

Henniker Athletic Committee
7:00 PM – Grange Hall
October 22, 2009
Minutes

Attending: Marc McMurphy – Chairman, Rocky Bostrom, Marc McMurphy-Chairperson, Jaime Weston, Tim Lamphere, Jim O’Rourke, Greg Jenson (not active), Rocky Bostrom (Selectman rep), Chris Woodbury (not active) Chad Carter (not active), Sarah Bisson, Holly Cole

Member(s) Absent: Mark Gage, Sarah Nelson, , Lori Runksmeier, Chrissy Aucoin, and Valerie Simeone, Priscilla Fitch, Jarrod Brooks, Brian DuBreuil,

Approval of September 2009 minutes

Motion by Holly Cole

Seconded – Sarah Bisson

Approved Unanimously

Media Guidelines Draft Proposal

Greg Jensen submitted a detailed proposal for media guidelines for the Athletic Committee. The Committee will review these and be prepared for discussion at our next meeting. Some important points follow:

1. 1. The overall idea is to have guidelines for the use of media and the internet for training. The guidelines would also cover the website.
2. 2. Research shows the problems with sites like MySpace and FaceBook contain a lot of myth.
3. 3. More and more organizations are moderating their stance when it comes to children and the role of the internet.
4. 4. The real potential problems for children are chat rooms and cyber-social interaction.
5. 5. There is a much bigger risk to children from local citizens and people they know. Jim O’Rourke added that 90% of child abuse is from someone the child knows.
6. 6. YouTube is currently used by the school and Facebook is used by the town.
7. 7. The committee may want to update its Code of Conduct regarding media use.

Budget – Chris Woodbury filled in for Brian Dubreuil

-Based on feedback from Brian and work by the directors, the budget is currently at \$47,500 which is approximately \$5,000 over last year's budget. The final budget is due to the selectmen on November 14th at 8:30 am.

-Chris noted that within the various sports there are line item discrepancies that need to be explained. He will follow up with Brian and the directors to get this clarified prior to the final budget.

-Marc McMurphy noted that we need to get to a level funding position.

Fundraising – Jaime Westin

- - The soccer season grossed \$735.10 and the net was \$235.10 after expenses. There is \$2,143.36 in the fundraising account. Jaime has the OK from the Selectmen to do 50/50 raffles at basketball games.

Presentation to Selectmen – Marc McMurphy

-Marc discussed a plan to meet with the Selectmen to get support for a long term solution for fields and to have a full time athletic director. The idea is to get the support of the selectmen to move forward with a plan for the Old Concord area that is currently being farmed and to form a committee to get recommendations on how to establish and support a full time director.

-Marc presented an outline of a plan that is to be reviewed prior to the next meeting.

School Board Meeting Recap – Jim O'Rourke

-The school Board asked that the Athletic Committee visit. They asked that the Athletic Committee notify them of any incidents like the basketball issue from last year. They also said that the priorities for use of the school facilities would be the school first then the athletic program. After that would come private groups. As a whole they were surprised at the number of students participating in the athletic program. They like what we are doing.

Police Report – Rocky Bostrom

Rocky reported that someone reported to the Police Chief their concern about parking near the Town Hall ball field. They were

worried about children running out from between the cars. The Baseball Director noted that we will put up stakes and signs when possible to avoid this.

IT Work Session – Chad Carter

Chad made a detailed presentation to the Committee about the potential of the website. He also covered the issues we need to address in order to use the website not only for communication but to make our program more efficient. The presentation went to 8:30 and ended the meeting.

Meeting ended – 8:30 PM