Track and Field Booster Club Meeting Minutes

2/9/26

In attendance: Dave Jones, Ashley Jones, Alisha Good, Felicia Batten, Kelley Waninger, Joe Stair, Nick Mercadante, Yatra Annan

Update from Coach Gutekunst

- Updates/2026 needs - new timing system: FAT system (automatic timing)
    - Sean Sebeck will be timer, meeting with Coach G weekly
    - This will be a learning curve this year with changes on the fly - possibility of hiring a second person for meets, one person running camera, one person doing meet management on computer
    - Meet management system needed: MeetPro or HiTec
        - MeetPro is less expensive and just as good as HiTec, connects with MileSplit
    - Boosters should be prepared for on-demand purchases needed for system (longer cords, weatherproofing, computer mouse, etc) - all one-time purchases
        - $1000 will be set aside for on-demand timing purchases
        - Coach G will buy as needs arise then see if Athletic Dept will cover cost
    - Looking at options for storing the FAT system
        - Good's PE office is a possibility
        - Nick M. suggested Athletic Dept purchases lockable cages like the ones in the concession stand so items can be secure in the shed, Ashley J. will talk to Josh Luckenbaugh, Coach G will find out if the system could be stored outside in hot/cold temps
- Staffing Update
    - Fully staffed for Junior High and Varsity
        - New jump coach
        - Part time JH coach - ran at Dallastown
        - Ashley J. will update website with new hires
        - Two coaches currently splitting pay, Steve P (shot and disc) is basically full time so Boosters asked to supplement salary
    - Indoor participation - kids doing great and have been troopers despite not being able to be outside due to weather and doing hallway runs
    - Sign Ups Varsity #'s - over 100 signed up so far, 15-20 known kids haven't signed up yet

      Last year 170 signed up, started the season with 130

Update from Coach B.

- Sign Ups - Junior High #'s - 100 sign ups so far

Treasurer Report

- Financial Report Update
    - Starting Balance - $30, 306 after district and 2 others cash checks
    - Coaches Discretionary Fund - keep at $200
    - Purchases/Donations: Yearbook Ad (½ ad, track only), Senior Class ($50), Unified Track/Silent Disco ($50), Mini-Thon ($50)
    - We will address the Budget and VOTE in March.

Board Updates

- New Secretary - Kelley Waninger
- Big purchase for 2026 - Timing System (see above for details)
- Vacancies - expected for 2027 season
    - President, Vice President, Treasurer will be stepping down after this season
    - Start looking for our next officers with opportunity to shadow this season
- Booster Club Website
    - The website is in the process of being updated (by 3/1)
- Banquet Update
    - Sunday 5/17 @ 2pm. Dessert bar and Awards
    - New decorations to be purchased

Topics for Discussion

- Team Pictures
    - Use Mike Inkrote for seniors only due to current availability
    - Looking at other options for full team pictures
        - Tara/Richard - used by many other teams, concerned about time needed for full team photos
        - Satoko Berg
        - Libby Jones and Sienna Seufert
    - Picture Dates - need yearbook deadline, Senior night, Senior Banners/Senior group picture
- Junior High warm ups
    - Ashley J. will contact 2 the Tee for prices on sweatshirts/sweatpants

Meet the Team/Booster Club Membership

- Booster Club Membership Drive and Website email will go out at the end of February
    - Emphasize support needed with volunteers and donations
        - Average 20-25% booster participation
        - 2023 Membership - 300 athletes, 25% booster members (80), 4% attend meetings (10)

        - 2024 Membership - 275 athletes, 20% booster members (55), 3% attend meetings (8)
        - 2025 Membership - 70 booster members
    - Booster Club Remind to share sign ups and ask for requests
    - Brainstorm ways to increase participation/attendance
        - Separate Junior High and Varsity Meet the Team events to better engage JH parents

Seniors

- Finalize numbers in March
- Applications are due at the beginning of April. We must have the names to the school mid April (Mrs. Harr)
- Packets and Google Docs - Ready to go by Meet the Team
- Senior "Night" April 28th (Red Lion)

