

## SPORT Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2010

(next meeting schedule and agenda items to follow these notes)

### Status on open items:

**Non profit status:** Return from IRS pending for 501c3.

*Note: State and town approval/license is still required for any 50/50 activity*

**Patriots Day:** A question of feasibility still remains with respect to this fundraiser; Currently there is one date, May 31<sup>st</sup> Monday night available for this school year and one date for a late game available Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. That particular Saturday is a firework day requiring SPORT to sell 500 tickets.

Additional Patriots day games are available; however, at first glance these dates do not offer the broad spectrum of activities that will allow multiple participants from the community i.e., chorus, band, and players on the field. Further investigation of these other options has been **assumed by L. Blakeslee and D. Cicalese.**

**Duck race;** Investigation into the cost of the ducks yielded one option for purchase of approximately \$6.00 per 2 dozen. Additional discussion with regard to the feasibility of this event occurring during the Long Hill Community day is assumed by **S. Montani.** Community Day contact is G. Vitereira.

**Community Center Marquis:** R. Rovtar reports that there is *no cost for SPORT* cost to advertise on the community center marquis.

**Spring Car wash** involving all teams proposed for **Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>** to be held at Gillette school. This event would require participation from all Central teams.

*\*\*\*\* this event is currently not assigned to anyone\*\*\*\**

### New Business:

*Proposal: Can new/additional members of SPORT take on the responsibility of investigating new/future fundraising options? - **Agreed.*** The feasibility of each proposed activity will be considered for its ability to generate funding for athletics and also for its adherence to the SPORT philosophy of benefiting the community as a whole. Volunteers to date: **L. Blakeslee** and **V. Silva**. Additional volunteers please contact at Lynn at [l.norcia@verizon.net](mailto:l.norcia@verizon.net).

*Proposal: Should SPORT Institute an annual end of year celebration for all Central Athletes?- **Agreed.*** Volunteers for this SPORT event will implement an end of year banquet honoring participating athletes from all sports.

### Outstanding items for this proposal:

- \* Discussion with the Central school coaches
- \* Distribution of Athletic participation certificates at this banquet instead of at the Central Awards assembly as is the current practice.

Volunteers to date: L. Degeorges and P. Grabowski; additional volunteers please contact Leslie at [leslie@desgeorges.com](mailto:leslie@desgeorges.com).

*Proposal: Can SPORT require a parent representative for each Central school team? - Per the Athletic Director this action will be implemented with the next season's try-outs.* The parent rep will be required to attend SPORT meetings, at a minimum, that occur in the team's season. Further, this position would serve as the communication link among SPORT, coaches and parents for their respective teams.

- \* *Implementation of the parent representative will begin with the coming spring sport season.* A request for a volunteer to fill this position will be incorporated by G. Villar (or the SPORT secretary) on the parent consent form. This is the official form that Central sends to parents of athletes who are selected for a team requesting the "pay to play" fee.
- \* *Potential wording as follows:* "Every Central School team is strongly encouraged to have a parent representative attend SPORT general membership meetings. Their responsibility is to communicate information regarding current issues, fundraising activities and other relevant agenda items to the coach as well as the other families. To that end, please indicate your willingness to volunteer for this position....."
- \* *Other items for consideration* on the re-invented consent form: volunteers for banquet, fundraising and any other established committees; also a request to provide most current email contact information.

*Proposal: Could SPORT develop a parent database for all teams; this will be used to enhance communications - agreed.* While the SPORT board has made numerous attempts to communicate with the community, the consensus of this meeting's attendees is to trial an email form of information distribution directly to athletes' parents. The first attempt at such communication will be an email from the SPORT secretary. The secretary will establish an email database using the 2009-2010 athletes.

### Other Items:

**SPORT:** donation to the Long Hill Little League gala was a \$200 basket.

**Food Day Committee:** Status Quo

**Boys and Girls basketball:**- League meeting attended by coach Corvino. An additional game was added to next year's schedule by the league; This additional game would generate added expenses to the basketball teams for refs and transportation at approximately \$200.00. Long Hill was given a pass on the added fee from the league because we are a pay to play district.

**Change in allocation method** of SPORT funds: Instead of the SPORT money being divided equally among all participating athletes regardless of the cost of their sport, subsidies to the families will be calculated utilizing a percentage of cost. This

alternative method is agreed upon by SPORT members and will be presented to the Long Hill Board of Education by R. Dreyer at the next board meeting.

***Thank you to all who attended!***

Future meeting dates assigned: March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>

Items to be addressed at the next meeting:

**Status reports on old items:**

Patriots Day - D. Cicalese and L. Blakeslee

Duck Race - S. Montani

Spring Car Wash

Distribution of SPORT subsidy as discussed with the LHT Bd of Ed - R. Dreyer

**Discussion of recently added items**

Proposed new fundraising events - L. Blakeslee

Athletic Banquet - L. Degeorges

Parent Representative - G. Villar

Parent Database - A. Ponturo

Proposed new discussion items: Please agenda items to the secretary for inclusion on this list.

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