



RAIDER DIAMOND CLUB Meeting Minutes - Wed., Sept 20, 2023 / 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Hillsborough High School, Room 115

Freshman & New Members (6:30pm) - Brian Cooper, Introductions of Executive Board,
Rent-a-Raider - Christine Battagliese, Introduction of 4 committee members, explanation of program, fall, mid december, players get paid 15 an hour and sometimes receive tips. 10 hours required per year for senior scholarships eligibility.

- Sunday night a job form is emailed out.
- Wednesday email with job assignments - Boys need to confirm after Wednesday's email, an invoice is attached to bring to the customer to collect payment.
- Invoice is turned in to get credit. Turn into Christine.
- Committee tries to balance it so everyone can have 10 hours.
- Please Discuss the job list as a family to make sure there's no scheduling conflicts.
- It's ok to say they're available for all jobs.
- Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen.
- Partnered with the PDA Soccer Tournaments. They will hire the boys to run the parking lot. Usually a 5 hour jobs (Thanksgiving weekend and the weekend before)
- HHS Gymnastics hires the players to set up and clean up in November.
- Remind App is used for immediate communication.
- Wear Raider gear when working
- No Cell Phones while working.
- Coach Mosko will send an email to the players about the rules and about representing the program.

Griggstown Pies - This is another big fundraiser. An email will go out soon.

Pancake Breakfast - Going on for 20 years.

- Boys are to wear: Khaki pants, white button up shirt, tie.
 - Seniors - take orders
 - Juniors - serve
 - Sophomores - serve
 - Freshman - bus tables
- Basket Auction, Raffles, etc.
- Need a chair for the pancake breakfast.

Sponsorships - Need 2 more people to help solicit sponsors.

Class lead - Will handle communications within the class, from pancake breakfast to end of season banquet.

Questions:

What is Field Maintenance? Varsity and JV are on site so used for practice. We are responsible for anything that has to do with the fields. District provides little to nothing for the fields (they cut the grass and line the field). Need warning track material, part of that fix is hopefully the district fixing the piping. Piping runs outside the fence on the first base line.

Full Body meeting (7pm)

Welcome, Brian Cooper, President. Board introductions. Motion by Susan Herndon, Second Jim Mistretta. April minutes approved.

Finances: Mike Kandell, Treasurer

- Finals financials from 2023 presented.
- Budget for 2024 is less than last year due to the basket auction not being included in the pancake breakfast. The basket auction organizers graduated last year.
- No budget income for sponsorships because multi year sponsorships are sold. If we have someone to solicit, that can change.
- Big ticket items, player uniforms, field maintenance, away game subs. Biggest cost is winter training which needs to be offset via collecting from families.
- Motion to accept the 2024 budget, Christine Battagliese, second by Tom Westlake, All in favor. 2024 budget approved.

Committee Updates: Rich Orr, VP

- Pies, Sandya Drinkwater
 - Annual pie sale. information will be sent out next week.
 - Pies are delivered the Saturday before Thanksgiving.
 - Question - are we doing Super Sundaes for ice cream pies? You pick it up yourself but prices may have increased. Will be looked into again.
 - We can also donate pies to the food bank.
- Rent A Raider, Christine Battagliese / Susan Herndon (also see above during new family portion)
 - Job sign up out on Sunday
 - Location is included.
 - Wednesday evening they get assignments.
 - Already have jobs lined up without advertising.
 - \$4000 of jobs already requested.
 - Parking (PDA) Job around Thanksgiving
 - Pair younger players and older players.
 - Committee tries to ensure players get 10 hours.
 - Have yard signs for everyone to take.
 - Will email out a digital flier.
 - Please sign the permission slip and waiver.
 - Will send out on Social Media.
 - Jobs are located in Hillsborough and adjacent towns.
 - Program typically ends mid December.
- Sponsorship, Brian Borer, need 2 more committee members.
 - If you know of any local businesses please pass it on.
- Field Closing (10/14, rain date 10/21) Parents Only
 - Parents take everything down and pack it up until next season.
 - Bring wire cutters, gloves.
 - An email will be sent out with times etc.
 - Take down batting cage nets, padding, banners, signs, field touch up, clean out dugout closets.
 - Usually 8-1pm. Show up when you can.

