

MINUTES

Booster Club – General Meeting – September 16th, 2008

Attendees:

Angel Moses	Michael Beranbaum	Angela Smith	Kama Gorman
Debbie Bloom	Kerri Watkins	Heather Ross	Sena Seth
Emily Espinoza	Rhonda Smith	Stacey Davis	Missy Morris
Dawn Erickson	Billie Toman	Danielle Harper	Chris Podlucky
Cheryl Hope	Doug Henry	Stacey Henry	Elisa Ohlemeiere
Rich Ohelmeiere	Lyn Lauzon	Kim Freedman	Dennis Hill
Ellie Hill	Scott Bennison	Shawn Bennison	Steven Schmidt
Jodi Schmidt	Andrea Palmer	Lori Albrecht	Dennis Wintch
Susan Larsen	Kristin Brame	Rhonda Smith	

The meeting opened with an introduction to the Booster Club Board Members and explained the function of the Booster Club.

Board Members:

- Kristin Brame – President
- Lori Albrecht – Vice President
- Dennis Wintch – Treasurer
- Susan Larsen – Web Master
- Andrea Palmer – Secretary

What is LEGBC?

- Leading Edge Gymnastics Booster Club (LEGBC) is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization
- Comprised of the parents of the competitive gymnasts of Leading Edge Gymnastics Academy (LEGA)
- Primary purpose is to raise money to offset costs associated with competitive gymnastics
- Requires collective cooperation of its members to achieve the goal of helping the gymnastic team
- The Booster Club demands a level of commitment from each of its members through both financial contributions and through help in running fund raising events and meets hosted by LEGA
- Contributions to the Booster Club are tax deductible
- Each member of the Booster Club is expected to attend the general membership meetings, and to do his/her fair share in helping the Booster Club meet its obligations

Fund Raising Goal

- \$163,000
- In order to offset the total cost of competition fees and coaches fees, we need to raise an estimated **\$163,000** for the team
- To achieve this goal we have both large and small fundraisers throughout the season

Large Fund Raisers

- Mariners 2008 – Active Booster Club members prior to October 1st
- Seahawks – All Booster Club members of the 2008/2009 season
- Chocolate Classic – Nov 8th-9th – Raffles and Concessions
- Seattle Open – Jan 17th-19th, 2009 – Raffles, vendors, flowers, programs, sponsorship
- Level 5/6 State – May 2009 – Raffles, concessions, flowers, program

Small Fund Raisers

- Butterbraids – Angel Moses Chair
- Escript/Scrip – Kerri Watkins, Chair
- Albertson Cards – Leslie Villacis – Chair
- See's Candies – Michelle Hsieh – Chair
- Mini Meets – TBD
- Yankee Candles - TBD
- If you have any suggestions for small/large fund raisers please contact a member of the Booster Club Board!

Participation

- Large fund raisers – mandatory
 - Seahawks /Mariners require each member to obtain a Food Handlers Card and an Alcohol Card. Various training dates and times available throughout the season. Please check our web site at www.legbc.com for information.

- Small fund raisers – optional – but we request 100% participation based on fund raising goal \$\$ above

Forecasted Budget

- Current fundraisers estimated earnings of \$47,000 – leaves a total of an additional \$116,000 to fund raise

Installment Fees Due to LEGA

- Payments for competition fees and coaches fees due to LEGA has changed from 3 installments to 4 installments ☺
- Oct 1 – 2008
- Nov 1 – 2008
- Dec 1 – 2008
- Jan 25 – 2009
- Compulsory Levels 4-6: 4 payments of \$472.50
- Optional Levels 7-10: 4 payments of \$570

Booster Club Disbursement of Funds Raised

- Prior to installment fee due dates the Booster Club will disburse a payment to LEGA
- \$\$ to be determined based on amount fund raised at time of disbursement
- Booster Club will notify members closer to the due dates
- LEGA will distribute funds equally to all eligible members resulting in fees being reduced

A parent had asked whether or not our fee payments could be made to LEGBC instead of LEGA and therefore be tax deductible. Unfortunately, the Booster Club cannot allow this as we would be violating our 501c3 status. The charges by LEGA to the parents are child specific and different for each child based on a number of factors such as gym participation group, meets attended, Optional or Compulsory, etc. Because of that specific nature to the payment, the IRS could trace it through our organization from the parent payment directly to the child, a violation of our 501C(3) requirements. The tax law concept is "form versus substance." Also, unlike our donation to LEGA for meet and coaches fees, which apply across the board to all gymnasts, equally, the LEGA payments are the parent's child specific "tuition" responsibility.

Level Reps

The Booster Club is looking for Level Reps to assist in fund raising coordination. LEGA has allowed us to offer 5 points for each position.

- Level 4 Nominee(s): Carrie McDaniels, Lyn Lauzon, Kama Gorman
- Level 5 Nominee(s): Michelle Hsieh
- Level 6 Nominee(s): Dawn Erickson
- Level 7 Nominee(s): Angel Moses & Elisa Ohlemeiere
- Level 8-10 Nominee(s): Missy Morris

A ballot will be sent to all members to vote for the nominees during the week of September 22nd, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 7pm – Minutes taken by Andrea Palmer, Secretary