classroom. She reminded us last week to put names on hoodies as these get misplaced, which is a good reminder for any new apparel or gear that comes in your current order. Thanks so much to Diana for her hard work and for organizing the apparel for all of our boys.
- d. **Canteen:** Kim needs each family to donate a case of water and sodas or gatorade. Regular Dr. Pepper and blue gatorade are popular. Please no red gatorade or diet coke as these don't sell as well. Donations can be brought to the canteen during practices or games. Please volunteer on Sign-Up Genius for a shift. Manning the canteen is fun and simple with instructions posted on the fridge to keep things easy and organized. Students can volunteer and earn service hours for their time. You can also volunteer to offer a special menu item to sell like donuts or muffins, or make hot dogs and hamburgers with the canteen's grill; everything necessary to do that is provided on-site. Thanks to Kim for all of her hard work and organization of our canteen.
- e. **Social Media:** Kerrie keeps our social media platforms updated. We are on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook: one for parents and one for the public. Our hashtag is #harthighbaseball. Please join in and feel free to share pics and highlights from the games to post. Thanks to Kerrie for her time and efforts.
- f. **Website:** This is an area needing a parent to step up as our Website Chair. Steve has been keeping the site updated and can help train a volunteer for this position. Check out our link at <http://harthighbaseball.com/>
- g. **Calendar of Events:**
  1. **Meet the Coaches Night** - Tuesday, January 17, 2023 (event/meeting)
  2. **Alumni Game** - Sunday, February 5, 2023

**3. Dugout Club Meetings - (Tuesdays) January 17; February 14; March 14; April 11 and May 16**

- III. Treasurer's Report:** Unfortunately, Shawn could not be here, but Steve gave a brief report last meeting. Our operating budget is approximately \$75,000 and with 52 players that equates to about \$1,500 per player. Our goal is to raise that amount or more so all fundraising is important to keep the program going.
- IV. Coach's Update:** Coach O thanked all of us for coming out on a rainy evening. He reminded us to encourage our boys to stay current with their schoolwork. It is the 15th week and progress reports go out on Monday. That leaves less than 5 weeks for the students to improve their grades. Winter ball has begun and Coach posts game schedules on Google classroom on Sunday. The boys should be proactive in checking their team schedules and planning accordingly with parents. There will be no games during the Thanksgiving break so enjoy the holiday. He reported that the players are doing a great job lifting before school. The time change has helped as it's now sunny in the mornings. There is an Easton Tournament coming up in February. Steve interjected that we'll reschedule the February meeting for that month if it interferes. Reservations need to be made at the Springhill Suites in San Diego for the March 4th and 5th Varsity games at Rancho Bernardo High School. More information will be sent out to parents regarding this trip. Coach thanked all of us for our support of the program. Thanks so much to Coach O for all he does and the encouragement he gives to our boys.
- V. New Business:** Jeff Press will help coordinate additional fundraising that falls outside the parameters of the Dugout Club. He'll let us know if a Bingo/Poker Night is possible as a separate event for parents. We always need volunteers to serve in the canteen, so please sign up or simply offer to help out while you're at a game. Next year, we'll need volunteers to take over the responsibilities for apparel and the Media Guide. Please let Steve know if you can help in these capacities. Thank you for attending and for your continued support. Happy Holidays!
- VI. Next Meeting Date:** January 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- VII. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.