

Avon Grove Sports Boosters
Meeting Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2024
7:00 PM- High School Cafeteria

Meeting called to order by Nicole O'Rourke President at 7:09 pm

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

A. Sports Boosters Updates - Nicole O'Rourke - President

Nicole welcomed the group and reviewed the visual highlights of the homecoming game, parade, and fair.

Nicole proceeded to review the updated Avon Grove Sports Boosters Mission and the Grant Program. Boosters support all 26 Avon Grove High School sports teams. Nicole reviewed the tax benefits of the Boosters and a summary of the Boosters' responsibilities. The updated Mission can be found on the Avon Grove Sports Boosters web page www.aghssportsboosters.com

Nicole noted that the Boosters fall fundraiser has been changed from pickleball to cash bingo and will be held on Nov 2 at 6 PM

Nicole introduced the Fall Speaker Program for the October, November, and December sessions. Summary of each session is included in the presentation

II. Team Highlights - Kyle Christy

- A. **Cheerleading** - competition season starts on Nov 9 - heavy focus on fundraising this year. "Home of a Red Devil Athlete" signs are still available for \$20 each
- B. **Boys Cross Country** - team is preparing for Chesmonts. Had a meet with Downingtown and came in second place
- C. **Girls Cross Country** - team is preparing for Chesmonts
- D. **Field Hockey** - record is 14-1, senior night was 10/14, post season starts in a few weeks
- E. **Boys Golf** - regular season ended with a 9-5 record - 2 boys going to districts - lost to Rustin in Chesmonts
- F. **Girls Golf** - 2 girls moved on to districts - first time ever for AG
- G. **Boys Soccer** - playing Unionville on 10/9, currently ranked 22nd in the districts, need to be 28th to make district playoffs
- H. **Girls Soccer** - record 5-10, recently won a game in OT. Teacher and official appreciation week this week
- I. **Girls Tennis** - season has ended, did not make team districts
- J. **Girls Volleyball** - team unfortunately lost to Unionville 11-5, Preparing for Oct 14 volleyball clinic - \$75 for for the day, grades 4 - 8
- K. **Basketball** - dine and donate Oct 23 at Sovana Bistro - benefits both girls and boys teams
- L. **Girls Flag Football** - would love for anyone interested to come out and play - most participants did not have any experience when they started
- M. **Swimming / Diving** - annual wreath sale - QR code on the website

III. Girls Soccer Team - Community Service Presentation

- A. Girls soccer team representatives reviewed their community service experiences at Project Cure (sorted medical supplies for other countries in need), 1 in 7B (made PB&J sandwiches), Camp Dream Catcher (camp for children impacted by HIV / AIDS), and La Mancha Animal Rescue (assisted with walking, feeding, and caring for dogs)
- B. Team noted that they first wanted to participate in service work last year, however it was difficult to organize for all 40 girls. Decided to break it up into smaller groups which was more manageable and accepted by the service organizations. Team shared their experience reaching out to various organizations and scheduling - started to reach out in May for activities in August
- C. The experience bridged the gap between Varsity and JV teams - 4 groups (10 girls each) - coach and parents went with the girls. Overall the experience was a great opportunity to give back to the community

IV. Finance & Fundraising Update - Stephanie Norton & Jenn Kurz

- A. Stephanie thanked all of the homecoming volunteers for helping sell Boosters AG merchandise during the game and fair. We will include merchandise sales at our upcoming events

- B. Jenn thanked everyone for adopting the new log system for money drop off in the school office. Jenn reviewed the process and stressed the importance. Jenn noted that team reporting is available upon request or sent at the end of each month
- C. Concessions electronic reporting is delayed - should be sent next week
- D. Reminded the group that the Square system is used for inventory and stressed the criticality of using the system for all concession sales

V. Homecoming Review - Cristen Lauzon & Nicole O'Rourke

- A. Thanked volunteers again for their help in making merchandise sales a huge success
- B. Noted that a percentage of Yellow Mug sales would go to Boosters as well
- C. Nicole announced the homecoming float contest winners:
 - 1. Third Place - Boys Lacrosse & Boys Soccer - \$50 each
 - 2. Second Place - Girls Tennis - \$75
 - 3. Winner - Girls Volleyball - \$100

VI. Cash Bingo Event - Nicole O'Rourke

- A. Nicole reviewed details of the cash bingo event on Nov 2 - details are included in the materials
- B. Cash prizes have been donated
- C. Volunteer slots are available and sign up genius has been sent out
- D. Each team must sell 5 tickets at a minimum or the \$20 cost per ticket will be taken out of team accounts
- E. Any questions, please contact the Boosters board members
- F. Dinner will be available - Catering by Occasion - \$20 each ticket - details are included on the Event Bright page
- G. Teams will be responsible for selling tickets to the upcoming basketball fundraiser and basket bingo too

VII. Concession Updates - Cristen Lauzon

- A. Cristen welcomed Sharon Buck as she will be helping with concessions management going forward - HUGE THANK YOU TO SHARON!
- B. Cristen provided an overview of the revised pretzel and pizza order and delivery process
- C. Considering adding kettle corn to the concession stand offering
- D. Sharon noted that team can request that pretzels are wrapped when ordering
- E. If delivery person is not available for pizza, they can provide a warmer bag - ask Hugo at Marrone's

VIII. Social Media - Nicole O'Rourke

- A. Lisa was unable to attend the meeting however wanted to remind team representatives that social media submissions to Boosters should not include inappropriate language - either in the post or background music

IX. Just Ask Kyle - Kyle Christy

- A. Any impact to booth sales due to the football game being on Friday night instead of Saturday?
 - 1. Kyle only received the numbers from clubs so far - \$2000 more than last year for the game, and \$2000 less for activities / fair booths
 - 2. Survey will be sent to students - very important to provide feedback as it will be leveraged to determine planning for next year
- B. There is a proposal to allow middle school and intermediate school clubs to participate in homecoming activities. Thought is that it will expand the experience for younger kids. Kyle noted that they are considering this option for next year

The next sports booster meeting will be on **November 13th, 2024 at 7:00pm** in the AGHS cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm