

Saint John's University

WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2007

NEED NAME OF RESTAURANT AND LOCATION

Start time: 6:30 p.m.

End time: 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Chris Gross, Brian Baker, Don Schreifels, Pete Dubay, Joe Baker, Brandon Novak, John Elton, Mark Dorn, Chuck Griffith, Chris Boys, Matt Vos

Joe Baker presided as Chairman.

Minutes 10/22/06

Joe Baker motioned to approve prior minutes as read (via email sent 1/3/07), seconded by Chris Gross. All voted aye.

Meeting Agenda

- A. Budget. Original budget for 2007 presented by treasurer Mark Dorn. After some discussion regarding possible future changes to account for possible new events/fund raisers, Joe baker motioned to adopt budget as presented. Seconded by Brian Baker. All voted aye.
- B. Booster Club Membership. Discussion involved considering listing membership names on quarterly newsletter. Chris Boys mentioned that nonmembers may be encouraged to join upon seeing a friend who is a member and possibly members may see a name is not listed of a friend and talk to that person about becoming a member. The general concensus is that this would be a good idea.

Dorn mentioned that the Directors should consider offering a lifetime membership. No decision made as more consideration needs to be made regarding the fee for a lifetime membership.

Following these discussions, Boys stated that 2007 should focus on memberships. Gross stated that the Club should push to increase its membership to 150. As of 12/31/06, the Club has 76 members (less than ¼ of mailing list). This is an increase of 10 members from 2005. Gross stated that it is important to make sure current members renew, and not to just focusing on bringing in new memberships. Boys suggested that the Club should consider setting a goal to establish an endowment upon reaching its goal of 150 members. Currently Dave and Rita Barthel monitor membership renewals. Renewal reminders are sent to members each year on their anniversary date. Novak mentioned that the SJU J-Fund is offering to send our information/donations with their mailing.

C. 2007 Events. Current events planned for 2007 include the Annual Pig Roast, Canterbury fundraiser, and Welcome Dinner. The Pig Roast is scheduled for May 5, 2007. No date is set for Canterbury, but leaning towards a Sunday later in June. Ideally, 3 notices would be sent before each event (newsletter, prior event, email).

1) Membership table. While events are taking place, the Directors agreed that a table should be available for nonmembers to sign up for membership. Brian Baker and Mark Dorn volunteered to take charge of memberships at events. Discussion also involved offering nametags for current members (to offer something extra for being a member – also may guilt nonmembers to join since that person wouldn't have a nametag).

2) Socializing. Coach Brandon Novak is working on setting the 2007-2008 wrestling schedule sometime in April, 2007. He suggested that, following the success of October's Welcome Dinner, the Club may want to schedule more social events to follow wrestling meets. Schreifels suggested that the main Welcome Dinner be focused as main dinner event and that special things be done for it (e.g. photographer, speaker, etc.)

3) Proposed new event. Chris Boys noted that social events during the wrestling season exclude many members, considering many are coaches themselves. He proposed adding another social event during the summer (off-season). A golf outing was then suggested by Don Schreifels. Don volunteered to research a good time for the event (considering other SJU scheduled golf events), as well as the cost of having this event at Edinborough. His suggestion was to also offer this as an open event to any who would like to come for the benefit to go to the SJU Booster Club. Brian Baker mentioned that the Club needs to concentrate on only 2 or 3 big fund raisers for now, getting them established and organized. It was then mentioned that fund raisers tend to get better results when a specific need is addressed (e.g. proceeds of golf outing go towards new singlets, towards salary for assistant coaches, etc.). Directors to consider what need to target.

D. New Directors. The current Board consists of 9 directors, with 3 scheduled to expire each year. Those present discussed importance of keeping a good mix on the Board or recent graduates, long-time alumni, and those in-between. As chairman, Joe Baker listed the 2006 Directors and Officers. Directors expiring include Dave Barthel, Joe Baker, and Brian Baker. Mark Dorn's term expired as treasurer. Also, Brian Lahr asked that he be replaced as a director. Joe Baker then motioned that new directors be as follows: Chris Boys, Chuck Griffith, John Elton, and Dave Barthel (to take Lahr's remaining 2-year term) and that the officers (Gross – president, Dorn – treasurer, Vos – secretary) be renewed. Gross seconded the motion. All voted aye. Future possible directors include Chuck Ryan and Swanson.

E. Committees. The Board feels that the committees are not being utilized, and hopes this to change in 2007. Chris Gross proposed replacing Jim Goodman on communications committee. Gross has experience sending mass-emails with his high school wrestling program and would currently be capable of sending weekly e-mail updates to members. The Board decided to include both Gross and Goodman on the communications committee. The following committees and respective chairs (and committee members) proposed for 2007 are as follows:

1. Fund Raising – Brian Baker (Don Schreifels)
2. Communications – Dave Barthel (Jim Goodman, Chris Gross)
3. Membership – Chris Boys (Mark Dorn, Brian Baker, Joe Baker)
4. Recruiting – Brandon Novak
5. Social – Pete Dubay
6. Nominating – Joe Baker

Motion by Joe Baker to approve committees as proposed. Seconded by Chris Boys. All voted aye. As noted by Gross, these committees do not need many members. A chair can do research and get help from others as necessary. As applicable, committee chairs are scheduled to report to president Gross on 2/15/07 regarding open items from the 2/3/07 meeting. It is president's responsibility to monitor progress of committee chairs. The Chairs are then to provide updates at next meeting. Those present then suggested that articles for the newsletter be submitted to Barthel by 3/15/07 (this was to allow time for Novak to prepare a season-recap article – nationals are 3/3/07).

F. SJU Coach Items. Tom Stock (SJU Athletic Director) mentioned that he would like to participate in the Booster Club's meetings. Stock is helping push to increase the SJU Wrestling budget. The J-Fund is allowing the coaches to personalize the letter. Novak would like to get a new wrestling mat in the practice room, as the 2007-2008 team will increase from the 22 current wrestlers. More money would be appreciated to give to assistants (e.g. a donation from the Club).

Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2007 before Pig Roast.

Items for next meeting: Discuss membership renewal dates.

NOTES: want to add date golf-outing scheduled and fee. Get cell numbers of current members (especially directors). Add budget to minutes.

Other items discussed via emails outside of meeting.

Open items for next meeting:

- Tax deductible – 501c(3) Organization – review example from Maple Grove HS Wrestling Booster Club (Brian Baker).
- Pull tabs – related to the gambling license. Is this something we can do? What would it take to do? (Need to ask Mark Dorn).
- E-newsletter – is this something that can be set up? What kind of maintenance is required? Who would volunteer to be in charge? Monthly? What kind of information would be included – maybe a list of committees and their representative chairs?
- Membership renewals – Brian Baker and Mark Dorn set to work on renewals in October. An update on status will be available for October 22, 2006 meeting. (Baker/Dorn).
- Gambling license – more specific information needed. (Gross).
- Booster Club Calendar – dates for Newsletter & E-newsletter (deadlines and distribution), Canterbury, Pig Roast, Team Welcome Dinner, Annual Membership Meeting, Quarterly Board Meeting, Other?

Important dates:

March 2-3:	Nationals
May 5:	Pig Roast