

**Avon Grove Sports Boosters**  
**Meeting Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2024**  
**7:00 PM- High School Cafeteria**

**Meeting called to order by Christina O'Connor President at 7:03pm**

**I. General Sports Booster Information**

The purpose of the AG Sports Boosters is to engender, foster and promote the athletic program and school spirit at AGHS. We are to assist and support the coaches and faculty members involved in the administration and conduct of the interscholastic athletic program. We are to raise funds for special equipment and programs deemed necessary or desirable by the coaches or Club not specifically provided by the District School Board. We also provide an umbrella organization for team booster organizations by:

- Supplying Operator's License and Food Handler's License for concession stand operations
- Supplying PA State Tax Exemption - as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, we are exempt from sales tax, which covers team booster clubs
- Supplying a PA State Gaming License which covers booster clubs for 50/50 type fundraising
- Paying for the preparation and filing of all government documents for booster clubs/teams
- Maintenance of Concession stands and equipment

**II. Sports Boosters Updates- Christina O'Connor President**

- A. Make sure you sign in and note the sport you represent, this helps us with tracking for the wish list at the end of the season.
- B. Booster Basket Bingo was a huge success. What a fun night! The prizes were great, the DJ Kevin Ham did a great job. Everyone had fun and the event was a success because we were able to raise money to fund our wish list items. Thank you to all of the people who supported this event by buying tickets, making baskets and also volunteering their time.
- C. The board will be losing members next year. We are looking for interested people now so we can possibly have some time to properly pass on the positions. Please reach out to someone on the board if you are interested. It is very important for anyone interested to be an impartial person that will advocate for ALL sports. All of the Booster Board Member emails are listed on the Avon Grove High School Booster website. [www.aghssportsboosters.com](http://www.aghssportsboosters.com) If you have any questions about specific job duties, please reach out to one of the Board Members who would be happy to chat.

**III. Treasurer Report- Payments- Stephanie Norton**

- A. Stephanie is working on reconciling the profits from our Bingo event.
- B. Stephanie has been working hard to figure out an electronic payment solution for teams because we can't add all the teams to Venmo. Stephanie was able to set up a Fundraising Store through Square. It is a website that each team can add their events to. This will allow teams to accept electronic payments and it will assist with transferring the money into team accounts. Football has already added some events. You can access this website by going through the Avon Grove Booster website. Click on the more tab and then team fundraising and upcoming events. You will then see the link <http://www.agsbfundraising.com/> Stephanie did a great job finding a solution to this problem. Please realize that this is a new system and may have some growing pains.
  - 1. Keep in mind that square will take 2.9 % +\$ .30 so price accordingly.
  - 2. Teams will receive a report with activity probably after the event has ended.
  - 3. This is a new system to all of us so we are sure that there will be some situations that come up that we will still need to be worked through. Let us know if you have problems, questions or concerns.
  - 4. The option to use this for your fundraisers will be added to the fundraising form. Please submit a graphic for your team event, it will be used so your event will stand out in the list of all the team fundraisers.
  - 5. We will work at getting a QR code for the website but teams can create their own QR codes for their specific events.
  - 6. The site can be used for general fundraising for a team but keep in mind the website is set up like a store so a \$price will need to be present for all items. As an example, Football has set up different Sponsorship levels with different prices that can be purchased.

#### **IV. Treasurer Reports- Deposits - Nicole O' Rourke**

- A. Nicole reported no new items. She continues to work on depositing all of the funds for the individual teams.

#### **V. Concessions- Millie Lee**

- A. Millie was not in attendance.
- B. If anyone needs training for the outdoor concession stand square reach out to Millie.
- C. Reminders- Don't change prices of items and don't bring in your own stuff to sell unless it is a fundraiser. If it is a fundraiser please go through proper channels to get it approved.
- D. Millie continues to work hard to fill the concession stands for events including the Booster fundraisers.