Team Fundraising Opportunities

- Spike Sale ($10) and T-shirt Sale ($5) at Meet the Team
- 2 the Tee
    - Ashley will contact Kory
    - 2 selling times: 2/16 - 2/23, 3/9 - 3/15
- Jersey Mikes - Alisha is contacting them (update: not available, they said our numbers are too low)
- Kona Ice
    - contact Melissa Arslan
    - Offer - 20% in sales, meets and invitationals
    - $900 in 2024, $630 in 2025
- New Ideas
    - Candles
    - Sub Sale
    - Car Wash
- Popcorn Loft
    - Kelley W. will contact for available dates

Season Sponsorship Opportunities

- Contact last year's sponsors first - give deadline of March 5th
- We hope to have 10-12 sponsors at $400-$450
- 2x3 banners from Atlas Printing around $50
    - Show banners at Meet the Team to hopefully get more sponsors
- New businesses - deadline TBD

Concession Stand

- More details at March meeting
- We do not have many home meets this year, so we will need to increase fundraising and push membership.
- Needs (paper goods, etc)
- Discussion Items (see additional information)
    - Ordering in bulk - soda, hot dogs
    - First order - Open the stand for the scrimmage?
    - Pizza - Parma vs. Roma's - look at prices
    - Using Coke to stock drinks (subscription)
    - Round the Clock mac and cheese for invitationals
    - Stocking the Stand - Alisha will organize

2026 Budget

- The officers are working together to create a working budget based on the numbers of the last several years.
    - Helps with consistency
    - Vote on the budget in March

Important Dates

3/10 Meet the Team, JH 6:00 / Varsity 7:15 (officers, set up at 5:00, meet before)
4/24 Ray Geesey Invitational at Dallastown
4/28 Senior Night - Red Lion meet, teacher appreciation night
5/06 YAIAA Counties at Dallastown
5/17 Varsity End of Season Celebration 2:00

Save the Date

- Booster Club Meetings
    - 2nd Monday of the month
      2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11
      7:00-8:30

Committees

Create a sign up
Fundraising
Concessions
Senior Night/Teacher Appreciation: Lindsay Barshinger
Banquet

Spirit Wear (including invitationals)

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Introduction of Officers

President: Ashley Jones
Vice President: Alisha Good
Secretary: Kelley Waninger
Treasurer: Nick Mercadante

Update from Coach Gutekunst

- Funds are exhausted from the district, 2 javelins need to be regripped - booster club will pay
- Excellent first week of practice in spite of circumstances with half day Thursday and no school Friday, great turnout
- 161 kids on roster, Coach G will email those who haven't shown up
- 178 Junior High sign ups, 130 showed up for practice
- Coaches are talking about cancelling the Suburban scrimmage due to cold weather, don't want injuries this early in the season
- Riyana Owens is being paid for part time coaching but has been consistently showing up in a full time capacity. The booster club is currently paying for half of the stipend for Steve Parago, so can we also pay the other half for Riyana? This will be voted on in April.
- Meet Pro is all set up for the timing system
- The camera broke - it was sent back to be repaired
- Pictures went well on Sunday, those who weren't able to attend will be photographed on Wednesday during practice

Treasurer Report

- No report

Board Updates

- Booster Club website is updated and live!
- We currently have 12 families which represents 15 athletes (we had 27 at this time last year)
- On sign up form, mandatory question - what would you like to help with?
- 2025 - 85 families (representing 100 athletes)
- Hopeful to get more at Meet the Team (3/10/26)
    - Track spikes ($10)and vintage t-shirts ($5) will be sold at Meet the Team
    - Lanyards or decal will be offered to all sign-ups
- 27 Seniors
    - Senior Packets due by 3/18
    - Scholarship applications due to coaches by 4/6, coaches give to Ashley by 4/16

    - Senior Night - Red Lion meet (Lindsay Barshinger will coordinate)
        - We will discuss details at our April meeting
- Meet vs Northeastern on 4/14 will be "Beat Cancer" night (contact: Steff Smeltzer)
    - They will have a table set up to sell shirts and collect money
    - Total amount raised will be announced before the 4x4
- The district ordered new Junior High uniforms
- Old uniforms will be kept in case we need extras
- Booster Club ordered 100 sweatshirts for JH - $3500
    - Each sweatshirt will be numbered to keep track
    - Must be returned at the end of the season

Fundraising Opportunities

- Jersey Mikes said no to fundraising request
- Popcorn Loft fundraiser will run from 4/1-4/17 (orders/money due 4/17)
    - Distribution will be 5/7, 4:30-6:00
- 2 the Tee - spirit wear fundraiser
- Kona Ice

