

Hart High Baseball Dugout Club Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Coach's Classroom - T209

Attendees:

- Jim Ozella - Head Coach
- Steve Downs - President
- Shawn Damiani - Treasurer
- 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.

II. Committee Business:

- a. Fundraising:** Julie was unable to attend this evening so Steve reported on her behalf that we netted just over \$2,000 from the Cornhole event. Thanks to all who attended and put together the wonderful baskets. The Firehouse Subs fundraiser is coming up on Monday, March 27th, from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. 40% of both in-store and online orders will go back to our program. Thanks to Jeff and Jen for this event. Jeff is also organizing the Casino Night fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at the Boys and Girls Club. He needs volunteers to help secure silent auction items; we're looking for company donations of tickets, trips, etc. He also needs volunteers to help with check-in, set-up and take-down. Sara said that she has decorations that will work well and Traci, Janelle, Kimmie, Tom, Mike and Edey volunteered to assist as needed. We appreciate everyone's help and encourage each parent to attend and invite family and friends. Thanks to Jeff for coordinating this fun event.
- b. Apparel:** Contact Diana or Kimmie if your son needs additional apparel. Thanks to both of them for helping in this area.
- c. Canteen:** Kim is out of town this evening but sent the message that we need donations of water and blue gatorade. Also, please make sure all food is closed up in a container as we've had some furry visitors scouring the canteen for treats. Please continue to sign-up for volunteer shifts. Manning the canteen is simple, with clear instructions posted on the fridge. Students can earn service hours for their volunteer time. Thanks to Kim for her hard work and organization of the canteen.
- d. 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 our social media sites updated.
- e. Website:** Ben has done a great job maintaining our website. He updates the Club's calendar to include fundraising events, game information, addresses and maps, which are extremely helpful. Please have your student check Google classroom for the most current game information as some rescheduling is happening due to weather. Thanks to Ben for his hard work on the website. Check out the link at <http://harthighbaseball.com/>.
- f. Field Internet/Press Box:** Steve reported that a professional came out to repair and update the sound system in our press box. It's a good thing that wires were secured as some had been under water and were potential safety hazards. We now have a better connection which means that music will play wherever you are on the field from the Sonos app. This will mean faster internet for streaming games as well. Thanks to Steve for arranging the much-needed press box renovation.
- g. Calendar of Events:**
 - 1. Firehouse Subs Restaurant Fundraiser - Monday, March 27**
 - 2. Bingo/Silent Auction - Saturday, April 15 (Boys and Girls Club)**
 - 3. Dugout Club Meetings - Tuesdays, April 11 and May 16**

4. Senior Day - Tuesday, April 25

5. Banquet - Saturday, May 20

- III. Treasurer's Report:** Shawn prepared a report showing the year's expenditures. Field and equipment expenses have amounted to \$16,242 this year so far. Apparel costs total \$12,692. Tournament fees have come to \$4,600. The transportation bill still has not been received. Expenses that will be coming up soon are gifts for the graduating seniors and thank yous to the coaches. The year-end video will cost somewhere between \$1,200-\$3,000 to be produced and Steve has a potential videographer drafting a proposal for that. Shawn said that we have approximately \$28,000 in our bank account now. Parents can always contact her for specific costs and financial reports. Parents raised the concern discussed at last month's meeting of the need for funds to renovate the baseball field. Parents present are in agreement that the next fundraiser should be delegated as an effort to pay for that project specifically since the district is either stalling or refusing to finance that need. Therefore, the upcoming Casino Night will be billed as an event to raise field renovation funds so we are encouraging every family to participate. Thanks to Steve and Shawn for keeping us informed about the club's financial needs.
- IV. Coach's Update:** Coach O gave us a heads up that the 10-week mark for grades is approaching. He has talked to the boys about keeping up with their schoolwork. Continue to encourage them to check Google Classroom for updated schedules. He's sorry the weather has been uncooperative and make-up games are in the process of being scheduled. Craig has been helpful with the other schools as we're dealing with rescheduling rules and three levels of teams. There is also an umpire shortage right now that has been a problem since Covid. He's trying to focus on Foothill games during the week. Coach has reminded the players to keep each parent informed since the schedules and locations are being updated so rapidly with the make-up games. He's doing his best to keep them training, healthy and ready to play. Coach thanked all of us for our support and we are very grateful to him for his work with our boys.
- V. New Business:** Thanks to our Team Reps for communicating with parents and for organizing team dinners: Patti Rhodes (Frosh), Kimmie Frithsmith (JV) and Trisha Cooper (Varsity). Thanks so much to those who are signing up with Jeff to volunteer to help with Casino Night and will meet with him briefly after that main meeting. Please pre-order tickets for either bingo or poker to support the fundraiser for our field. Junior families are traditionally responsible for organizing Senior Day so volunteers are needed for that last varsity game of the season. Thanks to each of you for attending and for your continued support of the Hart Baseball program.
- VI. Next Meeting Date:** May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- VII. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.