

Hart High Baseball Dugout Club Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2023
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: Steve called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Minutes from the last meeting were approved by Jodi, with a second from Jeff.

II. Committee Business:

- a. Media Guide:** Jodi reported that the Media Guide is finished. She thanked everyone for their support and participation. The participation tally per team was JV - 100%, Freshmen - 77%, and Varsity - 71%. \$21,975 was raised. The guides should be ready to hand out at the upcoming Meet the Coaches Night. Thanks to Jodi and Steve for all of their hard work in putting the Media Guide together, which is a great keepsake as well as a successful fundraiser for the program. Thanks too to Chris for taking over the guide for next year.
- b. Fundraising:** Julie reminded us about the Yard Sign fundraiser, which is another nice keepsake. They are 2 x 2 and will include each player's name, jersey number and Hart insignia. Banners will also be sold; those are not customized, but are still a nice memento. This month is Super Bowl Pool time, though this is run separately by parents, so Jeff reported on that. Please contact Jeff for JV, Paul for Frosh, and Julie for Varsity, if you would like to participate. Jeff also gave us an update on Bingo Night and Silent Auction that will be at the Boys and Girls Club. Due to the double headers played on the Saturday proposed, this event needs to be moved to April 15th. Also thanks to Jeff, there is a Restaurant Night at Firehouse Subs coming up in March. Diana suggested an ongoing fundraiser that Coach Ahart has utilized for track and field. A store called Whimby's will take used items and give a percentage of sales back to the program. Diana and Julie will follow up on this idea. Julie said that this year's Cornhole Tournament will take place in April and that she will have more detailed information to share at our February meeting. Thank you, Julie, for organizing our fun fundraisers.
- c. Apparel:** Diana thanked everyone for their patience with the apparel. She asked that we let her know if anything is missing or if anyone still needs items. She does have some extra inventory like shirts and hats so reach out to her via email. She took a survey for interest in buying more hoodies, and beanies with a red "H", which garnered a great amount of interest. A sign-up sheet was passed around for orders. Many thanks to Diana for handling all of the apparel needs for our teams, and to the Frithsmiths for taking over this responsibility.
- d. Canteen:** Kim reported that the Sign-Up Genius for shifts will be sent out and to please volunteer. Manning the canteen is fun and easy, with instructions posted on the fridge. It's a great place to be during the cold weather. Students can volunteer and earn service hours for their time as well. Diana offered to let the teachers know about the service hour opportunity for students. Volunteers can bring special menu items to sell. We have a new food warmer that works well for treats like breakfast burritos or pizza. At closing time, please return the money envelope to Kim or your Team Rep. Thanks to Kim for her dedication to the smooth running of our canteen.
- e. Social Media:** Kerrie keeps our social media platforms updated. We are on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Our hashtag is #harthighbaseball. Please join in and feel free to share pics and highlights from the games to post. Thanks to Kerrie for keeping us up-to-date via social media.
- f. Website:** Ben is trying to integrate our social media feeds and will coordinate with Kerrie. He has updated the calendar and is adding links and addresses to the game information. He's helping to get the word out about the

Larry Fiscus Alumni Game next month. Steve mentioned that 19 players have committed so far. Thank you, Ben, for stepping up as our Website Chair. Check out the link at <http://harthighbaseball.com/>.

g. Calendar of Events:

- 1. Meet the Coaches Night** - Tuesday, January 31 (Thanks to the Privett's for hosting!)
- 2. Larry Fiscus Alumni Game** - Sunday, February 5 (Steve, Sarah and Kim reminded us that we need lots of volunteers for this event: 8:30-10:00 = Set-Up; 9:30-2:30 = Canteen Serving; 10:00-1:00 = Grilling; 10:30-12:00 = Check-In; Post-Game 3:00-4:00 = Clean-Up)
- 3. San Diego Varsity Weekend Games** - Saturday & Sunday, March 4 & 5 (Steve is communicating with the Marriott on reservations and a group discount.)
- 4. Bingo/Silent Auction** - Saturday, April 15 (Boys and Girls Club)
- 5. Dugout Club Meetings** - (Wednesday) February 15; (Tuesdays) March 14; April 11; and May 16

III. Treasurer's Report: Shawn had a work meeting this evening, so Steve reported on her behalf. Our balance from the last meeting time was \$12,053. \$16,218 came in for Media Guide and \$1,751 for Apparel, which raised that amount to \$17,969. Expenses included \$11 for Bank Fees, \$230 for Web and Office Costs, \$1,550 for Tournament Fees, and \$475 for Umpires for a total of \$2,266. Our current balance is \$27,757. Steve offered some perspective on the importance of funding as printing costs for the Media Guide are about \$5,500 and year-end expenses will be approximately \$20,000. We should continue to keep in mind that our annual operating budget is roughly \$75,000 so the goal is to raise that amount or more each year through our fundraising efforts. We have yet to receive the transportation bill from last year, but Craig is checking on this accrued expense that will be factored in at some point. Shawn's report serves as an important reminder to participate as much as possible in fundraisers to keep the program well-funded. Thanks to Shawn for keeping track of our finances.

IV. Coach's Update: Coach O welcomed us to 2023. He said the rain has caused some problems and that the dugouts have been pumped out a few times. The teams have still managed to practice in the small gym, upper parking lot and on the tennis court while the field dries out. This weekend we have 14 innings in Granada for Varsity and 7 innings for JV and are figuring out the Frosh game. Have your son check Google Classroom for practice and game schedules. Coach is encouraged by the academic achievements of the students. This is the best year so far for grades. 42 out of 51 players earned a 3.0 or higher; many have a 4.0 or higher grade point. He appreciates their efforts on their schoolwork. There are only 6 students with a C- or below in a class. He has handed out booklets/manila folders with a lot of information for the boys, and the Varsity players are having a meeting during lunch once a week. They will be lifting in the weight room until the season starts, when the schedule will be adjusted to off days. The guys are working hard and Coach is excited to see them play. It's a shame about the rain this weekend, but all teams are in the same boat (pun intended;) In January, we were ranked in Division 1 in the CIF and it's a credit to the players. He said we're winning against some top teams and welcome the challenge. The season is right around the corner. The San Diego trip should be a good team bonding experience for Varsity. They'll ride down on a one-way bus, per district policy, on Saturday morning [March 4th] to play Rancho Bernardo. More details will come on that. Coach thanked us for coming to the meeting tonight. Thanks from all of us to Coach O and his coaching staff. We look forward to seeing them at the Meet the Coaches Night and appreciate their guidance of our boys.

V. New Business: There is a need for help with the year-end video. Diana said that the student who helped us last year is unable to attend all of the games to film. He did offer to help as much as he can and to edit this year's video if someone else can film. Parents are welcome to film their son's at bats to supplement footage. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the video, please contact Steve. Thanks to Tom and Reina who are taking great photos to add to it. Finally, many thanks to our Team Reps for communicating with parents and for organizing the team dinners: Patti Rhodes (Frosh), Kimmie Frithsmith (JV) and Trisha Cooper (Varsity). Thanks to you for attending and for your continued support of the Hart Baseball program.

VI. Next Meeting Date: February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.