

**Fairfax High School Athletic Boosters
October 11, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Location: (Zoom Videoconference)

Attendees - Board Members:

Name	Position	Email	
Nancy Melnick	Director Student Activities	namelnick@fcps.edu	Attended
Justin Scher	President	justinscher@gmail.com	Attended
Kim Nahom	Vice President	kdnahom@gmail.com	Attended
Alex Lopes	Secretary	alexander.Lopes@bis.doc.gov	Attended
Woody Slaymaker	Treasurer	slaymakermr@gmail.com	Attended
Beth Intermill	Concessions	eainp66@verizon.net	Attended
Mary Breslin	Membership	breslin511@verizon.net	Attended
Ana Scher	Spirit Wear	fhsspiritmerch@gmail.com	Attended

Attendees - Other:

Name	Team	Email
Cynthia Jaekle	Golf	CJaekle@imsfood.com

1. Call to Order & Budget

Call to Order

- Because of the COVID-19 quarantine, the monthly meeting was held by Zoom video conference. Justin opened the meeting.
- Attendees reviewed and approved minutes from the September 15 meeting.

Budget Report/Financial Status – Woody Slaymaker

- Woody opened by discussing recent Boosters expenditures including tax exempt application fee to the IRS, annual liability insurance payment and HUDL user fee. With the uncertainty that still remains with the athletic events during the pandemic, he again presented a strawman budget for the coming year. He noted this was a best guess based on what we might spend on concessions, booster passes and spirit wear and best guess on revenue from these sources. Also included based on historical expenses were budgets for some of the routine activities like field

and equipment maintenance, banquets and awards and golf tournament.

- The board recognized the budget uncertainty for the coming year and recognized it would have to be a work in progress as schedules and operations in a pandemic environment are finalized by VHSL and the County. A motion to approve the budget as presented was approved.

2. Coaches Corner / DSA Report – Nancy Melnick

- Nancy opened by mentioning that she did not conduct a town hall meeting as she had hoped to do because she was still waiting for specific information and details from both VHSL and the County on how athletics would operate. Some examples of questions on whether spectators would be allowed and if so what limitations would be in place. Another issue was travel to and from sporting events: what would be the restrictions on the numbers that would be allowed on the buses for social distancing and whether there would be sufficient numbers of buses to facilitate? Until a number of these questions are answered and there was some direction provided, she did not see any utility in having a town hall.
- She noted coaches were pushing participation in both the golf tournament and the virtual 5K. Nancy was also planning to hold a virtual coaches meeting the following week, It would provide an opportunity to let the coaches know that the virtual 5K would be a good way for coaches to raise money for their individual teams.
- For Winter sports, she was hoping that schedules would be finalized soon. She said one of the challenges was that officials were only at 70% capacity. She also mentioned issues regarding spectators and what would happen for example if there was a positive COVID test for someone on one of the teams.
- She highlighted the ability for athletes to register their interest in a sport and ability to turn in required documents on the school's website. Fairfax coaches are working hard as well and recognize the importance of getting students back out on the field. For teams having green days coaches are busy making sure COVID guidelines are followed restricting numbers participating, taking temperatures, sanitizing equipment and enforcing the wearing of facemasks. Coaches are also holding virtual meetings.
- Nancy said that with the 60% condensed schedule there would be no holiday tournaments. There were a number of questions related to wrestling, gymnastics and other sports and how they would be able to proceed while maintaining necessary COVID precautions. Nancy has encouraged coaches to keep in contact with their athletes. Once VHSL finalizes plans she is hoping to host a virtual town hall meeting to let everyone know the plan.

3. Old Business

- Cynthia provided an update on preparation for the Golf tournament scheduled for a shotgun start at 1230 on October 26. She noted that she had registered and logged 100th player participating in the tournament. She also reported great support from sponsors and that businesses she had contacted were being more generous than in the past. She welcomed a continued effort to identify more donations for prizes and the silent auction. In response to a question Justin had on volunteers, Cynthia mentioned that Miranda Adams had started a sign up

genius. Another question raised was whether there was a fallback date if weather did not cooperate. Cynthia said the tournament would run as scheduled rain or shine.

- Kim provided an update on the Virtual 5k. She requested the Boosters approve upfront costs to include the 550\$ registration fee. She requested the Board approve an expense of 3200\$ to cover the registration fee and upfront costs like t shirts, bibs and swag for the runner's packet. A motion to approve this expense was agreed to by attendees. Kim wondered whether the Golf tournament being held so close to having the virtual 5K in the week leading up to Thanksgiving would have a negative effect on participation. It was believed that this would be a different target for participation and there is no problem running the virtual 5k as planned in November. There was discussion on cost for registration and that there should be consideration for a family cost. It was agreed to an individual registration fee of 25\$ with a fee of \$90 for a family of 4.

4. New Business

- Justin asked the question of which executive board members planned to return to serve on the board during the 2021-2022 school year. He asked that current board members start thinking about whether they are returning and if not we start identifying replacement candidates. Nancy committed to making a full court press on coaches to get their teams and clubs to participate.

5. Committee Reports

- Concessions – Beth Intermill
 - Will need to wait on getting concessions ready for the Winter season. Until VHSL and Fairfax County establish guidelines on participation at sporting events and whether health guidelines would even permit concession sales, it will be difficult to develop a concessions plan.
- Spirit Wear (Spirit Merchandise) –Ana Scher
 - Still holding off on ordering until sports schedules are finalized. Although if we decide to go forward with purchasing spirit wear with the Lions logo; we would be able to sell and promote sales on line.
- Membership – Mary Breslin
 - Mary again noted that there will be some lead time necessary to order Booster passes before the Winter season begins in December. With the condensed seasons and athletic events not starting until December, the question remains on what we should charge for booster passes this year. Another factor will be whether there will be restrictions on fan participation.
- Sponsorship – Justin Scher/TBD
 - Nothing to report.

6. Wrap-Up/Adjourn

1. Next Meeting will be on November 9, 2020, 6:30 PM
2. Adjourned @ 6:30 pm