

ANOKA TORNAOES FOOTBALL

ESTABLISHED IN 1904

"It takes an endless amount of history to make even a little tradition." H. James



Attendance: April Baumgartner, Jill Bendiske-Minor, Michelle Boughner, Jeff Buerkle, Kelly Carlson, Dale Davitt, Deb Day, Julie Eull, Robert Goulet, Lori Harris, Peter Harris, Amy Hayden, Dawn Heidemann, Tom Heidemann, Bruce Johnson, Richard Kragness, Sandy Laidlaw, Kim Lindquist, Jody Meier, Pat Minor, Terry Protivinsky, Todd Protivinsky, Cara Rand, Cindy Redmann, Ross Redmann, Terrie Schommer

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were distributed (they are also posted on www.anokafootball.com under the link "Booster Club")..Motion to approve minutes made by Julie Steinberg; seconded by Cindy Redmann. Motion passed.

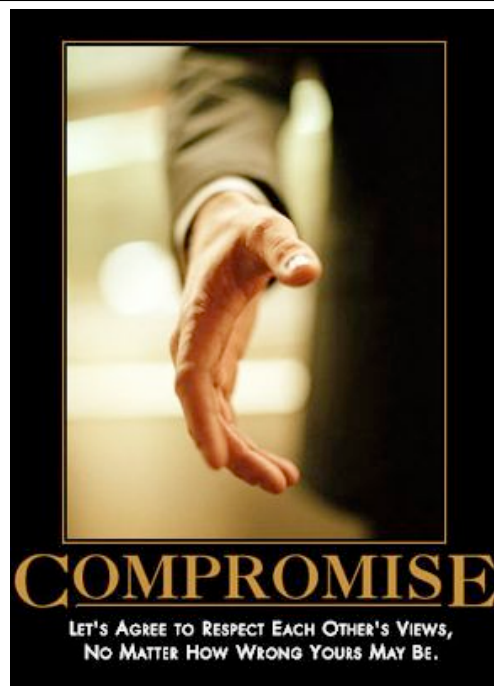
Treasurer's Report:

Update on budget:

- 1) Expenses: no category for new tables (\$??), batteries (\$\$\$), software (\$250).....Treasurer needs assistance in selecting a budget line under which to put these items.
 - a. Tables: will be posted under "BootCamp"
 - b. Batteries: will be posted under "miscellaneous"
 - c. Technology Maintenance: (\$750) This is a new budget line item. Motion made by President Heidemann to create this new budget line. Seconded by Cindy Redmann. Motion passed.
- 2) Dome Dollars: If we create accounts per family, that could produce conflict w/ our CP30 status. I think because a robot (CP30) is involved here, we can probably put this under the new budget line item (Technology Maintenance).

*Motion made by Kelly Carlson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Lisa Steinberg. Motion carries.

#27 Coach Buerkle's Report



"THE TROUBLE WITH REFEREES IS THAT THEY JUST DON'T CARE WHICH SIDE WINS."
---- T. Canterbury



During the game, #27 explains to the refs that and crosses the opponent's goal line, that's called a... They believe a touchdown only occurs when a member of Anoka's opposing team crosses the goal line. This same belief applies to holding calls, facemask calls, intentional grounding calls. Buerkle calmly continues to express his concerns regarding what he perceives as an imbalance in ref calls. The refs say they are confused as to what #27's point is. They seem to think he has no clue about football. He explains that he was a pretty big deal on the football field in high school and college. The refs don't seem impressed. Exasperated, Buerkle chooses to let it go. He offers the refs insight into the world of compromise, Buerkle style (see photo above). The refs walk away flashing ref gang signals that when translated mean three things: 1) Ham Lake High ref school didn't care that my ACT score was a 3; 2) I get paid \$3 for reffing the game – one dollar for each quarter; 3) wish we had black pants – these white ones make my butt look big.

when our guy possesses the football touchdown. The refs disagree.

