**LBABC Meeting Minutes:**

April 12, 2021 7:00 PM

**Attendees:**

Shannon Matheny, President Jamie Kaiser, At Large Member

Angela O’Brien, Vice President/Treasurer John Uberte, Boys Lacrosse

Carol Parrott, Membership/Merchandise Julie Khani, At Large Member

Gina Duffy, Sponsorship Kate Hartman, Baseball

Erin Morris, Freshman Football Janice Pritchett, DSA

Mark Marsden, Football Lisa Laycock, Boys Soccer

Jean Weidinger, Concessions Andy Suddarth, At Large Member

Andrea Edelstein, PTSA, Football Jennifer Linkel, Crew

Matt Smith, Communications

Minutes from March 2021 meeting were approved.

**President’s Report:** Shannon Matheny

A motion was made to change the February minutes from National Honor Society to the Science National Honor Society. The minutes on the website will be updated. LBABC Scholarship information is getting out, albeit a little late. We have previously given a male and a female athlete a $1500 scholarship each and have given up to 6 additional $500 scholarships to athletes. At the beginning of this school year, we allocated the same amount of money for scholarships. We need a committee to work on scholarship selection as well as someone to take the lead this year as well as years to come. Shannon has everything ready for the Scholarship Committee. Erin Morris agreed to do this! We also have 2 vacant positions on the Board – treasurer and director of membership. The by-laws state that we are supposed to provide two weeks’ notice to booster club members about the vacancies. Matt Smith will put this information in the next LBABC newsletter.

**Vice President/Treasurer:** Angela O’Brien

$50, 458 in checking account

$120,622 in savings account

We hold an insurance policy for all of the summer athletic camps and we were asked by Janice’s office to sign the camp forms. We need to decide whether the camps should pay for some of this insurance policy in the future. It’s close to $1000 and is due on July 1, 2021. This policy covers injuries that occur at camps. Shannon will send the policy to Jamie Kaiser and he will look it over. If it is decided that camps will contribute to part of the insurance policy, we will need to communicate this to coaches. Janice isn’t sure we want to do it this year because of the limited number of participants allowed at each camp. In addition, indoor camps are currently not allowed.

Our virtual program is still going strong. Gina has gotten money from many businesses, so keep giving her places to visit! As spring sports come to an end, we will begin to sell commemorative programs for $20. All athletes will be in the program and all teams will be covered. There are still opportunities to buy “athlete shout-outs” for our student athletes. Since our membership is down, we need to keep spreading the word about this amazing program.

**AT-Large Director’s Reports:**

**Membership and Merchandise Director:** Carol Parrott

We had 6 new members in the month of March – 4 family memberships and 2 basic memberships.

We need to encourage students to join if they want to apply for the scholarships - it’s a requirement to receive a scholarship.

Spirit Wear - $650 in spirit wear/stickers and $500 in flags

Once we know about Bruin Blast, Carol will order more merchandise.

Carol has a “Square” unit if anyone wants to borrow it. Money will go directly into our account.

Thanks to Andrea to putting information out through the PTSA! She sold some spirit wear when people came to her house to pick up auction items. Through Facebook advertising, many stickers and t-shirts were sold.

**Sponsorship:** Gina Duffy

The Giardino’s event pulled in $180 for the boosters.

The virtual program has pulled in many sponsors. Please click on their links and use our sponsors! When we take tickets, make sure the QR code is available for LB fans. Lots of events are going on this spring – it’s a great time to promote the virtual program. We still need to correct the basketball pictures and make sure names are accurate.

Pre-ordering of virtual commemorative programs is now underway. Please continue to promote the commemorative programs and athlete shout-outs.

**Concessions:**

Jeanne will look to open the concession stand in the spring. Currently, nothing has changed with what we can sell. Hopefully with the increase in spectator numbers, we will be able to sell more items.

Julie, Shannon, and Janice have had conversations about making sure we are supporting teams equitably. Nothing is specifically written in our by-laws, but we want equity for our athletes. Currently, Janice shares with us how much money is spent on each sport. Some sports cost more than other sports, but we need to make sure all teams/sports are being supported by the Boosters. We also need to make sure that uniform cycles are followed and that the weight room is available for all athletes, regardless of if they are in season or not. Conversations will continue about equity.

**Team Reports:**

*Boys Soccer:*

Tryouts started today so next month there will be more updates.

*Girls Soccer:*

Tryouts started today as well.

*Baseball:*

Tryouts started and the fields and dugouts look good. There are about half a dozen players who are going to play in college and want to participate in a commitment ceremony. Janice said that it will be held later in the spring and the date will be solidified next week.

*Crew:*

The team is smaller this year, but they were finally able to get in the water. The members are thrilled that they have a season.

**DSA Report:** Janice Pritchett

There was a question about the soccer uniforms and the team will be getting new uniforms this year. There is some comp money that could be used for this, and teams would only be responsible for the embroidery. This is about a $1200 cost and both soccer programs will fundraise to pay for the uniform decorations.

***Spectators*:** 500 spectators are now allowed for outdoor sporting events. There are no officials at tennis matches, so we don’t charge for spectators at tennis matches. The district has voted to continue with the $5.00 price per ticket. We will need ticket-takers for athletic events this spring. For multiple event evenings, Janice is looking for a central location so only one ticket taker is needed.

***Scoreboard****:* There have been some issues with the scoreboard, but the running clock and the scores have been fixed. This is an expensive endeavor. The company is trying to figure out what parts are needed to make sure that all areas of the scoreboard work. Janice is waiting on a dollar amount to fix the entire scoreboard. A decision might need to be made if purchasing a new scoreboard more economical than trying to fix the old one.

***Bricks:*** One will be done for the coach who passed away. It’s a great way to honor him, and conversations are being had about who will pay for it. The Boosters paid for flowers for him, and there have been discussions by the team about a plaque as well.

***Finances****:* Spring season is underway, and all purchases have been made for teams. Janice is working with the track coach to figure out what equipment is needed. A pole vault pit and new poles need to be purchased at some point. There have been issues with sprinkler heads and there is a leak under the softball field. As talked about before, the scoreboard also needs fixed. About $4000 has been spent with school funds for repairs. The $6000 provided by the Boosters for spring sports has been utilized for teams. The total amount that LB made from fall sports ticket sales was $7480. This is much lower than normal, as the total from last year was close to $60,000. Janice will put together a spreadsheet of how much money is typically spent during a year, so everyone has a common understanding.

***Team Accounts:***Janice will make sure that teams are spending the money that they have in their accounts, and she will work to get us information about what has been spent and what they have left.

She wants to get us a comprehensive spreadsheet of what teams typically spend versus what we usually make so the Boosters and the school can be on the same page when talking about budgets.

***Award Ceremonies:*** The Senior Awards Ceremony will be on June 7. April 28 is the Fall Sports Awards Ceremony and will be happening virtually. The Spring Sports Awards Ceremony will be held on June 3. It is not known yet if it will be virtual or not.

***Eagle Scout Projects:*** Janice will create a list with some projects that could be done around Lake Braddock. There was an issue with finances, and LB ended up paying for materials. This is not typically the case. Gina will follow up with Janice.

**Questions/Answers:**

None

**New Business:**

No new business

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22.