Seneca Valley Girls Lacrosse

Booster Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2015

**In Attendance**: Carolyn Miller, Linda Batykefer, Richard Hanks, Katie Smolter, Eric Clakeley, Cheryl Fox, Carol Schweitzer, Jill Moriarity, Suzie Ivory, Donna Latsko, Mary Beth Head and Connie Miller.

**Call to Order:** 7 p.m.

**Review of Previous Meeting’s Minutes**: Approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Boosters are anticipating a $2,000 loss at the end of the season. Factors for the loss include low attendance at home games because of colder weather, concession stand earnings were down due to only 7 home games this season vs 10 home games/playoff game last year, coach travel expenses on FL training trip, and booster fees/sponsorships down slightly due to a smaller team roster. Forthcoming expenses include the banquet, senior night, and one pre-game meal.

**Committee Reports**:

**a. Apparel**- **Anita Potter/Cheryl Fox/Kristin Hanks:** The Apparel Committee plans to have an apparel sale before the holiday season in the fall.  Sales will be for youth, MS and HS.  The committee will try to coordinate with the boys lacrosse sale and ProKnitWear.

**b. Game** **Announcer**: - **Donna Latsko, Mary Chieppor, Susie Gallagher**: No report. Carolyn thanked all for their service this season. Great job Donna and Mary!

**c. Stat Keepers/Table Officials – Frank Scherer, Gary McClintock, Steve Salvatore:** No report. Carolyn thanked our stats keepers for their time and efforts this season. Thanks Frank, Steve & Gary!

**d. Concession Stand- Cheryl Fox / Lee & Suzie Ivory:** Suzie commented that everything ran smoothly in the concession stand and that parents provided great food items to sell. Senior night was our best night raising approx $500. Avg earnings all other nights ranged between $125-$250. There are still ample supplies leftover for next season that will be stored in the concession stand. Thank you for managing the stand for us this season Cheryl, Suzie and Lee!

**e. Game Video-Eileen Podolec**: No report. Thank you Eileen for spearheading this effort!

**f. V/JV Team Parents-Kathy David, Eileen Podolec, Linda Batykefer:** No report. Thanks for feeding our girls this season ladies!

**g. Senior Night**-**Mary Beth Head, Donna Latsko, Jill Moriarity, Carol Schweitzer**: Senior Night once again was planned to perfection. Thank you ladies! Discussion on replacing the balloon arch with a reusable inflatable arch occurred. Coach Katie proposed that all of the sports teams could contibute towards the cost of an arch and then be able to use it on their team's respective senior nights. Coach Katie will discuss this idea with Heather Lewis. It was also noted that a spring band concert will conflict with next year's senior night and that 4 players would be affected. Because of this, it was suggested that the date of senior night be changed. Coach Katie will have to look at this next season once the schedule is determined (needs to occur during a non-section game).

**h. V/JV Banquet-Susie Gallagher w/Beth Zeckzer, Trina Scherer & Donna Haus.** May 26 is the date for this year's banquet at Cranberry Highlands.

**i. Sponsorship Program Admin-Donna Latsko:** No report.

**j.** **Game Day Sponsor Board-Donna Latsko**: No report.

**k**. **Game Day Programs-Carolyn Miller** Thank you Carolyn for handling this job again this season!

**l**. **Homecoming Booth**-**Committee head needed**.

**m. Picture Day-Mary Beth Head, Colleen Salvatore**: No report.

**n**. **Team Community Poster-Donna Haus, Mary Beth Head:** Donna will look for lower pricing next year and to have fewer posters printed. A lot of copies of this year's poster are still on hand.

**o**. **Webmaster**-**Steve Salvatore**: The website domain/hosting fee ($95) with GoDaddy has been renewed for another year.

**p. Individual Account Fundraising**-**Linda Batykefer, Carol Schweitzer, Jill Moriarity:** The committee will look to schedule two car washes next year, with the first one in the June/July timeframe. A fundraiser with Pittsburgh Popcorn Company will most likely take place in early Sept. The sale price/bag of popcorn ranges from $5-$7 and each participating player would receive 44% profit on each bag sold.

**Youth & Middle School Club Report**- **Elise Dreakford**: No report.

**Varsity/JV Report-Coach Katie**: Coach Katie thanked everyone who helped with meals, stats, announcing and apparel this season. Everything ran smoothly with no problems. The Woodlands' Night to Remember event on April 24 was awesome and all of the girls enjoyed being part of this volunteer event. We will not host a summer lacrosse camp this year as there is not space available during a time in which we could host the camp given summer club lacrosse schedules.  Coach Katie will submit a request for field space early next year so a camp can be offered in 2016. Fall Ball will take place in Sept and Coach Katie will look at organizing a 1-day clinic as well to generate interest among younger players. Coach Katie reminded everyone of the protocol to follow when issues arise and discussions need to occur with the coaches. The girls signed a contract stating that the players are to approach the coaches first to discuss an issue. If a resolution is not reached then a meeting between the parents and coaches can occur.

**Old Business:** Disney Training Trip Player Survey - Survey was sent out to the 21 players who attended the training trip in March (17 players responded).  Response was very positive and most of the girls said they would go again if they had the chance and would definitely recommend the trip to younger players who did not go on the trip.  The only somewhat negative response was that the amount of time spent at the actual Disney parks could have been more.  A survey will be developed to send out to parents of both HS and MS players to determine parent interest in future training trips.

The new car stickers are in and can be purchased for $5 each.  Contact Carolyn Miller at csmiller2000@yahoo.com if you would like to buy one.  She will also bring them to the playoff game at Chartiers Valley tomorrow night (5/14/15). Donna Latsko suggested that the boosters look into the wooden yard signs that the boys lacrosse players have or ones similar to the girls soccer signs.  Mary Beth Head is going to look into the sturdy corrugated signs that the tennis players purchased last fall and will report back to the group.  Donna will check with her contacts at soccer.

**New Business:** The indoor turf space available at the Lakevue Racquet Club was discussed.  It is available to rent for $250/hour or $150 for 30 minutes.  The coaches pointed out that numbers of attendees for conditioning in January and February are inconsistent and that mainly during this time the players are working on conditioning and wall ball.

Nominations for board positions for the June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 term were taken and the slate presented as follows:

        President: Carolyn Miller

        VP: Linda Batykefer

        Treasurer: Richard Hanks

        Secretary:  Jill Moriarity

        MS Coordinator: Elise Dreakford

        At-Large Members: Donna Latsko and Eileen Podolec

Mary Beth Head moved that we vote on the slate as presented above and Carol Schweitzer seconded the motion.  The slate was approved as presented and there were no oppositions.  Thank you to everyone who is willing to serve again next year and thank you to Jill Moriarity and Eileen Podolec for stepping up to a new position.

Discussion was held that it will be critical next year to encourage parents of younger players to get involved with the organization as so many of the current volunteers have players who will be graduating.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting**: June 3 at 7 p.m. SHS room 102

Minutes submitted by: Connie Miller, Secretary/Communications