Season Sponsorship Opportunities

- We are looking for sponsors
- Possible renewals (8 at $400 = $3200)
    - Front Runner, Heritage Hills, Heather Reiner Law, Sheep Dog, Coach B, Patton Vet, TruAdvantage, Culhane's
- Other businesses to reach out to: S&H Shipping (sponsor in 2025), OSS (sponsor in 2025), York Fit (sponsor in 2024)
- Banners will be hung by 3/31 meet

Concession Stand Update

- Stock the Stand - at Meet the Team (thanks to Alisha Good)
- In need of concession stand openers to arrive at 3:15
- First order has been placed
- Discussion of pretzel orders: use Philly for meets and Apex for Ray Geesey and districts
- All concession stand sign ups are posted on booster website
- Ashley and Alisha will order Chick-fil-a and price pizzas to find the least expensive option
- Booster club will pay for Sechrist hot dogs this year
- Booster club buying 80 lbs of ground beef from Sam's

Ray Geesey Invitational

- Event Sponsors: local businesses, track families
    - $25/event, $50/relay
- Officials Meals
    - Sandwich trays from Giant?
- Shirts - Ashley will check timeline from last year and order
- 16 teams already registered

Important Dates

3/10 Meet the Team, JH 6:00 / Varsity 7:15 (officers, set up at 5:00)
3/11 Varsity Team Pictures (those not photographed already)
3/18 JH Team Pics
4/24 Ray Geesey Invitational at Dallastown
4/28 Senior Night - Red Lion meet, teacher appreciation night
5/06 YAIAA Counties at Dallastown
5/17 Varsity End of Season Celebration 2:00

Save the Date

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    - 2nd Monday of the month
      4/13, 5/11
      7:00-8:30

Track and Field Booster Club Meeting Minutes
4/13/26

In attendance: Ashley Jones, Dave Jones, Alisha Good, Felicia Batten, Kelley Waninger, Katie Roskovensky, Ken Good

Introduction of Officer

President: Ashley Jones
Vice President: Alisha Good
Secretary: Kelley Waninger
Treasurer: Nick Mercadante

Positions Available

- 2026-2027 Season: President, Vice President, Treasurer
- Ideas to find new people: send job descriptions, look for parents of JH/9th grade athletes
- We are also looking for a liaison for Junior High to attend meetings regularly

Update from Coach Gutekunst

- Teams are doing very well
- Timing system worked well for the first use during York High meet
    - We now have a second person (Matt Strebig) working with Sebeck at each meet, one person will run cameras, one person will input athletes
    - Coach Gutekunst will work with JH coaches to show timing system

Treasurer Report

- Nick is out of town but Ashley gave his report
- Fundraising update: Spirit Wear brought in over $600, no update on Kona Ice to date
- Season sponsors will bring in $2800
    - 7 of 12 season sponsors renewed at $400 each
    - We are waiting on payment from Parma, Heritage Hills, and Culhanes
    - Sebeck Physiotherapy has paid
    - Ashley will give Nick credit card numbers for TruAdvantage, Sheepdog and Coach B when he returns
    - Banners will be hung at meets and business logos will be on Ray Geesey shirts

Coaching Update

- Coach Perago and Coach Owens are paid for part time but putting in full time hours, both go above and beyond
- Proposal from the board: cover the other half of both salaries to make them full time coaches
- VOTE: Motion - Dave Jones, 2nd - Felicia Batten; unanimous vote
- Two full time sprint coaches are needed at the JH level for the number of sprinters on team

- Can the booster club pay for salaries? Coach Gutekunst will have a conversation with Josh and Coach B

Fundraising Update

- Booster Club Membership: 34% participation = 92 families (up from 30% last year)
  - $2750 plus additional donations
  - Missing forms from 2 families, missing payment from 8 families (but there are unnamed credit card receipts that may belong to those families)
- Popcorn Loft fundraiser ends on 4/17, but due to invitationals we are asking forms and money to be turned into coaches by Thursday, 4/16.
  - Orders can also be dropped off at the concession stand on Tuesday, 4/14 during the home meet. Kelley Waninger will collect orders from the concession stand at the end of the meet on Tuesday and also be at the end of practice on Thursday, 4/16 to collect orders from parents and coaches
  - Distribution will be 5/7, 4:30-6:00 at the stadium
- Ray Geesey Fundraising
  - T-shirt sales: ordered and ready for pick up on 4/20-4/21
    - Purchased for $7/$8 from 2 the Tee, selling for $15
    - 3 color options - gray (from last year), navy, or light blue
  - Event Sponsors -36 events sponsored so far ($25/event, $50/relay)
    - Email will be going out this week about sponsorships
    - If all events are sponsored = $1050+ (up to 3 sponsors per event)
    - Yard signs will be displayed with sponsor's name attached

