

Howards Grove Booster Club
September 20th, 2006
Mel DeRuyter, Secretary

I. Opening - President Rich Bower welcomed all members in attendance and opened the meeting. Rich invited secretary Mel DeRuyter to read the minutes from the previous meeting. Vanessa Thieleke made a motion to accept the minutes after they were read from the August 9th meeting and Larry Rooker seconded.

II. Treasurer's Report - Rich Bower reviewed the report which included monies earned from Bossy Bingo. \$9509.97 was earned without the cost of trophies. Our net worth to date is \$47,939.77. Kevin Morgen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Vanessa Thieleke seconded.

III. Old Business -

A. Bossy Bingo. Rich thanked Kevin Morgen and Andy Hansen for obtaining refs and score keepers and keeping the day running smoothly. Vice President Mike Schuh thanked Jeff Edge for all his hard work with the bracketing and all the organization through out the day. Jeff commented that it went very well, but that there were some rules that need to be reviewed for next year. There were questions regarding roster changes and when is the deadline for replacement players. There were also some questions about the out of bounds rules and how many points were given for a forfeit. There were 137 teams entered, which was four less than last year.

B. Website - Our website at www.HowardsGroveBoosters.com is up and running. Cassie Wolfert has worked hard to set it up and also keeps it updated with our tournaments, and information about our club. Rich has contacted Sheboygan cable channel 14 and they will display our address on their rotation. Our tournaments are also listed on WWW.WIHOOPS.net where prospective teams will contact our website.

C. Concession Stand - It continues to be a big success. Keith Rooker is chair this year. Vanessa Thieleke has put 100 window clings in the concession stand with hopes that they will sell. She has also sent 25 to the offices at each of the other schools. Homecoming is this Friday and it should be a big success with the brat fry. Next Friday should also be successful because the Little Pom Pons will be performing along with the youth flag football which will bring more parents to the game.

D. Howards Grove Walk/Run - Last year Dr. Wendy Varish donated \$2000.00 to our Club. We need to get volunteers again for this year. It will be held at the High School this year on October 28th and will have a Halloween theme. Rich will contact Sue Nennig to see if she will get volunteers again this year.

IV. New Business -

A. YMCA Basketball- In previous years, we have donated monies for our youth to play Y basketball; \$10 for Y members and \$20 for non members. There was an open discussion about whether we should continue to donate to this. Connie Rickmeier and Kevin Morgen expressed their desire to continue this because that is the foundation of our club and we should not stop giving to basketball. There was a motion from Vanessa T. to donate money to the YMCA youth basketball program, the same as last year; \$20 for

non members and \$10 for members. The motion was seconded by Kevin Morgen.

B. Tournaments - Our tournaments are set for 2007. The 7th and 8th grade boys and girls are set for January 19-21 and the 4th -6th grade girls and boys are set for March 9-11. They are listed on www.wishoops.net. Rich will chair them and Jeff Edge will co-chair the tournaments. At the board meeting, we discussed raising the entry fee for the tournaments. There will be a \$10 increase for each. Compared to other tournaments, our fees are right in the middle as far as cost. Larry Rooker suggested that we raise the Bossy Bingo entry fee and then maybe limit the amount of teams allowed. We will discuss it at a later date. Millersville Rec pays for the metros at the park. There was discussion if we should pay to have more brought in, or help Millersville Rec with rental fees. We will also discuss this at a later meeting.

C. Miscellaneous -

National Exchange bank has contacted us to conduct a field goal contest at football games. It would require members to sell raffle tickets, but they would donate monies to us. We decided to pass on the offer.

Tracy Weimann is the new chair for membership. She will update the list and see who needs polo shirts. If we need volunteers for any event, we need to contact her for a list of members. Vanessa will still mail postcards to notify members about upcoming meetings.

C. Open Board Positions -

Diana Bahr is stepping down as treasurer. Lori Gallenberger volunteered to replace her for a two year term. The position of president is officially open. Rich would like to step down. He talked to Sue Nanning about replacing him, but she has too many work commitments at this time to take over the position. Mike Schuh also has many work, school and coaching commitments to take it over. Mike checked our bylaws and the position can remain open. Work can be spread out to the remaining board members until a suitable President is found. Larry Rooker made a motion to ask Rich to stay on as interim President until someone steps forward to take over the position. Kevin Morgen seconded it. Jeff Edge questioned the need to have requirements for members, which is something that has been discussed at several previous meetings. Larry Rooker said that we always have plenty of workers, but not many people to take charge. Tracy Weimann offered to go to any basketball team meetings and talk to the parents about our club and the good that we do for our youth.

D. Open Floor - We received a thank-you from the 2006 CLC conference champs baseball team.

Kevin Morgen mentioned that the High School wants a new batting cage. The Athletic Association and Millersville Rec are each donating \$2500.00 towards the purchase of one. It will be retractable from the ceiling. There has been no formal request made yet. If there is one, it needs to come from Thad Gabrielse. Kevin Morgen made a motion that based on the approval of the request by Thad Gabrielse, we will donate \$2500.00 towards the purchase of one indoor baseball net to the Howards Grove High School with the stipulation that Millersville Rec and the Athletic Association will also donate \$2500.00. The motion was seconded by Doug Bramsteadt.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Vanessa Thieleke and was seconded by Tracy Weimann.