

## **Grain Valley Eagles Football Booster Club Meeting Minutes**

The GV Eagles Football Booster Club met on December 4, 2008 in the commons of GVHS at 6:30 P.M.

In attendance at the meeting were John Overstreet, Greg & Lynda Tolen, Ami Fogle, Scot & Brenda Sodano, Warren & Paula Kremeier, John & Tina Miller, Jamie Welch, Pratt & Angie Buster, Amie Rogers, Jim Ferlisi, Lisa Nace, Mike & Cindy Oddo, Lori Lindsey and Shannon Pauley. Mike Maynard caught most everyone prior to the meeting to express his desire to participate in the group but had some commitments for the evening that were unavoidable to be able to attend the meeting.

John called the meeting to order and the previous meeting's minutes were reviewed by all and the motion carried for their approval.

Ami gave reimbursements to all who had them coming for purchases for the club for the year.

John started things off by thanking everyone for their hard work for the year and that the club has made tremendous steps, but as always, more volunteers are needed. The first course of business for the evening was the election of the new officers. It was decided by the '08 officers at a separate meeting, that things would be changed up a bit for '09, by initiating a President Elect position and just one vice president position.

John Miller, Scot Sodano and John Overstreet were nominated for President. John M. and Scot declined, so John Overstreet was unanimously selected to his second term as President of the booster club.

Mike Maynard, John Miller, Pratt Buster and Mike Oddo were presented for the President Elect position. Mike Oddo declined, and it was decided that Mike Maynard would have to be present at the meeting to be considered. So it was put to a show of hands for John and Pratt, with John receiving the most votes.

For the Vice-President position, Scot Sodano and Pratt Buster were nominated, with Scot being selected by the show of hands vote.

Tina Miller and Amie Rogers were suggested for the Secretary position, but both declined. LuAnn Cunningham was also suggested, but she was not present at the meeting. Brenda Sodano was also nominated and selected for the position.

There were no other nominations for the Treasurer position other than Tina Miller, so she was elected.

So the new officers for the 2009 GV Football Booster Club are as follows:

President- John Overstreet  
President Elect- John Miller  
Vice-President – Scot Sodano  
Secretary – Brenda Sodano  
Treasurer- Tina Miller

The next order of business was selecting chairpersons for the various committees. The first committee discussed was the Food Committee. Paula has held that position in the past and indicated that Jamie Welch had agreed to take it over, with Paula (and Warren) being the co-chairs.

As for the Fund Raising Committee, it was decided that it is at least a two person job and Brenda Sodano and Angie Buster agreed to take it over. Amie Rogers offered her help and it was mentioned that everyone needs to try and do what they can for the Fund Raising Committee because it is so extensive and requires so much help.

John suggested a new committee, perhaps an Event Preparation Committee. Even though he was not present at the meeting, it was decided that Mike Maynard would be a good person for the job and Mike Oddo indicated that he would be willing to help Mike M.

There was also discussion about adding a Communications Committee to be able to assist in the many areas of communication of the group. It was decided that each committee chair would be responsible for their own emails regarding their committee activities & requests and that the main public relations business of the group should be conducted by the President. Shannon Pauley indicated she would take the chair of the Communications Committee.

Ami mentioned that Jerry Goade will still be the webmaster for the group and its website. Everyone in the group needs to coordinate with Jerry to ensure that all group business is published on the website. All committee chairs need to get their information to him for posting.

The discussion about the Communications Committee led to some items brought up by Lisa Nace regarding the fact that the group needs to engage everyone possible. Tina suggested having a person at each grade level, a class liaison, would be a solution and ideas could funnel through them to everyone at each grade level, and it was generally decided that that was a good idea.

John brought up the business of meals and the discussion that the '08 officers had had on that topic. The officers decided that the word needs to get out to the parents as soon as possible regarding the fees for parents to pay for their sons to eat; the very latest scenario would be during camp and the tailgate, but prior to that even would be best. Initiating the meals topic turned into a hotbed of conversation about the entire process. John clarified that this last year, the booster club went to all of the coaches once the group had decided to include the freshmen and JV in the meals routine. In order to make sure a sound policy is set right off the bat for the new season, John will immediately approach all the

coaches once again and get a very definitive position on what the coaches want as far as feeding the boys at each level, and then that is what will be done. Also, the coaches will be responsible for telling the boys what the program is, so that everyone will be aware that however the meal process falls out, it will be because of the wishes of the coaching staff, not decisions made by the booster club. There was a lot of heated discussion from several of the members on this issue and it was generally decided that a simple lack of communication is primarily the problem and why there are so many misunderstandings. It was also generally decided that it is hard to communicate with everyone, especially when so few attend the meetings to see and hear what is going on. It was mentioned that apparently there are some parents out there who don't have phone and/or internet access to be able to receive communications and Ami made the point that the new group needs to coordinate with the school on sending mailers out with the school mailers, and that way every parent has something delivered to their home in their mail, without having to rely on the boys to handle deliver paperwork and to accommodate those who don't have email. Finally, in regard to the meal process, John told the group that the '08 officers had decided that the meals need to be paid by the parents prior to the season. He put this out as a motion for the group which received a first and a second and was carried. Tina Miller summed up the meal process best by saying that the parents PAY for the meals and the booster club COORDINATES it all.

There was discussion from some about the Thursday evening meals that have gone on in previous seasons involving mainly Seniors and/or Varsity players in private homes. This is something that needs to be discussed, at all, at another time. But for the record; any Thursday night activities during the season, have always been on a personal level, invite only at the homes of various football parents and have absolutely NO BEARING on the booster club. No club funds have ever been used for these activities. It is NOT a booster club activity. It is a personal private function away from the club and the school.

John tried to bring the group around to the next topic of discussing possible levels of membership for the group. The '08 officers spent quite a bit of time on this matter and basically came to no consensus. Here again, there was a lot of discussion from nearly every member of the group. The main question at hand here, is, is the group in a position to initiate participation levels? Are we big enough for that? Discussion mostly came to a "no" consensus on the whole matter. There was much dialogue about the lack of communications once again and the discussion turned to the member board at the field and the \$25 fee to purchase a plate. Are people who belong to the booster club and/or purchase plates for the sign considered "members" or "sponsors"? It was finally decided to leave the signs at the stadium alone for the upcoming year and discussion can continue about it. Along with all this conversation, Pratt brought up the by-laws and who is considered a member or "member in good standing." John read the by-laws and Ami passed out copies to the group. This brought on more discussion about how many meetings a person needs to attend to be able to vote. The by-laws now indicate just one meeting, but that may need to be changed.

Without an official adjournment, the group started to break up at approximately 8:00 PM. No date was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
( & considered a privilege and my pleasure to serve my two terms)

Lynda Tolen, Secretary  
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