**Friends of Ironmen Football**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 9, 2018**

* The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Jennifer Lowrance.
* The February and March Minutes were reviewed by Lisa Zbrozek and Kim Kneller. Danalee Alberts motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Lori Kiley seconded the motion.
* Coach Dwengwitz attended the initial portion of the meeting and provided the following information and updates:
  + The coaching staff is in place and all coaches are returning for the 2018/19 season.
  + The summer calendar and camp information were provided April 6. In future seasons, Coach Dwengwitz expects to have the summer calendar in place by February and ready to share out with players/parents.
  + Fundraiser coupon book will be provided to Varsity players soon to begin selling. Remaining books will then be forwarded to Sophomore players to sell.
  + The off-season M-W-F workouts will be wrapping up soon. 46 players had perfect attendance for off-season workouts in March and the coaches recognized those players by hosting a pizza party on April 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm.
  + On April 27, 2018, players will enjoy a team-building exercise (paintball) at Urban Warfare.
  + On April 30, 2018, the Freshman Parent Meeting will be conducted.
  + On June 4, 2018, the Varsity and JV Parent Meeting will be conducted.
  + Coach Dwengwitz shared as college coaches are allowed to visit this upcoming season, 2018 Seniors will receive information soon requesting an email and phone number be provided and parent(s) grant permission for these details to be shared with college coaches.
  + Coach Dwengwitz emphasized the importance of team-building outside football and for the players to develop as young men and leaders. Kevin Jones, a speaker on restorative justice, will be meeting regularly with the seniors and lead a Senior Leadership Development Program. 2019 Seniors will apply to this program.
* President – Jennifer Lowrance
  + Jennifer shared the Freshman Parent Meeting is April 30 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria and the Varsity Parent Meeting is June 4 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria.
  + Coach Dwengwitz will be visiting Chiddix (week of April 4), Kingsley (week of April 9) and Evans during lunch hours to answer questions for 8th grade boys, provide parent meeting date and obtain contact information. He also hopes to visit grade schools to discuss NCHS summer football camps.
  + Coach Dwengwitz is working with the seniors to come up with a motto as a team and an acronym and develop a mission statement.
  + Jennifer shared a reminder this year’s FOIF football fee covers the cost of the players’ food and there will be no multi-player discount. The Cash Bash event charge will be a separate charge from the football fee. Jennifer noted to contact Coach Dwengwitz or Jennifer if Iron Angels is needed to donate monetarily.
  + Jennifer will continue to send out communication as needed via Remind and Twitter.
* Vice President – Lisa Lay
* Lisa shared 3 designs for the spirit wear. There is a minimum requirement of quantity of 12 per order per design. The motto selection will appear on the back of the t-shirt. Order forms will be sent home the first week of camp and order due in July. The decision was made to continue to offer standard items.
* Coach picked 1 design and he may share the selection and confirm with the Seniors.
* Treasurer – Julie Patten
  + In Julie’s absence, Jennifer shared highlights of the Treasurer’s Report.
  + Jennifer noted the current checkbook balance, wish list items had been paid off and FOIF received $265 from Papa John’s ongoing fundraiser.
* Julie Hinman – Sponsorships
  + No update.
* Patty Brent – Cash Bash
  + Patty announced Parke Regency as the option chosen for the Cash Bash to be held September 8, 2018 from 6:00-10:00 pm. Ticket price is $35 individual/$60 couple; decision still to be made regarding keg or fee drink ticket included.
    - Patty proposed an event name change to, “2018 Kickoff Ironmen Bash.”
    - Locked in food/beverage rate - $2500 minimum.
    - Need to look for donation captains.
    - Decision made to still do drawdown, auction and door prizes. Event will have a silent and live auction.
    - Yard signs were suggested as a way to advertise the event.
    - Ellen Harlow is assisting with tickets; need 250-300 tickets printed. Julie Hinman will work with her students to print Cash Bash Tickets.
    - Start selling tickets in June and emphasize heavy sales in July-August.
    - Discussed consideration for ticket interest signup at Freshman Parent Meeting and reviewed whether payment could be collected that evening; considering payment options to accommodate electronic payments in addition to cash/check.
* Fundraising – Danalee Alberts
  + April 18, 2018 – Jason’s Deli; email and Facebook post notifications sent; no flyer needed, patrons simply needed to mention FOIF when placing order/payment.
  + May 1 or May 15 consideration for Monical’s and June 12 for Zoup. Danalee is pending response from both locations.
  + Danalee is contacting other food locations for consideration.
* Food Committee – Lori Kiley
  + No report, too soon to report out.
* Amy Pratt – Concessions
  + No report.
* Communications – Jennifer Lowrance
  + “Remind Me” setup is forthcoming.
* Photography – Danalee Alberts
  + No report.
* Team Parents – Kelly Johnson
  + Reviewed Coach Dwengwitz’s choices for pre-game snacks; PBJ (another option for allergies), protein/Clif bar, banana/Cutie and water.
  + Reviewed options for after game meals – La Gondola vs. (2) PBJ (another option for allergies), chips, cookie and water.
  + Determined we will utilize concession area for snack handout and boys can select items for their food bags.
* Old Business
  + Alumni Liaison Committee still needs a chair; may have a lead.
* New Business
  + Coach Dwengwitz would like to reward players with April perfect attendance to off-season workouts with an ice cream treat. FOIF approved to cover the cost.
  + Discussed offering the snowcone vendor, popsicles and/or large Gatorade for the players on Thursday/Fridays at end of the 3 summer camps.
  + Football 101 Night was discussed and approved as a mini-fundraiser. $5 per person for a night for anyone to come learn about football. Coaches are onboard and would provide football instruction.
  + Best Buddies Night will be August 31 (Normal West game).
    - Players will be matched with a buddy, who will wear their buddy’s football jersey and receive recognition on the field prior to the game.
    - Discussed the possibility of having a t-shirt made for the buddies to wear to the games; could have player name and jersey number on back of the shirts.
  + Parent/Player Brunch – Varsity players invite family members to enjoy brunch.
  + Staff Appreciation Night at one of the games.
    - Seniors will present their jersey to a staff member to wear and they will be recognized prior to the game.
    - There was discussion to turn this into an official night and take the field prior to the game during the national anthem.
  + Senior Night – TBA
    - Coach is currently trying to get this moved to the last home game instead of the first game.
    - May not occur this year, but will in the future.
* Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Next Meeting is Monday, May 14 at 6:00 pm in the Senior Cafeteria.