

Hart High Baseball Dugout Club Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 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 7:07 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 raised around \$1,200 from the Firehouse Subs fundraiser. Thanks to all who participated and to Jeff and Jen for hosting this event. Jeff was also unable to attend this evening, but Steve reported that he has been organizing the Casino Night fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to the volunteers who are helping. 2:00 is the arrival time for volunteers to set-up. The Frosh and JV teams will assist with tables and chairs. Varsity will arrive at the end of the event to break-down the tables and chairs. Each family should bring a dessert. Kim is helping set-up the dessert table and will also run the Silent Auction. Please feel free to keep donating items for her to arrange into gift baskets. One surprise item to auction will be a week at a beautiful house in Lake Tahoe. We appreciate everyone's help and encourage each parent to attend with family and friends. We already have some press in the Signal so the event is being promoted to our community. Thanks to Jeff, Kim and all of our volunteers for coordinating and promoting this fun event.
- b. **Apparel:** Contact Diana if your son needs additional apparel. Thanks to her for her time and effort.
- c. **Canteen:** Kim reported that we need donations of water, blue gatorade and snickers. Please continue to sign-up for volunteer shifts as needed. Manning the canteen is fun, 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 added a "Ticket Buy" button for Casino Night to the website. He regularly updates the Club's calendar to include fundraising events, game information, addresses and maps, so keep checking for new posts. Please have your student check Google Classroom for the most current game information, especially with make-up game additions. Thanks to Ben for his hard work on the website. Check out the link at <http://harthighbaseball.com/>.
- f. **Calendar of Events:**
 1. **Bingo/Silent Auction - Saturday, April 15 (Boys and Girls Club)**
 2. **Senior Day - Tuesday, April 25**
 3. **Dugout Club Meeting - Tuesday, May 16**
 4. **Banquet - Saturday, May 20**

III. Coach's Update: Coach O has been working to reschedule the games that were canceled due to weather. He asked that we continue to encourage our students to check Google Classroom for updated schedules and keep parents informed. He thanked everyone who helped get our field ready for the Varsity double-header. He said that those who showed up went above and beyond the call of duty getting the field into playing shape after all the rain. The water had to be taken off

about three times. He reported that the volunteers made sure we were game ready and he appreciates their support. Coach said that if we don't cancel a game early enough, the umpire fee still has to be paid. He reminded us that we have only 3 weeks left in the season, plus make-up games. Saturday's game with Gahr is on prom day, but it's in the morning so the boys will have time to get back. Gahr is ranked 5th so a win could bump up Varsity. He said Frosh and JV are doing a great job with their games. Summer information is starting to get out so check Google Classroom; additional information will be distributed soon. We are very grateful to Coach O for his hard work on the field and for training our boys so well.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Shawn reported that we have a balance of \$23,639. Donations for field renovations are \$753 so far. Expenses include \$3,087 for apparel, \$396 for equipment and supplies and \$1,327 for the Alumni Game. Casino Night is expected to do well and raise funds that are intended to be used for field renovation costs. There are still year-end expenses to factor into the budget, which are coaches' gifts, video copies for the players, Media Guide and banquet expenses. Thanks to Shawn for keeping track of the Club's finances.

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 Jeff and to those who are volunteering to help with Casino Night. Please continue to buy tickets for either bingo or poker to support this fundraiser. Junior families are traditionally responsible for organizing Senior Day so volunteers are needed for that last Varsity game of the season. Banquet also needs volunteers. Steve has found someone to do the video; thanks to Tom who will help create folders for each player so parents can submit photos for that. Thanks to Kimmie who has been researching companies and getting estimates for the potential field renovation project. Steve reminded us that his last meeting will be the upcoming one in May. We will be emailing bylaw amendment proposals for a vote at that meeting. Amendment proposals include the addition of a Member-At-Large to the Executive Board, plus updated wording on term dates. Steve said that he has enjoyed his time serving and knows he's leaving the Dugout Club in good hands. Thank you, Steve, for being an outstanding president! 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 8:12 p.m.