Buerkle's Report:

- 1) #27 wants to create Pumpkin Bowl t-shirts and sell them @ the upcoming games and in the school. Typically make around \$1500 on this deal. Motion made by Deb Day to approve the shirt proposal. Seconded by Ross Redmann. Motion carries.
- 2) MEA weekend: Practice Thursday and Friday - 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 3) Maroon Hoodies: once we ordered them, another organization came along and ordered 4000 of them. That held up our order. We should be getting our hoodies that are back ordered within the week. Called the guy who got the 4000 sweatshirts to see if he would give some to us. Guy said "NO." Turns out Guy coaches the Ham Lake High School football team (to the east of our historic city). This team usually wears gold. However, they want to switch to maroon. Everyone in their town wanted an Anoka sweatshirt. The King of Football is informing this township that they cannot call themselves the Anoka Tornadoes. Again, Tornado Envy.
- 4) PRACTICE IS MANDATORY!!! Kids are missing practice due to guy/girl dance prep, orthodontist appointments, laundry demands, ValleyFair rides, pedicure appointments, etc. This can't happen. It's always football first.
- 5) End of season...if we win the next two games, we'll get second seed for the end of the season which would pit us against St. Francis or Cambridge @ Goodrich Field. Also, possibly could play #27's son's team. #27 says we'll mow them down - just as we would if Buerkle's mom was in a Forest Lake uniform. Nothing like loving football.
- 6) Once again, our amazing coaching staff is working with the kids beyond the field. Kid found an \$800 camera in the bathroom. Could've kept it, but he turned it in to #27. Kickin' out moral lessons and saving souls. Football. The new religion.
- 7) Headsets for Coaches: Buerkle says they need new ones. The ones currently used are similar in quality to the ones used @ Walmart. This design - styrofoam cups connected by a string - do not have good reception. A new system including a warranty would cost \$5400 - \$6000. Motion made by Deb Day to allocate \$6000 for the new headset system; seconded by Dawn Heidemann. Motion carries.
- 8) NOTE: it's important that what the coaches are saying to the boys on and off the field is supported by players' parents. It's easy to tell a kid that he (or Marley) played a great game, and it's possible that he (or Marley) did. However, the focus MUST be on the TEAM not the INDIVIDUAL. Seriously. A car can't travel well with only one wheel. It takes all four.



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DYLAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Here's Dylan - the girls say he's hot. So do some of the boys.

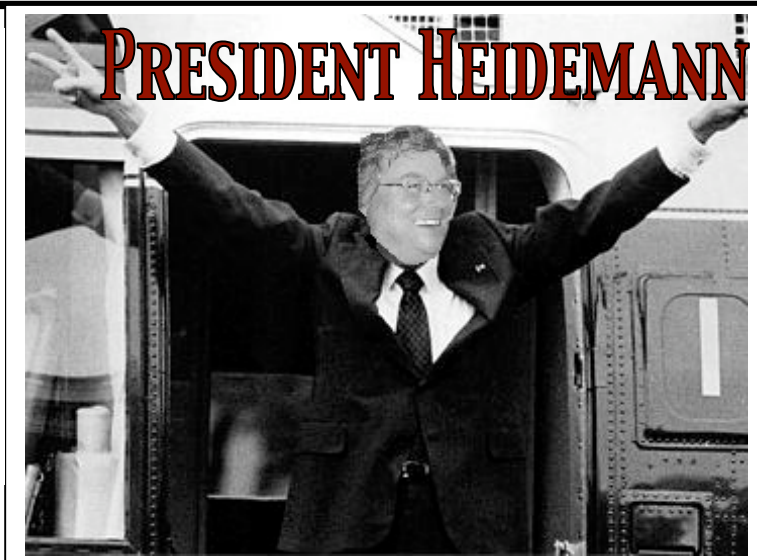
**DYLAN WITSCHEN BENEFIT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
NOON TO 5 PM
OL' SKOOL IN RAMSEY
Proceeds will defray medical
expenses**



**Dylan and his parents
Check them out - they're hot too.**

It's official: All Anokans are good lookin'. What a city. Must be something in the water supply. Which is housed in a water tower that has "Home of the Tornadoes" proudly painted on it. And it has lights for visibility in the evenings. Anoka is ahead of its time.

Upon returning to Minnesota from the International Football Summit at Rutgers, President Heidemann stepped off Tornado Transit, a private jet belonging to the Anoka Football Program and held up two fingers on each hand. Many people interpreted this action as a call for peace between rivaling football teams. However, as it turns out, President Heidemann was simply showing his peeps the amount of football fans that can comfortably fit in some of the stadiums around the region. Of course this is not the case with Historic Goodrich Field which has space for our many thousands of fantastic fans as well as those that accompany our opposing teams. No high school football stadium comes close to Goodrich Field in terms of nostalgia, historical significance, capacity and curb appeal. Goodrich Field – where it's always a balmy 78°.



