

## **RHS Boys LAX Booster Club Meeting**

9/10/24

In attendance: Lance Kuehn, Adam Birr, Mary Anderson, Julie Nelson, Caryn Birr, Alli Lenmark, Angie Vershey and Samone Ekholm

### **1. Current Finances and FY 2025 Budget:**

- a. The board voted and approved unanimously the proposed 2025 budget**
  - i. Line item added to budget for end of season banquet
  - ii. Added discretionary budget for Lance
  - iii. Allocated more for meals and entertainment (LAX Gives Back, etc)
  - iv. Will need to purchase 5 helmets this year; money allocated

### **2. Fundraisers:**

- a. State Fair (Lulu's):** need to get kids to sign up sooner next year as Lulu's started filling open shifts to ensure they had staffing. Will be getting less from this year due to less kids getting shifts.
- b. Water Softener Salt:**
  - i. Raise price of each bag to \$10 (baseball did this in spring)
  - ii. Goal is each player sells 30 bags
  - iii. Pick up day at Cub will be 11/9
  - iv. Caryn coordinating with Cub and will get final order to them by 10/30
  - v. Program will launch 10/1 and be open through 10/28
  - vi. Using a Google form to keep track of sales
  - vii. Player pays RHSBLBC the total amount of sales and then collects money from each purchaser
    - 1. can pay by check or Venmo (fee added for Venmo)
    - 2. Boosters can set up time to be at RHS for people to drop off checks by 10/28
  - viii. Caryn will talk to Ann and Tara about getting DIBS or a Sign Up Genius set up for kids and parent helpers.
- c. Cub Bagging:** will get Venmo scan for that option of payment. Caryn will contact Cub to get dates; shooting for mid-Jan and mid-March just as we did last year.
- d. Launch Fundraising/Raffle:**
  - i. did Reaching Our Goals in 2021; each program has a different set up with how much cut they keep.
  - ii. Looking into different program options (Launch, SnapRaise, Reaching Our Goals, etc)
  - iii. Launch this and raffle tickets in March

1. offer Launch fundraiser or raffle tickets/buyout if people don't want to do Launch
2. Will hand out player packs once the fundraising commitment has been met (Launch/raffle/buyout)
  - i. Boosters to hand out at Captain's Practices or beginning of season practices once confirmed player met requirements

**e. Irish Fest:**

- i. Broke even financially this year
  1. raise price per team this year
- ii. more teams have contacted Lance to ask if they can join
  1. would need parent/player volunteers to do clock
    - i. players could get NHS or LAX Gives Back hours for this
- iii. Concessions: want to offer again but for longer time frame (ideally 10am-330pm)
  1. Caryn will reach out to Lisa Toll who is heading up the Senior Party to see if they want to do this for a fundraiser

**f. Program Advertising and Banner:**

- i. Ann and Tara will work on this as Holli did in past
  1. done through Canva, one person gets the information and the other inputs it

**g. ACE Round-Up Charity:**

- i. Alli will look into doing this for one month at Rosemount ACE

**3. Clothing and Gear:**

**a. Fall Store:**

- i. Lance proposed using Tana Lacrosse out of Syracuse, NY (old vendor no longer doing)
- ii. will offer helmet, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads, bag and clothing
- iii. Clothing would not have local pick-up option; shipping would be \$2-\$3 per item but prices are very reasonable
  1. plan to have tops, bottoms, sweatshirts, vest, jackets
  2. other ideas to see if they offer: clear umbrella with logo, stadium seats, duffle bags/backpacks, keychains/lanyards, Yeti cup, accessory bags
  3. Caryn presented some logo options and will update with alterations for vote
- iv. Equipment would drop ship to RHS as in past
- v. Lance will set up a store; plan to have open for 2 weeks so it will overlap with salt sales if we want items by Christmas (gloves would still be after Christmas)

**b. Blanket Jackets**

- i. New lady working on these and she already contacted Alli
  1. Will plan on selling again
  2. look into advertising on the RHS weekly updates as many from other sports want them too

#### **4. Coach's Corner**

##### **a. Tryouts**

- i. start 3/31 which is a no school day, go for three days and teams announced on Wednesday
  1. Note this date is the Monday immediately after Spring Break and no school; if kids miss a day of evals, they miss that day and can't make it up

##### **b. Game Schedule**

- i. schedule is updated, first game 4/10
- ii. Senior Night will be 5/20

##### **c. National Celebrate Lacrosse Week**

- i. Lance entered our name and we were chosen for this honor
- ii. will host on Turf 2 or gym (weather dependent) on 11/3 and offer to all elementary schools
- iii. a lot of great opportunities to learn new drills and more resources

##### **d. LAX Gives Back**

- i. increase requirement for each player to do 7 hours of volunteer time
- ii. NHS letting us use Innerview to track hours of volunteer time
- iii. Lance will ask Paul about NHS guidelines and if summer volunteering in the community could count
- iv. Will have 6 groups (3 Captains and Max, Jack and Micah)

##### **e. Winter League**

- i. will do Dundas again, deposit is paid, only option is Sundays

##### **f. Player Interviews**

- i. Lance wants to meet with each player to discuss past season and preseason goals, already had a few meetings

##### **g. Captains Updates**

- i. Captains want to offer Captain's Practices in the fall as well
  1. Planning a costumed practice on 10/28
- ii. Player of the Week Award would like to have a shirt or Butt Ends instead of hard hat
- iii. No morning practices on Fridays for Varsity (JV and B squad can decide what they want to do)
- iv. Green and white pinnies in player packs and additional shirt option instead of shorts
  1. if have to offer shorts, they HAVE to have pockets

##### **h. Player of the Week Award**

- i. will look into getting shirts or Butt Ends instead of the hard hat

##### **i. Defensive Brothers in Arms**

- i. Paul suggested a program for all D/goalies to create unity amongst them. Goal to model after what the football team does for the linesmen
  1. Would want special t-shirts made
    - i. board passed unanimously

##### **j. Fall Meeting will be 10/22**

**k. Bagpipes**

- i. Paul has a friend who will bagpipe every game for \$200/season
  - 1. board passed unanimously
  - 2. will need to adjust start time of bagpipes if girls play first

**Next Booster Meeting:** Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ekholm's at 6pm

(16917 East Lake Drive)