

Falcon Athletic Boosters Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2008
Location: SPHS Media Center

Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm by Larry Sells

Minutes from the previous meeting:

This is the first meeting of the 2008-2009 Academic Year. There were no previous minutes to approve.

President's Updates: Larry Sells

1. The members of the Falcon Athletic Boosters Board, for the 2008-2009 Academic Year, were introduced. New Board Members:
 - a. Vice President: Charlie Hornick
 - b. Secretary: Kelley McNey
2. The new Principal of Severna Park High School, Patrick Bathras, was introduced.
3. The Chamber of Commerce will donate funds from its Golf Fundraiser to the Falcon Athletic Boosters.
 - a. Date: 22 September
 - b. Volunteers: 2 needed (Kelley McNey and Kathy Fielding?)
4. Facilities Update:
 - a. No Parking signs for the Bull Pen are in, and will be installed this week. Cost of the signs was \$1200.00.
 - b. Temporary fencing has been installed around the back of the football field and the concession stand area to keep (younger) kids out of the area.
 - c. The football field is deteriorating; however, the turf field project is on track. Additional information is in the Athletic Director's report.
 - d. The Falcon statue has been vandalized. It will be repaired. There is a \$1,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.
 - e. The County Board of Education has made budget cuts in the athletics budget.
 1. SPHS now shares fields' maintenance personnel with two other schools.
 2. The Board of Education did not pay for striping the football field.

Committee Reports

Vice President: Charlie Hornick

Bull & Oyster Roast:

1. **October 25th – 7:00 P.M. -- at Earleigh Heights Fire Dept.**
2. Tickets: \$35 – Lower than last year. Contact Charlie Hornick for tickets.
3. There will be a Silent Auction. Items include: Ravens football tickets, a kitchen makeover design, beach house vacations, a new dishwasher, and a variety of gift certificates. Contact Larry Sells to donate other items for the auction.
4. A license has been obtained, there will be gaming.
5. There are numerous jobs and volunteers are needed.
6. Information and tickets are also available on the Falcon Athletic Boosters web site (www.spboosters.org).

Treasurer's Report: Patty Erskine

All accounts are current. The highlights from the report prepared by "Korwek & Company, PA" are as follows:

Total Assets	\$196,687.11
Total Liabilities	\$95,633.68
Total Equity	\$101,053.43

Other notes from the Treasurer:

1. The Boosters' mailbox in the High School's main office is checked weekly, on Fridays.
2. Team Reps / Coaches: Call or email if you need checks written.
3. Team Allocations: Dollar amounts will be available in next month's (October's) report.
4. Concession stand renovations are temporarily on hold while funding issues are resolved.

Membership Report: Beth Wiley

1. Over 140 families have signed up and the total for membership dues is \$???. 465 families were members at the end of the last academic year.
2. Team Representatives:
 - a. Packets containing Team Representative Responsibilities and blank Team Roster forms, were placed in the coaches' mailboxes in the High School's main office
 - b. Make sure that Beth receives your team's roster. If the team achieves 100% membership, the team will get \$10 per student-athlete added to its funds.
 - c. No teams have achieved 100%; however, 2-3 teams are close.
 - d. Membership forms are available and can be downloaded from the web site. You may also join online using the Boosters' secure web site. Families may sign up more than one child at a time during an online session.

Concessions Report: Luanne Kerrigan

1. Reminder: When your team is scheduled to man the concession stand, you must have people in place – ready to serve customers before the games start. If your team can't provide the required number of volunteers to man the concession stands, call Luanne at least two days in advance.
2. Manning Change: This year, high school students, ages 14 and up, will be permitted to work in the concession stands, serving food and drinks. They no longer need to be 18 or older.
3. Some prices were raised this year to cover increased costs.
4. Please verify or update the list of team representatives, and contact information. The list is used to contact team representatives with the schedule for concession stand duty.

Athletic Director's Report: Wayne Mook

The following are updates on projects/issues for the Athletic Department:

1. Hall of Fame Induction: 9 new members will be inducted. New members are former coaches and student-athletes, and members of the community that have made significant

contributions to Severna Park High School Athletics. New inductees will be introduced at half time at the football game, on September 12th, and honored at the dinner, on Saturday, September 13th at the Chartwell Country Club.

2. There are several new coaches and assistant coaches beginning with the Fall 2008 season.
 - a. A date for the Winter Season “Meet the Coaches” night has not yet been set.
3. New banners are hanging in the gym with all the years of championship winners.
4. Turf Field Update:
 - a. The last home football game is October 3rd.
 - b. Final approval to proceed is expected October 1st.
 - c. Work should begin on October 4th,
 - d. The field should be ready in 8 – 10 weeks.
 - e. Play-off games will be scheduled at other high schools or suitable County facilities.
5. State Rulings:
 - a. No practice or games on Rosh Hashanah (29 Sep) or Yom Kippur (8 Oct)
 - b. Handicapped Students will be permitted to participate in school sports, including varsity-level athletics, if they are medically cleared to do so and their participation is not a hazard to either themselves or other participants.
6. Swimming: Big Vanilla has raised its prices; swimming is considering other venues.
7. Gym Improvements: Several improvements were made over the summer. These include installation of new basketball backboards and raising & lowering winches. *Many of these improvements were paid for using Falcon Athletic Boosters gate receipts.*
8. Athletic participation packets are available online, on the High School’s web site (<http://www.severnaparkhigh.org/>). Packets include the Code of Conduct form and the Physical Exam form. The Guide for Student Athletes and Parents is also available.
9. To get the latest, most up-to-date, sports schedule information log on to www.viewmyschedule.com or contact the Falcon Sportsline at 410-544-5302.

Committees:	Chair	Date	Comments
1. Bull & Oyster Roast	Charlie Hornick	25 Oct 08	Need volunteers
2. Mulch Sale	Meg Anderson	27/28 Mar 09	Senior parking lot
3. Senior Banquet		18 May 09	SPHS Cafeteria

Old Business:

This is the first meeting of the 2008-2009 Academic Year; there was no Old Business.

New Business:

1. September 17th at 6:30pm STARRS speaker.
2. Video Equipment: The Football Team Rep discussed new video equipment that would enable the team to quickly digitize existing game films. The equipment also has the capability to cut, copy and paste film clips together for a variety of uses, including game analysis and production of “highlight films” (on CD-ROM) for players to use with their applications to colleges. Cost of the new equipment: \$6,000.00.
 - a. Motion: by Larry Sells, and seconded by the Football Team Rep for the Falcon Athletic Boosters to pay half of the cost -- \$3,000.00. The remainder of the money needed will be raised by the football teams various fundraisers.

- b. Discussion: The equipment is also capable of reproducing CD-ROMs after they have been made. Filming, digitizing, and production of “highlight films” are currently contracted out. The equipment has potential use by other SPHS sports teams.
- c. Vote: Passed

Motion to adjourn @ 9:00pm by Larry Sells; seconded by Kelley McNey