#### **VI. Social Media/Website- Lisa Strobel**

- A. Lisa was not in attendance but she remains committed to building the sports boosters website and social media accounts. The sites look great!!!! Lisa is always looking for ways to improve and welcomes any comments.
- B. Lisa's email is [agsportsboosterswebsite@gmail.com](mailto:agsportsboosterswebsite@gmail.com) Please continue to send her things that you would like to be posted on the Avon Grove Sports Boosters social media accounts.
- C. When you are posting on your own social media pages please mention or tag Sports Boosters so we can share it, if we are not mentioned, we cannot share.
- D. Please send flyers with interactive links or provide links to Lisa. QR codes work the best.
- E. Lisa loves to post records, the athletes love to see their names and team info posted, students are starting to pay more attention to our great sites. If you send records and updates of your teams, freshman, JV and Varsity, Lisa will post and recognize their accomplishments.
- F. Lisa will post live updates for events that she attends but obviously she cannot be everywhere. If you send updates during events, she will do her best to post live.

## VII. Signage- Cristen Lauzon

- A. Looking for local businesses to advertise in the stadium and at the sports fields.
- B. We will be looking at revamping the sports signage program this summer.

## VIII. Fundraisers

- A. **Bingo** - Occurred on April 5th. As already stated, the event was a success. Cristen sincerely thanked all the volunteers. "A huge thank you to all the bingo volunteers. We had people who have never volunteered for us before and some of our biggest helpers. Everyone went above and beyond to help us. Everyone worked so hard. Some people took on extra shifts or stayed longer. Most people stayed and played after their shifts. **We sincerely appreciate all that you did. We would not have been able to do it without you. Lisha Hollars, Mary Markzely, Lisia Ross, Leanne Erickson, Karen Dewees, Robin Bowden, April Nickel, Sandy and Lisa Cornell, Sharon Buck, Jamie Armstrong, Marcia Preston and Jamie Williams. Thank you!!!!!!**"
- B. **Clothing Drive Update**- We have not been able to schedule a date for this event. Stay tuned. Christina continues to reach out to find a date.
- C. **Online Spirit wear** store is always open and ships directly to your house.

## IX. Team Highlights

- A. **Baseball**- Varsity has had a rough start 1-5. With a win against Henderson. JV is doing well.
- B. **Boys Lax**- Rebuilding year 3-6 with wins against Springford, Conestoga and Unionville. Boy are having a **Carwash fundraiser of 4/20 Hendrix parking lot 9-1**
- C. **Girls Lax**- 5-4 with wins against Kennett and Unionville. JV also doing well.
- D. **Softball**- 4-2 with a tough loss against DWest. 2 more games this week

- E. **Track and Field** 2 1/2 games. One stopped because of rain. Lots of athletes are already qualifying for Ches Monts and Districts.
- F. **Boys Tennis**- top players have been out with injuries, 4 Ches Mont singles qualifiers. Senior Day is coming up. The boys have been volunteering for an instructional league.
- G. **Boys Volleyball**- 3-5 Had a rough start but won the last 2. We need more athletes to start when they are Freshmen so they can learn the game and then improve each year.
- H. **Girls Flag Football** 1-1 Lost against Chester and Won against Penn Wood
- I. **Unified Track and Field** Have a meet this Friday at 3pm. Goal is to pack the stands with fans. Fans in the Stands.

## X. **Wishlist Time**

- A. Wishlist **emails will be going out to coaches by April 12 th.** - This email will detail the specifics of what the coaches need to do to submit their wishes.
- B. **Wishes Deadline will be May 12th.** Each coach needs to have their wishes submitted to the board so they can be added to the voting ballot.
- C. Wishlist voting- Any member who has a combination of volunteering for booster events and attending meetings that equals 5 after the May 8th booster meeting will be eligible to vote.
- D. People who have met the 5 event criteria will receive an email by May 10th inviting them to come and **vote June 12th.**
- E. The past 2 years the board has granted all the team wishes or has been able to give each team at least some money toward their wishes. This is not guaranteed. The board's goal is always to help as many teams as possible. The money we raise each year determines how many wishes we can grant.
- F. Please encourage your coaches to submit their wishes timely. It is always a struggle to get this done. Contact your coach, express your ideas for the team and encourage them to submit.
- G. After the June 12th vote Coaches will be notified if they have been granted their wishes.
- H. Coaches will have until **Dec. 31, 2024 to purchase the items** they were granted.

The next sports booster meeting will be on **May 8, 2024 at 7:00pm** in the AGHS cafeteria.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.**