



**Amherst Tigers Booster Club  
December Meeting Minutes  
Monday 1/4/2021**

**In attendance:** Mike Serotte, Karen Stelley, Jeffrey Wheaton, Alex Alicea, Lisa Roy, Marnie Belle-Isle, Melissa Calandra, and Lisa Murdock.

**Approval of December Minutes:** First motion by Lisa Roy. Second motion by Melissa Calandra.

**President's Report – Mike Serotte**

- 1. Happy New Year!** Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2021.
- 2. Women's Varsity Tennis: Charitable Fundraising Update**
  - a. Pet Emergency Fundraiser -- The women's tennis team received the money they earned (\$1800) through the Pet Emergency Fundraiser.

**Athletic Director Report – Jeffrey Wheaton**

**1. Fall Sports Accolades**

- a. Four students were named **WNY Scholar Athletes:** Connor Gill, Jack Lenz, Emma Klein, and Natalie Merrill.
- b. All teams were awarded NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete team status. The athletic department is striving to earn School of Distinction for the entire school year. This means that all of our teams had a GPA of 90% or higher. Last year we earned School of Excellence, which means 75% of teams over the entire year had a 90% GPA or greater.
- c. Four student athletes have been named to their respective sport's **NYS All State Team.**
  1. Emma Klein -- 1st Team for Women's Soccer
  2. Jack Lenz -- 1st Team for Men's Cross Country
  3. Maxana Grubb -- 2nd Team for Women's Cross Country
  4. Katherine Jacobia -- 1st Team for Women's Field Hockey

**2. Winter Sports Updates**

- a. Indoor track is cancelled. There is no venue to hold the meets. Houghton College has hosted in the past, but there are scheduling conflicts that make viable competition impossible.
- b. Low-risk sports may begin practicing on 1/18/21. Low-risk sports are bowling and men's swimming and diving.
- c. High-risk sports (basketball, wrestling, hockey, and cheerleading) are currently on pause. Governor Cuomo was supposed to deliver a decision by 12/31/20. However, no decision had been made as of 1/4/21.
- d. There will be no state-level competitions for winter athletics.
- e. NYS has extended the validity of health physicals beyond one year for the winter sports season because pediatrician offices have not been as accessible since the pandemic began.

- 3.** Mr. Wheaton and winter athletic coaches are trying to coordinate some kind of community-building activity for athletes and/or some kind of team activities for athletes to experience some level of camaraderie amongst team members. Boosters may supply some prizes.
- 4. Wall Graphics near South Gym:** The project is complete, funded by the Boosters. Looks great!
- 5. Additional project for athletics:** Mr. Wheaton is looking for some kind of banner or board to showcase the current Scholar Athlete Team certificates earned through NYSPHSAA. One estimate was for approximately \$1180. There may be a need for some Booster support. Mr. Wheaton may also seek support from the Alumni Association.

- 6. Team Grants:** On hold for now because the Booster organization does not have a steady income stream at this time. Currently, field hockey, men's lacrosse, and football are seeking team grant monies.

#### Vice President Report -- Lisa Roy

##### 1. Fundraising Summary

- a. Super Bowl Pool** -- There are several Super Bowl pools right now. Boosters will no longer pursue this fundraiser as an option because the market seems to be saturated at this point.
- b. Cash/Luxury Item Raffle** -- Boosters will definitely pursue this raffle as our main fundraiser for the year. Target date: spring. Lisa Roy will convene a smaller committee to work out the parameters of the fundraiser. Mr. Wheaton reported that raffles are permissible as long as chances are NOT sold on school grounds and selling takes place between adults. Minors are not allowed to sell raffle tickets.
- c. Parent Liaison Sign-Up Genius** -- Lisa will complete later this month. Because the winter season has been on pause and there is still some uncertainty as to which teams will be allowed to play, we have not gathered the parent liaison information as yet.

#### Treasurer Report -- Alex Alicea

- 1. Balance: \$4444.17.** Outstanding expenditure -- insurance for the year.
- 2. Online "Black and Orange Friday" Sale** continues. The goal is to sell out of current apparel. Lisa Roy will reach out to Brian DeCicco to create another advertisement to promote the sale.
- 3. BSN Online Team Store Update**
  - a.** No risk to Boosters because there is no initial investment in stock. Anticipate approximately 10-20% profit margin.
  - b.** BSN offers the possibility of one source for apparel for all athletic teams.
  - c.** Designs for apparel by BSN. Potential for Amherst to submit a design?
  - d.** Advantages: no cost to start a team "store"; no large investment by the Boosters; "store" open 24/7; no concern about limited sizes/styles.
  - e.** Apparel Committee to reconvene.

#### Additional Business

- 1. Use of Microsoft Teams:** Alex Alicea will train the executive group in Microsoft Teams. We will start with a smaller segment of the Boosters to trial Microsoft Teams and then if it seems to be an effective tool for us, we will utilize Microsoft Teams group-wide. Alex will train those who are going to trial Microsoft Teams.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by Karen Stelley.*

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021  
7 pm (via ZOOM)**