



USC Football Boosters Meeting

April 8, 2024 – USC CRC

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President Jon Stein. There were 19 members in attendance. February meeting minutes were approved. Lauren Hines motioned to approve and Stephanie Stein seconded.

II. Treasurer's Report

President Stein presented the report. The report was motioned for approval by Jennifer Gillespie and seconded by Stephanie Stein.

III. Correspondence Report

Carrie Stohl reported that wind chimes were sent to Coach Assad for his mother's passing.

IV. Old Business

Golf Outing – May 20, 2024 @VBCC – Jon Stein reported that we increased the costs of our sponsorship levels. He said the purpose of the increase was due to a low takeaway from last year. He said last year's price was \$227/ea and we were able to negotiate a new price of \$219/ea with keeping the dinner option. Jon also mentioned the single golfer price used to be \$300 but will now increase to \$325. which is still much lower than most nonprofit prices. Tania Hellmann also reported that our sponsorship levels have increased. She's hoping that last year's participants will continue to follow suit and participate. She welcomed any help with soliciting donations.

Committee Assignments – Jon Stein reported committee assignments have all been determined, chairpersons have been assigned. He suggested if anyone would like to help, to please reach out.

V. New Business

Golf Outing Silent Auction Gift Gathering – April 25, 2024 – Jon Stein urged members to attend the gift gathering party being held at his house and to look for more information to be sent out.

Community Day – May 18, 2024 – This was covered under committee chair reports.

Mandatory Parent Meeting – May 29, 2024 – Coach Junko reported that this meeting is required by the school district. He looks for the meeting to be in the small gym, for all coaches to attend and for all parents to learn how to be involved.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

Spring Fling: Jon Stein spoke for Leslie Fleckenstein and shared the breakdown from the event, noting that in the past we were in the red or broke even but this year was different. The proceeds totaled \$860 with \$190 in ticket sales, \$310 from the cornhole tournament, \$250 from the NCAA block sales and \$110 in the Yeti raffle. He said we had a good event overall.

Merchandise: Tania Hellmann initially reported for Shauna Rozzo. She said the cost for our starting inventory was \$3000 and we brought in roughly \$2100 from Spring Fling. She stated that we will cover our costs moving forward with additional sales. Shauna then asked if she should order more merchandise for the upcoming Community Day and Golf Outing events. A motion was proposed by Jon Stein to spend the same amount as last year on additional merchandise if needed. All members voted in favor with no objections.

Golf Outing: This was covered in Old Business.

Restaurant Fundraisers: Natalie Livingston reported that Primanti's was packed with a number of Upper St. Clair people but our take away from the fundraiser was only \$60. She thought maybe the flyer wasn't shared. Moving forward, Natalie said the next fundraiser is this coming Saturday, April 13th at Duck Donuts where we will receive 25% of sales. She reported the upcoming fundraisers are at Chick-fil-A on May 23rd and Chipotle on June 4th.

Community Day: Carrie Stohl spoke for Brenda Holt. She reported that we are registered for the Community Day parade and also registered for two tents.

VII. Coach's Report

Coach Junko thanked the Boosters for sending a condolence gift to Coach Assad as it meant a great deal to him. He also thanked everyone for attending Spring Fling. He said he appreciates those who made it and hopes to see more attend in the future as it's a great time. Coach said Spring is an intense time with several events coming up in April and May. He requested that a lot of folks get involved and participate as many hands make light work.

Program Update:

Coach mentioned recruiting starts on April 15th. He expects to have between 60-80 schools visiting. He said they will be looking at current juniors who would like to play in college as they are not allowed to look at younger grade levels. Coach asked any remaining junior players interested in playing in college to contact him. Coach also said he will be going to North Allegheny in May where an additional 20 to 25 schools will be there for recruiting. He encouraged players to attend camps, especially current sophomores who would like to get noticed. He stated that's why our calendar has open Fridays and weekends in the summer for players to go to camps.

Coach reported access to the calendar is available both on the SportsYou app and the website. He asked for flexibility with the two practice times for the summer as there are conflicts with certain coach's schedules and with the high school summer school session. He is expecting to have two weeks of spring ball this year that will only be for 10th through 12th grade. At the mandatory parent meeting, he will discuss any changes to Healthy Roster and volunteering duties for game day. He said this will also be an opportunity to meet the new coaches.

Coach restated that you can go on vacation at any time, however June is not great for skilled players as a number 7v7 are scheduled so July would be a good time to go. He also said try not to go during heat acclimation in August however there could be some flexibility for 9th graders. Coach said picture day is August 9th and all parents are welcome. He also shared our home game schedule:

Mount Lebanon on 8-23 is Senior Night

Franklin regional on 9-6 is New Family Dinner

Peters Township on 9-26 is Homecoming

Moon Township on 10-18 is Hall of Fame

Baldwin on 10-25 is Youth Night

Coach said two of our games will be televised – KDKA will broadcast the Peters Township game and 22 the Point! will broadcast the McKeesport game. He also mentioned our home live streams will be produced by a production company and the announcers will stay the same. Coach wants to have a discussion with the Board about the production company, media and story of season opportunities moving forward.

He mentioned that himself and Coach Morton digitized videotapes from the past 40 years of football. He is hoping to have these available on the website and be used as a way to engage alumni.

Lastly, Coach said he would like to see how we do at the golf event before we decide what our next fundraiser will be.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. Motioned by Andrea Kaczmarek and seconded by Michele Kennell.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Dahlem.

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Next Meeting is Monday, May 13th at USC CRC at 7:30pm.