Senior Night: Wednesday, April 28th (Red Lion Meet)

- Start time - 3:45
- Parent arrival - 6:00 (unless athlete is running a late event)
- Coach Gutekunst will send an email to seniors and parents
- Kelley Waninger will ask Satoko Berg about taking pictures
- JROTC/Patty announcing
  - Lindsay B. will contact Patty with senior information the week before
- Flowers - order from Sam's (26)
  - Greenery, Blue and white roses, babies breath
  - Lindsay B will order and turn in receipts for reimbursement
- Teacher Appreciation (Alisha)
  - 16 students submitted forms by deadline
  - Order 4x6 frames from Amazon - $18/10 frames

Senior Scholarships

- 6 applicants (6 $500 scholarships available)
- Packets have been given to the committee and are due back to Ashley by 4/17
- Scholarship forms for both Booster Club (chosen by committee) and Ray Geesey (chosen by coaches) MUST be turned into Mrs. Haar by 4/22 at the latest (already extended deadline)
- Coach Gutekunst will submit these after Ashley gives Booster Club scholarship recipient names

Ray Geesey Invitational: April 24th at Dallastown

- Email for volunteers and donations has gone out, sign ups are rolling in
- Start time - 4:00
- Officials Fees should be the same as last year (around $1310)
    - 1 ref @ $140
    - 9 officials @ $130
    - 10 meals
    - Trainer - Chris
- Admission Fee - $5/adult, free for students
    - Concessions (water and a few snacks) and admission table at throwing area, inside the gate
- Ray Geesey Volunteers
    - Field volunteers (Coach Gutekunst will provide a list, athletes not participating in the meet can volunteer)
    - Ask York College athletes
- Volunteer Meals
    - We will distribute meal vouchers or use a check list
    - Meal To-Go Box: 2 ham or turkey sliders, chips, cookies, water/canned soda
    - Offered to Officials, volunteers, YCP athletes
    - Boxes should be picked up at the t-shirt window (there will be signage)
    - Coach Gutekunst will communicate food options to officials
    - Cost - $3.50-$4.00 per meal ~ $300 in costs
- Additional water will be provided in coolers at the medals table for officials/volunteers/coaches
- New timing this year - concessions and t-shirt sales will begin at 2:00
- Alisha will do QR codes to hang for results

YAIAA Counties: May 7th at Dallastown

- Track start time: 3:00-4:00
- Throws start time: 3:00
- Volunteer sign up
    - Concession Stand

    - Throws Concession Table (water and a few snacks)
- Officials Meals
    - Same Meal To-Go as Geesey
    - Josh will supply additional water in a cooler at medals table for officials and coaches
- Planning Meeting: Thursday, 4/30 at concession stand (if needed)

End of Year Celebration (more to come at May meeting)

- Start time - 2:00
- Dessert Bar
- Google form RSVP
- Volunteers: food pick up, set up/clean up
- Senior Gifts (framed photo from Senior Night, $25 gift card, banner)

Additional Questions/Comments

- Possibly have Dallastown athletes "pre-order" Ray Geesey shirts next year
    - Can give size and we will set aside to ensure everyone gets one who wants one
- Ken Good - possibly supplying items needed for concessions
    - Ashley will email what is needed and quantities to see what he can provide
    - Talk more about pretzels and possibility of using small oven to heat

Important Dates

4/24 Ray Geesey Invitational at Dallastown
4/28 Senior Night - Red Lion meet, teacher appreciation night
5/06 YAIAA Counties at Dallastown
5/11 Booster Club meeting 7:00 pm
5/17 Varsity End of Season Celebration 2:00

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5/11/26

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Introduction of Officer

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Update from Coach Gutekunst

- Coaches pay goes out at the end of May, then we will know how much boosters will supplement for Coach Riyana and Coach Steve

