

Howards Grove Booster Club
December 13th, 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. Carl Nauschutz made a motion to accept the minutes as they were read from the September 20th meeting and Sarah Jaeger seconded.
- II. **Treasurer's Report** – Lori Gallenberger read the treasurer's report and some major earnings from the previous months. We made \$2,187 from Bossy Bingo, \$3,360 from the football concession stands. We also purchased Junior Varsity boys basketball warm-ups. Up coming costs will be Tiny Tigers and YMCA youth basketball fees. Lori will be getting another CD in the spring at National Exchange Bank. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was from Cheryl Schuh and was seconded by Greg Bahr.
- III. **Old Business** –
 - A. Tournaments. Our 7th And 8th grade tournaments are coming up on January 13-14th. We will be using the High School gym from 8am to 8pm and the Middle School from 8am to 6pm, and then 9am to 5pm at the High School on Sunday The 7th Grade girls bracket is full along with the 7th grade boys. There was still room for more 8th grade teams. It was listed on www.wishoops.net.
 - B. Kevin Morgen and Andy Hansen will get all the referees for this tournament instead of paying Bob Davis to do it, as we have done in the past.
 - C. Karl Nauschutz will take care of the trophies again this year. We will need to find a new provider because the previous supplier has since gone out of business. There was some discussion as to switching to medals, t-shirts, or plaques. The consensus was to stay the same as last year.
 - D. Sarah Jaeger will take care of the tortes again this year and will get the lists and recipes to the coaches of each team.
 - E. Tracy Wiemann and Paul Rickmeier will be in charge of the concession stands. They will get supplies and get volunteers to work. Game times shouldn't conflict with working time.
 - F. Open discussion of door fees. Do we add a weekend pass because many other tournaments do it and we have had complaints in the past? The cost will be \$3 for adults and \$5 for a weekend pass. Kids will be \$1 and Senior Citizens will be \$2 and children Six years and under will be free. Greg Bahr will make the passes or talk to Jim Horness about getting them.
 - G. We received \$750.00 from Dr. Wendy Varish from the Howards Grove Walk/Run.

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New Business –

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A. **Tiny Tigers** – Dean Kuhlow and Abe Schwinn will be running it this year.

It will only be 7 weeks long this winter, starting Saturday, January 13th. It will be held at the Elementary School this year because there are hoops Mike Schuh will get high school players there to Help, with a minimum of six per Saturday. There is a possibility that Tiny Tigers will perform at half time of a junior varsity game. Registration forms are already the school.

B. Soccer Club-

Rich Bower had a meeting with the Soccer Club board to discuss a merger of the two clubs to make one large, more effective club. Because most kids play both soccer and basketball, it is an issue that must be discussed. There would need to be new bylaws, monies separate for a period of time, new logo, and new board. There was an open floor discussion as to the pros and cons of a merger. Because the Booster Club is large and very visible in the community, a merger will bring more awareness to the soccer program. The growing number of soccer players could bring in more revenue in case basketball numbers and our tournaments take a drop in numbers.

Other questions that were raised by members were, “What does the soccer club do to raise money?” They did a 3 on 3 tournament which made \$2000.00. They have done car washes and volunteered for the Howards Grove Walk/Run. Also, they want to get community businesses to sponsor soccer fields. They have contributed monies towards the High School soccer uniforms, and bought goals for Northview fields. The league fees go for insurance, referees, t-shirts, paint and the fields.

The Village came to the soccer club to ask them to help fund the new soccer fields and sports complex located near the end of Millersville Ave. The soccer club has money earmarked for the project, so if there is a merger, that money must stay earmarked for that field.

Another point that was brought up was that if we do merge, we will have more resources and talent to work at and run our fund raisers. This matter will stay on the agenda.

C. Miscellaneous – We received a thank-you from Dr. Wendy and Dana for workers at the Walk/Run. Also a thank-you from Scott Stauss and his 7th grade girl’s basketball team for tournament fees.

Tracy Weimann talked about memberships. As of today, we have only 16 families signed up. Our memberships are valid from September to September.

We donated money to the high school for a new batting cage to be used by the fast pitch and the baseball teams.

Steve Milz questioned if we have been approached by Northview to donate money for a new playground structure. Rich said nothing has been sent to him yet.

Lori Gallenberger discussed getting more members by having the coaches of all the teams talking to the parents and tells them what our organization

is about and everything that we donate. She thought a letter to all Tiny Tiger parents with information about our Club will help boost membership.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karl Nauschutz and was seconded by Tracy Weimann.

Our next meeting will be in February.