

ANOKA TORNAOES FOOTBALL

ESTABLISHED IN 1904

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

Booster Meeting 4/7/08



Attendance: Julie Steinberg, Tom Heidemann, Jill Bendiske-Minor, Deb Day, Renee Voltin, Bruce Johnson, Amy Hayden, Sandy Laidlaw, Dawn Heidemann, Jeff Buerkle, Cindy Redmann, Marlene Mingo, Mark Kramer, Dawn Bendiske, Bill Bendiske, Lori Harris, Peter Harris, Kristine Toensing, Chris Toensing, Carol Kettler, LynnSheree Lesmeister, Todd Protivinsky, Terry Protivinsky

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were read and approved. Motion to approve minutes made by Bruce Johnson; seconded by Sandy Laidlaw. Motion passed. NOTE: Voo has a voice and will be providing quotes every month. ☺

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy Laidlaw gave a report for members present. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Cindy Redmann; seconded by Lisa Steinberg. Motion passed. Buerkle didn't try to third it this time – apparently he understands parliamentary procedure. ☺ Tom Heidemann detailed the tax forms we will be using and sending to the IRS and the Attorney General's office. Motion to approve the tax forms made by Bill Bendiske; seconded by Todd Protivinsky. Motion passed.



#27 Coach Buerkle's Report

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF: 132

*Coach Buerkle (#27) would like to do a shout out to his peeps that good, balanced nutrition is extremely important for athletes. Not sure what that says about the guy pictured here.

*Sweatshirts with hoods have been ordered (250 of them). The style currently manufactured doesn't have a hood, so #27 made an executive decision to order 250 with hoods, figuring that's what most people/players would want.

*#27 ordered the black shorts and the maroon shorts for the guys to purchase at the spring meeting.

*Spring meeting: information has been prepared and will be set up in packets by the managers and players.

*Coaching staff will be going to the middle schools to disseminate information about Anoka Football. Information will include game dates for the next 4 years so the 8th graders will see the progression from freshman to Varsity football.

*Coaching staff has also permeated the youth football programs; hooked 'em already.

*Community Clean Up: Need to get a list of sites. HRH Tom talked to Mike Riverblood from Ramsey who said he has 18 sites or needs 18 guys. Bob Muscovitz is our contact for Anoka. Berkell thinks it may be tough to get donations due to the struggling economy.

*Coaching changes: Broberg will not be with Anoka Football any longer. Buerkle says 2 guys are interested in joining the coaching staff; one guy teaches at Fred Moore; know nothing about the other guy.

*Youth Program coaching change: coaches will NOT be parents of players. Coaches will start with a certain age group and then will rotate with the kids (ex. 6th grade coach will follow the boys to 7th grade and then to 8th grade and so on).

*July 7-10 = Camp Mithulis Boot Camp for Varsity players (in beautiful Ely, Minnesota. Did you know Canada tried to buy Ely from Minnesota?)



HRH Tom Heidemann

Business: Past and Present

Community Clean-Up -

May 17th; have enough money takers, but need more volunteers to cook, sell shorts, frolic in the grass, etc.

Pumpkin Bowl picture project

Sold 52 prints; Deb is getting many hits for new orders. She'll be placing another order in June. Dedicated one to Bruce Johnson, Anoka Historical Society, Anoka Fire Department, Anoka City Council
Ramsey city council will be recognized by Anoka football booster club for their incredible support of the team's community clean up endeavor.

Mickman's

Greenhouse certificate from Mickman's is a for sure deal. When a person comes to Mickman's to purchase plants they will submit the certificate which indicates they would like 10% of their purchase to go to the Anoka football team.

Calendar

Looks great; Kudos to Bruce Johnson for putting the calendar together. No doubt it's the best football calendar in the north metro area. Also, our "A" not only rocks, but it's original and historic.

New business

Spring meeting - May 6th (6:30 p.m. start time).

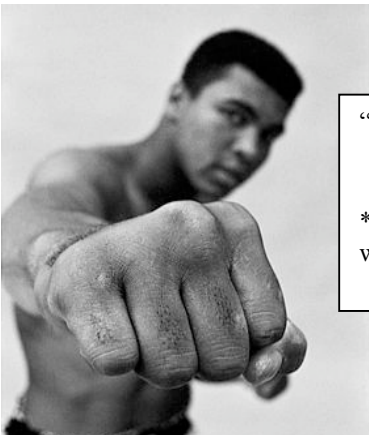
Intend to have incoming 9th graders involved in a 'tour' of the weightroom and other areas of interest to the football players. Hawk will be leading the locker room tour.

