**Date** = December 7, 2023 **Location** = Fairport Public Library Meeting Room

**Planned Time** = 7-9 pm **Invite sent to** = 2023-2024 Executive Committee, all FBBC members, AD

**Attendees: (Elissa Ostrander, Nicole Burns, Steve Gossin, and Jennifer Stanek noted they cannot attend) Camille Sackett, Jon Ludwig, Becky Scheidt, Jennifer McNeil, Brie Young, Coach Kieran Murphy, Todd Cerami.**

* President (Camille) will call the meeting to order. Present the agenda and the time allotments.
  + Ripken dates adjusted to align with Sea Breeze Realty’s availability for Royal Garden (Check in Monday and check out Saturday). Rooms reserved for the team and families wanting to attend the field trip. Rates shared with Jenn M/Communications in case parents are reaching out early and asking for info. Net-zero budget and fundraiser to offset expenses to be reviewed and discussed.
    - Total fee for Ripken – unknown at this time, paid deposit of $1000, January 16th second deposit due another $1000. The total cost will determine the total cost for each player for the trip.
* Secretary (Becky) distribute meeting minutes to the membership; offer an opportunity for modifications and addendums to those minutes by the membership, followed by final vote on approval of the minutes. Minutes are on Google Drive. Did not vote to approve minutes, we did not have quorum present.
* Program report from the Head Coach (Coach Murphy) if needed, including any info from FCSD AD.
  + Share general communication to be passed to membership or needs for the Board
    - Winter workouts start this week. 70 players signed up total for both groups. All but one person has paid. No workout on Christmas Eve, but workout on New Year’s Eve.
    - Lifts are still Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4-5 PM. No lifts the week before Christmas. Todd Cerami asked coach for more information about the lifts. Coach explained that the Strength and Conditioning Coach hired through the district has created the program for our players. The coach helps students with form and amount of weight and teaches them how to do the exercises. The program is really well done and we are lucky to have this in our district.
  + Updates for Ripken.
    - Coach filled out form. Hoping to get schedule mid-January. Put in for 2 scrimmages, 3 games and a practice.
  + No change to the status of scheduled games (15 league/non-league county games) and including Ripken (usually 3 games), will we have 20 games for the season. Team will be playing CBA again at home and will play McQuaid at home.
  + Status update AD and BOE on the Hack Attack – Jon L. ordered and received all 4 hack attacks and they are at FHS. Coach will move one to Minerva before the season starts. Coach will work with the AD to take care of the old machines and equipment. Also got the cam wood bats, valle training gloves, driveline training program. Jenn McNeil will get this out on social media to share with the program what we have purchased for the program through our fundraising.
  + Long Term fundraising goal still accurate (anything changes/adds, etc.)?: Coach would also like a batting turtle ($10,000-$15,000) and cover to protect it. Coach has to submit his budget to the AD next week. Once he gets that information back, he will let the Booster Club know what we can help out with. Coach is putting the batting turtle in his budget. Camille brought up to the question, can we split the cost with the Athletic Dept.? Coach is unsure, but we can reach out to AD and ask.
  + Status of change in classification for next year, still pending approval, playing AAA division with 4 other teams (RH, McQuaid, and two city schools) – Coach said we probably won’t know until about a month before the season.
  + Status of Charity/Community Outreach – Angel Tree – players and coaches from all levels went to Target and purchased gifts for 5 families for the holidays on December 7th. The players enjoyed doing this. Spent just under $500, which was the budget the Booster Club gave. Coach would like to continue to do things like this to give back to our community.
  + Status of Baseball Alumni Association – possibly do an alumni day – invite alumni back to see the field and the team. Annaliese Frost (Coach Frost’s wife) is working on this. Annaliese would like to get it up and running by July. She would welcome any help. Chuck Rizzolo has been helping currently. Goal of alumni association is to bring alumni back and be a part of the program. They could run fundraisers and then make a donation to the FBBC. Camille mentioned that it would be a good idea to have a rep come to our meetings.
  + Coach said that we have almost no turnover in coaching staff. Coach Steve Ryan is coming back as a Mod A coach. Each team will have at least 2 coaches. There will be a couple coaches that will float as assistants. For budget and planning purposes they are adding one additional coaching position from last year.
* **Reports of standing committees activities.**
  + Publicity/Communications Director (Jennifer M)
    - Status – Jenn is still waiting for the approval of coaches, Coach will get her the info for the new coaches so she will have all of that ready to put up once it’s approved.
    - Jenn would like to start getting a shell of the schedule for social media, Coach will send the schedule
    - Jenn will post about community service, update on fundraising and what we have bought for the program, and reminders about workouts.
  + Concessions – Brie Y.
    - Want to use the actual stand more, want to make hot chocolate and walking tacos, will need to have someone with food certification on location.
    - Found out that we cannot make food at our homes and bring it to the concession stand, you have to make food there and this requires someone to get a different certification from what the AD has. Brie is willing to get trained if we can find out the process and we have the funds to support this.
    - AD is going to find out what we need to do for Brie and possibly someone else to get the food certifications that they would need.
  + Clothing orders & team store
    - Clothing store closed and John Lansdowne is working on getting those orders processed.
    - Will open the store up again before the season starts.
    - Status – Boathouse jacket order is open until next week. So far we have about 9 individual player orders.
* Financial report from the treasurer (Jon)
  + Bought pitching machines, paid
  + Sent check to PAC for winter workouts
  + Forecasted to end the year with about $16,000.
  + Need to start the year with at least $10,000 so we have money for shirts, hats, Ripken, etc.
  + Dues discussion
    - Proposal by treasurer:
      * Mods - $80
      * JV - $100
      * Varsity - $150
      * This will give us about $2000 less in revenue. Jon put this into his projected budget and it still gives us enough money to end the year with so we have enough going into the next year. Jon was very conservative with his estimates for fundraising.
      * We will discuss more and vote at a future meeting.
    - Can we offset Ripken costs for the Varsity team through fundraising?
      * Jon suggested that we could use half of the can drive proceeds go towards the trip.
      * Jon also suggested that we could use the proceeds of the youth clinic go towards the trip. The Varsity players work the event, so they are working for this money. We all like this idea.
      * Scott Miller suggested to Jon to run a pasta dinner fundraiser. Scott works for a food company, so he would be willing to try and get food donated, as well as working with Midvale CC to use their facility. Might be too difficult to organize as a dues offset fundraiser after team selection and before Myrtle Beach, not enough time.
        + Jon will talk with Scott Miller to see if he would still like to help by providing food to the players for Myrtle Beach. This will help with the cost for families.
    - Ripken costs for players
      * $1000 for room
      * Around $3000 for tournament fees
      * Coaches kick off pizza dinner $600
    - We will discuss and vote on this at our January meeting.
* Announcements
  + Next meeting: Thursday, January 4th, 7-9 PM at Fairport Public Library
* Unfinished business (old business) as needed.
* New business as needed.
* Adjournment.