

## Minutes of the March 10, 2015 LABC Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Brawner at 7:00 p.m.

**The following people were present:** Mike Brawner, Alisha Paul, Maureen Brawner, Kate French, Jim Buonocore, Brian Hinton, Curt McCracken, Nancy Cusmano and Brittany Conners (Softball Coach).

**Secretary's Report:** The January 20, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved pending incorporation of discussed comments.

**Club Finance Report:** The Finance report was reviewed, which included the last 2014 quarterly increment from United Way of \$546.65. The LABC agreed to make a \$25 donation to Music Boosters for the Les Miserables program. We received a commission payment from R&B Apparel for \$103.25 from On-Line Store sales. Total LABC balance including the CD is \$18,518.05.

**Correspondence:** We received a Thank You card from Ky Childs grandmother for the support of the LABC.

**Coaches Requests:** Jim has no known requests from any coaches at this time. Discussion was held on replacement Soccer Goals. The JV soccer field needs 2 new goals. The purchase of these has been made with gate receipt money from football ticket sales. Jim is hoping for 2 new goals for the Varsity field but this may be a Parks & Rec issue since this field is technically under their jurisdiction. Mike suggested the LABC could help with the Varsity Goals if needed as Soccer Team parents have been very supportive to LABC fundraising efforts. Jim is requesting the purchase of the State Championship banner for the Wrestling program. This is something that the LABC has purchased in the past. The cost for the banner is \$281.40. Mike motioned, Kate seconded, all voted in favor to purchase the banner. Mike asked if the JV field could possibly need any help/maintenance for any benches, etc in the future. Jim replied that there is not much that can be done due to the land location and slope.

Jim is hoping that in the future we might be able to help support the painting of the gym and clean/restore the existing banners that hang in there. It was suggested that the LABC might be able to ask the Facilities Committee and ask what the cost might be and what we could do to help. Mike agreed to discuss with the Finance Committee. Mike also suggested asking the tennis coach if he would be needing our help with any supplies. Jim agreed to ask and let the LABC know.

**Membership:** We added one new member. The vouchers have all accounted for. Mike compiled the list of members who didn't sign up again this year and is hoping to get them to sign up again for 2015-2016 school year.

**Fundraising:** Concerning the 2015 Ledyard Fair, Mike motioned to NOT man a booth this year as there is a Home Football game that weekend. Kate seconded. Motion passed.

**Concessions:** Basketball support has been wonderful. Spring sports planning: if there were volunteers to help out Mike is not opposed to open the concession stand during spring sports besides outdoor track if there was an interest. Tables can be set up closer to the fields with concessions as long as there are volunteers. Mike will be looking for help to open up the shack to clean it before the relays. Jim suggested offering the first team to respond to the call for help a donation to their café account. Mike proposed that a \$100 donation to the CAF account of the sport that provides support. All agreed that this was a great idea to get support. Brittany Conners, LHS Softball Coach, offered to have the Softball Team provide support. All agreed.

**Souvenirs/Spirit Wear:** We are adding a couple more shirt styles. Varsity sweaters are rather expensive with a minimum order so we won't be offering those through our store at this time. Kate is still looking at other vendors to find a more affordable single piece price. Memory banners were also an option being explored. Kate showed the designs for the new Ledyard Athletics shirts and Relay shirts. Mike asked if there would be an issue if spirit wear was made available for sale during Spring Sports Night. Jim said it would be fine.

**Old Business:** Relay menu: Stacey Greely is getting back to us on the cost of breakfast sandwiches.

**New Business:** Mike has submitted our updated 501 C 3 status with the IRS in order for Pfizer and other companies to donate monies to the LABC through volunteer programs.

**Scholarship Planning:** The form is updated and posted.

**Open Discussion:** Alisha asked about people being paid to take ticket money at each sporting event and wondered why these weren't filled with volunteers. Jim explained that they are paid out of ticket sales.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next meeting will be held April 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ledyard High School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted by Alisha Paul, Secretary.