Treasurer Report

- Balance: $50,978 plus $3800 in Venmo
- Scholarships (~$3000) and coaches supplemental pay (~$2500) still to come out of budget
- Switching to Intuit @ $19/month for 3 months then $38/month
- Discussed Square fees - depends on the card, flat fee plus percentage
- $2000 spent on MACFAT timing for Ray Geesey

Fundraising Update

- Kona Ice: ~$800
- Season Sponsors - waiting on Heritage Hills (Dave Jones will follow up) and Parma (Nick will ask if that money can be taken off what's owed for pizza)
- Photographer: gave $440 back to boosters
- Ask Coach Gutekunst if there are any big purchases on the horizon?
    - Need: 3-4 vaulting poles
    - What will be the best use of money - renting or buying? Will that come from athletic budget?

Ray Geesey Update

- HUGE SUCCESS! Biggest RG meet to date
    - 34 pizzas, 176 walking tacos, 318 sodas, 212 pretzels, 349 Chic-Fil-A sandwiches
- Event Sponsors: $1200 total
    - Ashley Jones will send Thank You emails to event sponsors
- Net Totals ~$14,000 in all
    - Concessions: $7800
    - T-Shirts: $2200

- Officials and Volunteer meals - keep grab & go boxed meals for next year
- Suggestions for next year
    - 2 squares for tshirt sales
    - Signage for directions to throwing events
    - Post a map at admissions table

YAIAA Counties Update

- BIG SUCCESS!
    - 27 pizzas, 113 walking tacos, 247 sodas, 148 pretzels
- Concessions total: $7200
- Meal Tickets: boxed meals with 2 sandwiches, chips, 2 cookies, canned soda
    - Costs about $3.50 each
    - 15 people didn't pick up their box
- Suggestions for next year
    - 8 volunteers per session (then add in athletes, NHS, and booster officers)
    - No JH track kids if not with a parent in the concession stand
    - Make 70-75 boxed meals next year to account for volunteers from AD, police officers, custodians, and coaches

Booster Club - Officers/Replacements

- What do we need to do to find new officers?
- Google Form with job descriptions?
- Other ideas?
    - Instead of full positions like President/VP, provide opportunities for Chairs: concessions, Ray Geesey, Seniors (Kelley Waninger and a rising 10th grade parent?)
    - Approach JH, 9th/10th grade parents

Awards Ceremony/Refreshments

- Budget
    - Desserts from Sams: ~$350
        - Cookies ($20 - 84 count) x2
        - Brownies ($20 - 24 count) x2
        - Cupcakes ($17 - 30 count) x3
        - Fruit and Cheese Tray ($35) x2
        - Large Pretzel Nugget Tray ($50?) x2
    - Paper Goods: ~$50 (check stock)
        - Dessert plates, utensils, napkins, tablecloths, etc
        - Sams and Amazon
    - Drinks: we have plenty

- Candy Bar: ~$100
    - Already purchased bags
- Other Needs: ~$350
    - Decorations: balloons (order from Giant), centerpieces, flowers, stage decor
    - Room rental (free)
    - Custodial Fee
- Senior Gifts (26 seniors = $1650 total)
    - Senior Banners ($25 each = $650)
    - Framed 4x6 Senior Picture (already ordered)
    - Note from Coaches (get cards to Neil)
    - Amazon Gift Card ($25 each, Nick will order - plus one for Satoko Berg)
    - Need gift bags and tissue
    - Approximately $65/senior
- Coaches Gifts
    - 7 Varsity/6 Junior High/2 Volunteers
    - Officers will finalize after meeting

Other Items

- County Champ Shirts (varsity): 110 athletes and coaches responded
    - Ordering on 5/12, distribute last week of school
- District and State Shirts: need approx number and cost
    - Food needs for districts and state athletes - we have rolls, how many sandwiches?
- Seniors - Fiercely Committed
    - How many?
    - Need to order medals/certificates
- JH end of year celebration
    - Ice cream party on 5/12 = ~$100

Next Year

- Big ticket items to purchase over the summer
- Food budget for JH and Varsity invitationals (drinks and snacks)
- Adjustments/additions/changes to next year's budget

Important Dates

5/17 Varsity End of Season Celebration
Doors open at 1:45
Awards at 2:00
Desserts to follow

Wrap up Booster meeting? June?