- Coffee and donuts are provided.
- Scholarship - Lauren Albee to chair.
- Philanthropy
 - Coach Mosko - Pediatric cancer awareness game with Phillipsburg. Diamond clubs provide gold shoelaces. Group picture with both teams.
- Away Game Subs
 - Have used Just Subs. Organized by the class parents using signup genius.
 - One cooler with subs, one with gatorade, passed out after the game and ate on the bus.
- Social Media Coordinator - Jenn Glazewski
- Field Maintenance - Needed Committee Chair
- End of Season Banquet - Need Committee Chair (should not be a senior parent)
- Raider Apparel - Finalizing
- Senior Day - Lauren Albee & Kim
- Class Parent per grade
 - Freshman Class - Vacant
 - Sophomore Class - Jamie Foley
 - Junior Class - Vacant
 - Senior Class - Tracy Lotierzo

Pancake Breakfast (630am arrival) – Need Committee Chair

- Basket Auction - need at least 3 parents. This is a big part of the profit.

Coach's Corner: Matt Mosko, Varsity Coach - Slide Presentation

- First day (tentative) Monday, March 11th. Three (3) days pitchers and catchers only. State site says TBD as of now.
- Early March inside. Practice/tryouts March 14th - 6 days prior to scrimmage, March 21st. Seven (7) scrimmages for Varsity, Six (6) for JV. None for Freshman at this time.
- Opening Day - April 1st against Mendham - trying to make it a tradition. Away for Varsity and JV, home for Freshman.
- 23 Varsity (allowed 24), 20 JV, 22 Freshman Games. Freshman play some teams twice to fill the schedule.
- Senior Day May 14th or 15th - take into consideration for cancellation. (South Brunswick or Phillipsburg).
- Varsity County Tournament - Opening around May 7th. Finals May 23rd at Patriots Stadium.
- State Tournament - Start date May 23rd.
- May 17th Senior Prom - weekend will be blocked out.
- Missed (unexcused) practice the day before a game you have to sit that game.
- District policy is 2 absences from practice, more you have to sit.
- Team will play and practice during spring break.
- Summer Program - 2 different teams
 - 17U Pyramid League
 - Fairly local
 - League ran by Coach Mosko
 - 12-15 games during the week
 - Enter 2 USABL tournaments on the weekend
 - Coached by the JV coach
 - Most of this group is rising sophomores
 - 19U American Legion team

- Rising juniors and seniors
 - 3-4 games per week
 - 12 regular game season
 - Finish up with a USABL tournament
- Coach Mosko fronts the summer team expenses and parents reimburse.
 - Costs can not be covered by the Diamond Club.
- Outside teams are ok over the summer as well.
- HBL Connections.
 - Let Coach Mosko know if players are interested in:
 - Jr Coaching
 - Jr Umpiring
 - Rookie Raiders (4 year olds)
 - Freshman should sign up to help for at least 1 sunday.
- JV Coach will not be around full time. Interviews are taking place for a new JV Coach.
- Uniforms - Would like JV and Varsity to have similar uniforms for player movement.
 - Looking to do that with a cardinal set this year.
 - \$40 per top.
 - Seniors get uniforms for a shadow box.
 - Will need to replace some jerseys that Seniors took.
 - Freshman get a choice from the remaining uniforms. About 6 sets to choose from.
- Weight room is open. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3:15-4:15 pm. Open All Year. Weight room by football field.
 - Can continue with football weight training, Impact, Wheelhouse etc.
 - Off season training is important.
- Winter training
 - Parents fund this.
 - Last Year: 2 days at High School gym to work on fielding drills and conditioning. Looking to revamp that program.
 - Have used iron peak. Very expensive.
 - Option of going to Zoned.
 - Typically 40-45 players sign up for winter training.
 - More information about winter training at the October meeting and emails.
- Family ID - Information will be emailed to parents.
- New Website - created by Coach Mosko. Includes:
 - Schedules
 - Squad locker Team store
 - Game Changer codes
 - Rosters
 - Player honors and awards
 - Alumni page - players in college

Motion to adjourn (Tom Westlake, Sue Herndon). Adorned 7:55 pm

*** Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 7 pm ***

Minutes taken by Jenn Glazewski