PAST BUSINESS:

1. After game parties: Kelly Carlson said that Boston's has been very good to the Anoka Football Program. They have given us more than 22 pizzas for free, and then only charged about \$8.00 per pizza thereafter. Now she's talking about the food they make.....I'm starving. Apparently, Boston's use to cater to the Coon Rapids football team, but the team dissed them. So, the relationship was severed. Boston's was more than willing to jump behind our guys. It seems they don't know how smelly it is there.
2. Field of Footballs: Kelly Carlson is pitching the deal. It's only \$20 per footballing. The process is similar to the "Field of Flamingos" deal. Kelly got the football yard stakes made and she and Amy Hayden fork them in preselected yards. These preselected yards have contacted the "Pep Team" and paid for the deal. However, there are yards that get randomly footballled just because the Pep Team deems it necessary. ☺
3. Pre-game Cookouts: Dawn Heidemann presents to the club that we gave up ownership of these cookouts due to a lack of volunteers. The dance team/cheerleaders have taken responsibility for the cookouts this season. We are getting 30% of the profits, but seem to still be doing all the work. Well, actually Dawn is doing all the work...purchasing the food, setting up the cookout deal itself, grilling burgers. Doesn't seem fair....
4. Field painting continues to be tackled by the Local 27. Dawn gives a shout out to Lee Steinberg for being the Michaelangelo of field painting. He has REPAINTED the field twice because someone performed the raindance which caused it to pour rain on the field shortly after it had been painted and it washed the paint away. Dang Ham Lake High.
5. Spirit Committee: Deb Day says that the committee is GREAT. They are working hard handing out the game favors before the games, instilling spirit among our fans. The committee is also VERY inspiring when they dance in the stands. However, wearing only crepe paper has proven to be a bit of a problem. When it rains the paper disintegrates, leaving the Spirit Committee exposed to all the elements. However, it seems that when that happens inspiration reaches a whole new level.
6. Spaghetti Dinner Status: Deb Day represents for Marlene Mingo. Marlene has money left in the budget right now, but with two games left, and a playoff game or two we won't have enough money to fund all of the par-tays. We are considering romancing Boston's for the remaining game parties.

PRESENT BUSINESS:

- 1) JV banquet: the committee is doing well with the exception of one of the volunteers. This volunteer, let's call her Dawn Heidewoman, is unable to use scissors the way they are intended to be used. Deb Day says that where Dawn lacks talent, she makes up for in actually Deb never finished that statement.
- 2) Sophomore Banquet Planning Committee: Lorri Harris is leading the pack here. The banquet is scheduled for October 29th. It'll be catered by the school (Cindy Forsburg is AWESOME!!!). It seems that things are jiving along smoothly. Lorri Harris is the Martha Stewart of the Booster Club. She can make any venue appear as though it's happening in the White House. The food is like D'Amico and Sons cuisine, the tableware is similar to Nancy Reagan's china. Yep, it's all Martha Stewartized. Except the stock theft thing.
- 3) Freshman Banquet Planning Committee: Dylan Witschen will be home at the end of this month. The committee would like to schedule the banquet for November 5th (a Wednesday night). The committee has asked the coach to contact them, but apparently Johann and Josh are busy with their ballet lessons and haven't had time to get back to the committee. #27 says he'll look into it.....

PRESENT BUSINESS: President Heidemann's report – continued

- 4) JV game against Andover will be tomorrow night (October 6th) UNDER THE LIGHTS @ HISTORIC GOODRICH FIELD. The field on which the team has been playing for more than 25 years. The field where it is always a balmy 78°.
- 5) Dylan Witschen:
 - a. April Baumgartner and Kim Lindquist briefed the Club on the Witschen family status. Motion made to donate a framed print of Goodrich Field to the Witschen family to be auctioned off at the benefit (benefit is November 1). Cost is \$86.00. Motion made by Deb Day; seconded by Alyssa Steinberg.
 - b. Mrs. Witschen sends her heartfelt appreciation to the Anoka Football family for their unending support. It has meant a lot to the Witschen family. Discussion continues—proposal made to give \$100 to a couple of moms to make Anoka Football baskets for the auction. Motion made by President Heidemann; seconded by the very sexy Coach Buerkle. Seriously—have you seen his beard? Well, his “NEAR BEARD”. Same concept as Near Beer. Close, but just doesn't have the same effect as the real deal.

