

**Avon Grove Sports Boosters**  
**Meeting Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2024**  
**7:00 PM- High School Cafeteria**

**Meeting called to order by Nicole O'Rourke, President at 7:05 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 opened the meeting and welcomed participants. Nicole provided an update that the Boosters board was accepted to the Country Christmas event. We participated in the event last Saturday (Dec 7), selling AG spirit wear. We made about \$500, and more importantly, we are on the list for next year.

Nicole mentioned that we have some spirit wear available in the concession stand. If you know someone that would like spirit wear for holiday gifts, please reach out to the board and we can coordinate sales / pick up.

**II. Team Highlights - Kyle Christy**

- A. **Cheerleading** - The team is actively preparing for Chesmonts through January
- B. **Boys Soccer** - Senior boys picked a teacher throughout their school years and wrote letters of appreciation. Last Friday, the boys delivered letters with a boys soccer t-shirt to their teachers. The team's season still underway.

- C. **Basketball** - The team has experienced a difficult start to the season, record so far is 1-3.
- D. **Girls basketball** - Similar to the boy's team, the girl's team is struggling early in their season.
- E. **Wrestling** - Solid season underway, several team members placed well in Chesmonts and the team is preparing for Districts.
- F. **Unified Bocce** - New sport, including athletes and partners similar to other unified teams. Teams will play 3 home matches, 3 away
- G. **Swimming / Diving** - both teams are 1-0, 2 individuals qualified for districts
- H. **Boys Ice Hockey** - Both Varsity and JV teams are well into their seasons and have had several big wins (recently beating our Kennett rivals!), and some disappointments. The varsity record is currently 4 -4

### III. **Guest Speaker - Taylor Fox - Girls' Flag Football**

- A. Nicole introduced Taylor Fox. Taylor is a 2023 graduate of AGHS and while at AG, worked with the football team.
- B. Taylor always loved football, however noted that there are not many opportunities for girls to participate.
- C. Taylor is currently a student at West Chester University, majoring in Exercise Science, minoring in Coaching and Psychology. Taylor is also participating in an accelerated Masters program.
- D. Taylor has always loved sports and currently is working with the WCU football team, assisting with film and game breakdown.
- E. Last year, Taylor was invited to interview as a coach for the newly created girl's flag football team at AG. She was hired as the coach, and started recruiting players for the team.
- F. The team had strong interest and 14 girls participated in the season, the team's record was 5-3 in their first season. All teams were new last season - 5 teams total. It was a new experience for everyone and was very positive. One of the players from the team last year is now seeking a professional opportunity!
- G. The only equipment required for players is a mouth guard and cleats. The Eagles grant program provided flags and field equipment.
- H. Taylor noted that she found it difficult to teach the sport from the ground up, but the girls quickly came together as a team, practicing 3 times per week and participating in other off field fitness activities.
- I. Taylor is now working with a 12u team in Downingtown - encouraging girls to play at the HS level, and anticipating significant increase in interest for next season.
- J. The next season will start in March 2025. Taylor noted that she could use assistance in recruiting new players and with fundraising ideas. The team could use extra conditioning equipment for practices.
- K. The board thanks Taylor for her presentation and wishes her all the best in her upcoming season!

#### **IV. Finance Update - Jenn Kurz**

- A. Jenn has been receiving reimbursement requests with deposits. This is not the most efficient approach as reimbursements are handled by the payments treasurer and will delay the process.
- B. Alternatively, reimbursement requests can be sent by sending a picture (pdf format) via email to the payments treasurer.

#### **V. Upcoming Event - Student vs Staff Basketball Game - Feb 21**

- A. Nicole discussed the upcoming Students vs Staff fundraising event which will be held on Friday Feb 21
- B. Teams will be aligned to classes (9 - 12) and we are encouraging strong student participation. Boosters will work with Kyle Christy to send communications to the students shortly.
- C. Participation or attendance of the event will cost \$5, and tickets will only be sold at the door on the day of the event.
- D. There will be no requirement for teams to sell tickets for this event, however we ask team representatives to help get the word out and encourage student participation.
- E. Requirement for teams will be to volunteer at the event. Similar to previous events, we will be sending out a sign up genius in January.

#### **VI. Just Ask Kyle - Kyle Christy**

- A. No questions for Kyle during this meeting.

**IMPORTANT NOTE - AG Sports Boosters are seeking new board members for the 2025 - 2026 school year. If you are interested, please reach out to the board for more information.**

The next sports booster meeting will be on January 8th, 2025 at 7:00pm in the AGHS cafeteria.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm**