

Buffalo High School Boys Tennis Booster Club Meeting

June 4, 2025

6:00 pm at Huikkos

Minutes: Jessica Schmidt

In attendance:

Coach Danielson

Jesse and Beth Salonek

Megan Breyer

Jessica Schmidt

Kevin Umhoefer

Steph Friesz

Meeting Discussion:

April Meeting minutes:

- Approved by all attendees.

Updates from Coach Danielson

- Weight room donation from the Booster Club will be \$280. We will buy bands and donate them directly.
- Summer opportunities - Monticello hasn't updated their website yet. As Jordan sees opportunities he will send to the Booster Club email for updating on our website.

President report (Beth Salonek)

- It was approved by all attendees that as of June 2025, Beth Salonek will be the acting Booster Club President and Tom Leimer will be removed. Tom Leimer's name will be removed from the Booster Club's bank account and replaced with Beth Salonek. Megan Breyer will stay on the bank account as well as the active Booster Club Treasurer.
- Beth facilitated a debrief of the 2025 season (see notes below).

Treasurer / Fundraising report (Megan Breyer)

- The account is off by \$8.25 and it's because the bank charged a fee. Megan will call to learn more and account for it as needed
- The current balance is \$7,398.06.
- Megan initially projected that we'd be at \$8,281 at the end of the season, but we are at ~\$7.4. Things to consider with budgeting next year:

- The Rochester away meal was projected at \$650 and it cost \$1,100.
- We did an extra water run at a tournament for \$60.
- We budgeted \$300 for senior night (originally for the photographer), but spent \$500 for a photographer to ensure that Varsity and JV were covered and then spent ~\$200 for senior gifts.
- We budgeted \$350 for captains practice and spent \$560.
- We also gave donations to Nick and Kevin for their volunteer coaching this year (but used the money from donations that came in, so that was a wash).
- We did not budget year end gifts and ended up spending on that.
- We spent \$230 on extra practices at RTC that were not originally in our budget.
- We did not have the spring break team bonding event in our budget and that cost us \$270.
- We had projected \$11,800 in income this year, but we were at \$10,800.

2025 Season debrief (what worked well, what didn't):

- Liked the banquet. Good middle ground for having food without a high expense. The location was good.
- Need to amend our bi-laws and budget to allow up to a certain amount for rain / RTC bookings and then Jordan can just book quickly without needing to get permission from the Booster club. Also allowed in this should be the need for any equipment. .
- Snacks for tournaments - send food / beverages with the team on the bus so they have all the food with them (don't have parents bring later). There were issues this year with food when tournaments were split locations. Snacks were too repetitive - would be good to have more variety from week to week (e.g., M&Ms, pretzels, pickles). Maybe invest next year in some protein drink and electrolytes powder that kids can put in their water. When it comes to the end of the season (e.g., individual sections), just have players do food / drinks on their own. For away tournaments, think about just letting kids do it on their own - but still do drinks.
- Consider buying 2-4 water jugs that we can use at tournaments and then assign one JV and one Varsity parent to own that job for the season
- Consider doing Google spreadsheet next year for all volunteer opportunities vs. sign-up genius for individual events.
- At the parent meeting, be clear that you have to volunteer and bring food / beverage at least once. Players also have to volunteer.
- For 9th grade parents, consider providing a mentor parent. Consider a handout as well with expectations and things to know. Or have a new member night.
- Need to do a better job of collecting contact information - not everyone did the QR code this year at the spring sports meeting.
- Consider creating a distribution list in google for email.
- Need better handouts for the sports meeting (e.g., schedule).
- Need a better room for the sports meeting next year.

- Coaches – Kevin will help depending on his work situation. Jordan has someone he's exploring. This is the most valuable thing and Jordan would prioritize expanding coaching.
- Coaches should use the parents more at matches and tournaments as needed.
- Equipment – just need a ball machine, but it taking a few years. Also need a few footballs.
- Plan ahead more with our "nights" – senior, teacher appreciation, etc.
- It would be good to have the full season calendar ready well before the season starts.
- Consider purchasing a sun shade for tournaments so players can get shade and have a quiet place to decompress after matches.
- Think about cooling rags – either telling kids to have them or buying some.
- Teach kids about the need to string their rackets.
- Buy some grips so it's ready when kids need it. Jordan could get at his conference at a discount.
- Keep the pizza fundraiser. Megan can keep doing it, but we need to get Megan off the other fundraisers. Each fundraiser needs a person who's in charge and in the lead.
- Do Cub, not Coborns next year. Need to call August 1st for Cub. Stephanie to call and check for the upcoming year.
- Keep doing Culvers. They are booked for the summer and fall. Beth to call and check.
- Jimmy Johns and Jersey Mikes do sandwich orders for away tournaments. Perhaps consider that for next year opposed to snacks.
- Fish Fry help may be a good fundraiser. Jesse to explore.
- Sponsorships – consider this for next year again. Need a committee to help with this. You have to do it in the fall / Q4 before December when businesses are looking to donate. September or October is the best timing. In summary, we need a committee, to tighten the measures / what they get, and start at the right time. Consider getting the kids involved.
- Think about a pickleball tournament. Kevin is going to learn how Monticello is doing it. He will research it and check to see if we can do it in the fall. Consider doing t-shirts with our current sponsors. Long term, think about then adding a tennis tournament to it. Maybe think about a clinic for grade school kids to help build our program.
- Need to define roles for committee leads, etc. and then document how we do each fundraiser.
- Moving forward the new secretary role should absorb the website.
- Pictures – need to consider if we want to spend \$500 again. Maybe consider a student or yearbook person to keep the cost down.
- Senior gifts – perhaps the banner is the senior gift.
- Think about using the Google calendar to send reminders to people who are bringing snacks.

Open roles:

- The Secretary role is open. Beth will make some calls - perhaps Kristin Blivine (Gavin's mom) or Charlie Gooddahl's mom.
- Fundraising – lead or committee:
 - Megan will do Heggies again.
 - Steph to lead sponsorships.
 - Cub, Culvers or Sponsorship help - Megan will ask Shannon Grossman, Christina Cox, and Jen Ehart.
 - Social media – assume Hunter will continue to do it.
 - Pictures – need a volunteer.
 - Senior day – assume senior parents will continue to do it.
 - Summer tennis opportunities – make part of the secretary role.
 - Snacks – Steph will lead.
 - Year End Banquet – think about having junior parents do this. Beth will lead and seek volunteers.
 - Rochester – have a leader / committee and then volunteers (hotel planning, meeting space, meals, 2 x parent chaperon to get dinner and supervise).
 - Captain's practice – need to reserve courts, think about getting insurance, and volunteer for supervising.
 - Middle school – no need for a volunteer moving forward, as it's run by Delano.
 - Team dinners – Beth to ask Jessica K and Suzanne if they'll continue to lead.

Other next steps:

- Jessica to update the website and the Google account back-up / phone number and email. Jessica will tell Beth so she can reset the password for the 2026 Booster Club members.
- Steph to work on volunteer Google Sheet.
- Steph to work on the parent handout.

Next meeting

- The Booster Club will regroup in August to draft budget and calendar and fundraising events (Beth to schedule). Jordan is free the first week in August. He'll be unavailable the second week in August, as that's when soccer will start. For the fall, Mondays and Wednesdays are when he doesn't have soccer games.