Friends of Ironmen Football

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 8, 2019

* Call to Order by Jennifer Lowrance at 6:04 pm
* Coach Drengwitz
* Summer camps had good attendance records and were well attended.
* There is a 7 on 7 scheduled for July 13th at Downers Grove South HS.
* Coaching staff positions have been filled.
* Many players have spent time volunteering over the summer. Great participation and quick response from players to pick up volunteer shifts.
* They are still working on filling the Freshman and JV games for week 4. Currently, there are not games available for that week for both levels.
* Football 101 will not be held this year. We will revisit the idea next year.
* 8to18 player registration must be completed by Aug. 12th for players to be allowed to play. Fees are due by that date as well.
* Aug. 12th is first day of practice
* Coach was asked if we needed Tyler Kern as the videographer to create the weekly play of the game for us at a fee. Can we create the weekly play of the game ourselves from Hudl footage? Coach indicated we can handle this internally and to contact Coach Kerr for assistance.
* Minutes – Jenny Mackey read previous month’s minutes. Katie Horton motioned to approve and Lisa Lay seconded the motion.
* President – Jennifer Lowrance
  + Amy Hileman has not heard from HyVee yet regarding finalizing their sponsorship and whether a new video will be needed. Amy is following up with HyVee.
  + Reminder that the “Get School Ready for the Season” is August 17th at 9:00.
  + Locker Signs will be done by Jennifer Lowrance for all levels.
  + Personalized yard signs will be available for purchase by families of all team levels. The varsity sign cut outs will still be available to Varsity players only. Jennifer Lowrance is currently working with Meltdown Creative Works on options for the personalized signs as well as car decals (generic and personalized). Lisa Lay and Julie Patten also had contacts they will reach out to regarding bids for personalized yard signs. The option of ordering senior banners rather than fatheads was discussed and will be researched further.
  + Jennifer discussed the week 4 game that will be held in Lapeer, MI. We must use Charter Busses for this game and cannot use school busses. This will increase costs substantially. Jennifer and Coach D are reaching out for possible sponsorships to cover the cost of the busses.
* Vice President – Lisa Lay
* Nothing to report
* Treasurer’s Report – Julie Patten
  + Julie provided the finance update. We are at the end of our fiscal year.
  + Current ending balance is $19,305.76
  + Sponsorships have been received from: ISU, Clemens and Associates, ISU Credit Union, Heartland Bank, and Heller Pontiac.
* Communications – Jennifer Lowrance
* FOIF must update Remind groups for new joiners because the Remind app will begin charging for its service if membership of group is over 150 people. Therefore, there is a Remind group created for each team level now. Jennifer has moved all existing Remind group members to their respective team level group.
* Concessions – Amy Pratt
* Met with Nick Kearfoot on June 15th, 2019. It was decided that we should hold concessions for the Freshman and JV games if we can get groups to volunteer to run them.
* Dine Arounds – Katie Horton
* The Prep Freeze Cook fundraiser earned $213.
* Jason’s Deli fundraiser is scheduled for July 30th from 5:00-10:00. We will receive 20% of the proceeds for that timeframe.
* Katie will follow up with Spotted Dog regarding possible bartending for tips as a fundraiser.
* Katie will follow up with HyVee regarding bagging groceries for tips as a fundraiser.
* Kick Off Bash – Ellen Harlow
* Ellen is making stadium risers to display food.
* Table for Two is still catering the event.
* Jennifer Lowrance and Lisa Lay are working on donations.
* Ellen is looking for tents for outdoor activities (FOIF has 4 tents that can be utilized)
* Need outdoor games. Ex: Bags, Yard Yahtzee, Ladder Ball
* Ellen is trying to get the NCHS mascot to be part of the opening ceremonies for the night.
* Jennifer Lowrance distributed donation letters and will set up a database on the FOIF site for reference regarding businesses that have or have not been approached.
* We should sell tickets as soon as possible. There are limited number of home games before the Bash.
* Photography – Danalee Ogg
* We still need a Freshman and JV parent photographer. Jennifer Lowrance will send out a message.
* Spirit Wear – Wendy Dwinal, Trish Fela, Jenny Mackey
* Spirit Wear orders are due Aug. 5th. The store is on the FOIF website and a skyward reminder was sent out. Weekly reminds will be sent as well.
* Sponsorships – Ami Hileman
* Commerce Bank sends their sponsorship directly to the district.
* Invoices have been sent to last year’s sponsors.
* No word yet from HyVee.
* No response from Landmark Dental and Dr. Li. (previous sponsors)
* Ami will reach out to Dick Meads at Barker Chevy
* Team Parents – Kelly Johnson
* Sign ups will be sent out soon.
* Varsity Meals – Karen Quinn, Krista Rawlings, Jacki Tracy
* All meal dates have been confirmed except for 1 date.
* Playoff dates have not been solicited yet. Pork Chops are usually done for 1 playoff game.
* Jackie Tracy will reach out to Gill St.
* Paper products will be added to the Sign-Up Genius for Varsity Meals.
* 50/50 Raffle Manager – Yvette Potts, Val McGaugh
* Nothing to report.
* Old Business
* Nothing to report.
* New Business
* Discussion was held regarding holding a T-Shirt fundraiser for our intercity game against NCWHS. Shirts could be sold school wide to be worn to the game. Lisa Lay to follow up.

Next Meeting Monday, August 13 (6:00 PM) at