



UTICA HIGH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

MEETING MINUTES

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DATE	April 7, 2025	TIME	7:00 pm	FACILITATOR	Ashley Bluhm
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IN ATTENDANCE				
Ashley Bluhm	Jennifer Sutter	Brandi Brown	Kirsten Griffin	Alisa Noteboom
Cindy Karrantja	Ricki Rettell	Janine Varghese	Sarah Condon	Grace Oddo
Jennifer Zbytowski	Amber Miles	Jennifer Reynolds	Sherry Dishman	Jenna Ashbreck
Holly Geottes	Jessica Bright	Leslie Cole	Jennifer Wiseman	Debbie Gorlewski
Troy Hayes	Kellie Ventimiglia	Christy Pittel	Kim Misuraca	Jennifer Coughlin

ITEM
<p>Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes from meeting held on 3/10/25 were reviewed. Motion to approve by K. Ventimiglia and seconded by A. Miles. No opposition, and minutes were passed.</p>
<p>Athletic Director Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bleachers at Swinehart have been demolished. The field will be inaccessible after June 1st while construction ensues. In the fall, soccer will be played at Total Sports on M-53/30Mile Rd while location of football games are anticipated to vary between Mott, Cousino, Sterling Heights following finalization of contracts. Ike is anticipated to play at the same locations. Homecoming game will be at Jimmy Johns. Utica practices will likely be behind the school.Hall of Fame Nominations are due on June 6th. Karen Holmes has applications.Spring Sports reminder that schedules are fluid and dependent on weather, calling for flexibility. Big Teams calendar is updated accordingly.
<p>Treasurer Report/Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">J. Zbytowski reported account total of \$101,376.17. \$35,333.49 has been paid out towards scholarships and wishlis items. Accounting has been dropped off to the CPA.10K Raffle profit is pending, and will be reported to the state.
<p>Merchandise: C. Karrantja reported that pop-up sales in the parking lot was successful, and she will do another on on Wednesday April 23rd. About 20 blankets are left.</p> <p>Social Media: C. Karrantja encouraged everyone to post shoutouts and updates for spring sports on facebook page.</p> <p>Concessions: K. Griffin provided a reminder that concessions are limited, as stock is being depleted in anticipation of the end of the year. Soccer sales were slow. Sales are being held out of the older small building on the visitor side. Reassessment of items once new concessions building opens with new equipment such as warmers and increased storage space. Contracted fields will not allow Utica to sell concessions. Boosters are projected to lose thousands of dollars during the fall season. We are brainstorming ideas to recoup some profits. K. Misuraca questioned whether the contracted schools will have enough volunteers to sell. A. Bluhm added that some schools' teams must volunteer or are motivated to volunteer in exchange for a percentage of sales to go directly to their teams. K. Ventimiglia suggested doing a tailgate style dinner in the parking lot to benefit the boosters similar to the ones held by the dance team. J. Coughlin stated that it historically hasn't been very profitable, but has potential if better coordinated. G. Oddo asked if Utica could sell 50/50 at the contracted locations, and T. Hayes said he could inquire.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shout out to M. Moehlig for his work to organize and run the SOLD OUT event on April 11th.Scholarship applications are due this week. <p>New Business:</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Board and Committee position holders are willing to stay for 2025/26. Call made out for nominations or volunteers to run, and no one expressed interest. Nominations will remain open and voting will occur during the May meeting. Committee position help always welcome (Purchasing, 10k Raffle, Social Media, Fundraising Opportunities, etc) • Booster participation in Staff Appreciation Luncheon is pending. Boosters are usually asked to sponsor a day. A. Miles and K. Misuraca offered to assist.
<p>Open to Floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Pittel inquired about profit from 10K Raffle. J. Zbytowski responded that profit was down this year as cost of the venue increased over \$2000 and last chance raffle made about \$1000 less than last year.
<p>Meeting Adjournment: Meeting ended at 7:51 pm.</p>
<p>Next Utica High Athletic Boosters Meeting Date: May 12th at 7:00 pm IN PERSON at Tap n Barrel</p>