Anoka Football Pumpkin Bowl

1948 HISTORY

All great, historical cities have a claim to fame. New York has the Statue of Liberty. Paris has the Eiffel Tower. Rome has the colosseum. Settled by immigrants in 1844, Anoka has Goodrich Field. It is on this historic, nostalgic football field that many memories and traditions have been made. In 1948 the first Anoka Football Pumpkin Bowl was played. This football game was the brainchild of the 1948 coaching staff, and it continues to be a big deal – there were no state tournaments in 1948. Dubbed the “Pumpkin Bowl” by Star newspaper reporter Barbara Flanagan, the game enhances Anoka's Halloween celebration which is capped off with a parade* down Main Street. The victor of the Pumpkin Bowl earns the right to host the historic Pumpkin Bowl trophy at their school for a year. It is engraved with the winning team's name and game score. For 60 years Anoka fans have gathered at Goodrich Field to witness the long held tradition of the Pumpkin Bowl; they will undoubtedly continue to gather for the next 60 years as well.

Anoka's Pumpkin Bowl record: 38/20/1

Longest winning streak: 1981-1992;

Longest losing streak: 1996-2002



TRADITION 2008



HISTORIC GOODRICH FIELD



2008 PUMPKIN BOWL HALFTIME SHOW: **MR. ROBERT GOULET**

*Anoka is officially the Halloween Capital of the World. The first parade down Main Street occurred in 1920. It has been enjoyed by hundreds of people every year since, with the exception of 1942 and 1943 when the United States was involved in WWII.

Bruce Johnson: more storage needed.....costing more to ship empty containers back to China than for us to buy them. Want to place one next to the shed. Pat Minor has an 8' x 20' container that he wants to get rid of. Bruce and Tom are saying they'll go and look at it. Chances are that by the time the container gets to the shed, it'll be motorized, painted maroon, and tricked out with hydraulics. Engineers – those wild and crazy guys.

OPEN FORUM

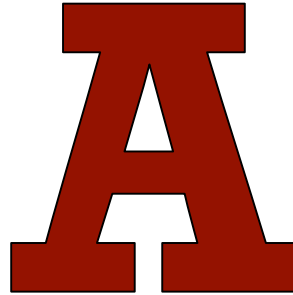
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Buerkle tips his favorite Anoka Football cap (the old, dirty, stinky one) to Lee Steinberg. Lee painted the golfcart maroon, and refuses to take payment for doing so. Lee purchased and donated the paint and donated the labor. You just don't find guys like him in the surrounding cities. They only live in the Anoka attendance area.

2

Chairs have been donated by the Bendiske-Minors, and have been used @ Snow's house. Pat Minor was hoping the chairs would not reappear in their garage, but they did. With an additional 13 chairs. Seems like even inanimate objects want to be a part of the team. Tornado Envy is everywhere.

3



Appears the 'study table' is very successful. Teachers are tutoring players who are missing work, struggling academically or presenting symptoms of social ineptitude. The rule is if a player is experiencing any of these issues, he (or Marley) cannot play football that week. #27 says that kids who are falling asleep, heckling the teacher or flatulating during class have straightened up. Football - Saving the world one kid at a time.

4

We're in the second division, unit 10 of the Anoka Halloween Parade. Sandy Laidlaw is pimping the float so we have a better chance of moving out of our consistent 2nd place winner's spot. We've been feeling as though we have the "SUSAN LUCCI CURSE", and we gotta break free of it. Sounds like we're gonna have sexy skeletons on the float.



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And, we're cutting back on the beads. They haven't been considered "Halloweeny" enough and they've been holding us back from the first place position.

Motion made by Kelly Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Sandy Outlaw. Motion carries.

Anoka Football Coaches

They're kind of a big deal.....



MANTHEY

REIHE

MITSHULIS

ENGE

STEINBRING

WEBER

#27 BUERKLE

HALE

RIGNELL

Arnold Voo Mandell: "Football is not a game but a religion, a metaphysical island of fundamental truth in a highly verbalized, disguised society, a throwback of 30,000 generations of anthropological time."