Discussion on the Gold Cards.

I was daydreaming so I missed some of it. But I caught that Deb Day's family sold 60 of them. That would be 6 ten times or 20 three times. Buerkle says the profit we gain on the cards depends on the amount sold. Inference: Deb Day's boys need to sell more.

Passionate issue:

Should we continue our relationship with the Varsity Gold Card company or do we create our own card? As long as we're making \$30,000 a pop on the deal Buerkle doesn't want to change the affiliation.



"It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up. "****

----Muhammed Ali (a.k.a. Cassius Clay)

***Obviously he's not talking about **football**, which makes the grass grow, the birds fly and the waves pound the sand. Boxers—they just don't get it.

History Lesson: Football began 130 years ago. It evolved from soccer and rugby, two sports that were popular in other parts of the world. On November 6, 1869 (just after the Civil War) Princeton and Rutgers (two universities in New Jersey) played the first official American football game. Rutgers won the game 6 - 4. As the game gained in popularity, the need for well defined rules became an important endeavor. Walter Camp, known as the Father of American Football, helped write the first rules for football. Camp also proposed the concept of tackling in 1888, making the sport more violent. After 18 deaths and many serious injuries, football was almost banned in 1906. The game was saved by President Theodore Roosevelt! He convinced college representatives to develop and implement stricter rules to make the game less brutal and dangerous. Boxing, on the other hand, began, by some estimates, around 3,000 BC. Yes, it's an Olympic sport, but do you see boxing fans wearing the coveted Viking's helmet? Or painting their bodies green and yellow? Have you ever seen a boxer climb the stadium wall just to high five an adoring fan? Or has a boxer ever endured an injury as catastrophic as Joe Theismann's? Seriously.

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Local #27 Painter's Union has decided that the paint colors that will be used on the field for the 2007-2008 season will be maroon and white. Also, the need for green paint is real; when mistakes are made, green paint can cover them up. Buerkle says watching his 2 year old niece is exhausting. Woke her up after stepping on a toy. Somehow this relates to field painting. I think he painted his niece maroon and white.

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Youth Football is giving us a \$2000 donation to send their kids to our Camp this summer.

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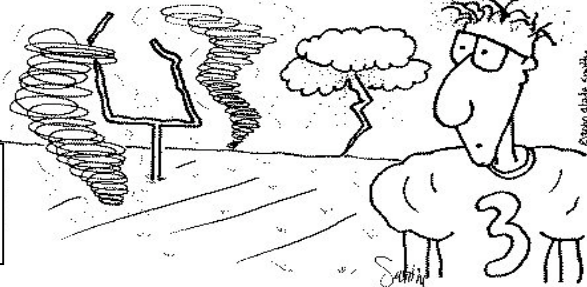
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Authentic VooDoo doll has been introduced to the football team. (S)he came complete with voodoo procedures. Amy Hayden will take the lead position for Voo Care.

Discussion about developing multi-sport athletes; Buerkle wants boys to lift 3 days a week and participate in the 4 day football camp in the summer. In their 'off time', Buerkle wants the boys to be involved in other sports, spend time with their family, and just simply relax. How refreshing – in a time when kids are scheduled 24/7/365 our fearless coach takes a stand and says "kids need time just for themselves; they need to be with their families. Let kids be kids and have FUN!" What next – world peace?

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SPECKS REPORTS TO CAMP... ONLY TO
FIND... ONLY THEIR MASCOTS.....



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Anoka Football Coaches



Buerkle #27 Reihe Weber Rignell Manthey Steinbring Enge **honorary coach** Heidemann Mitshulis

Important Dates:

- May 6, 2008: Mandatory spring meeting @ 6:30 pm; AHS auditorium
- May 17, 2008: Community Clean Up @ 7:30 am
- June 16, 2008: Summer strength & conditioning begins @ AHS
- July 7 – 10, 2008: Varsity Boot Camp in Ely, MN

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"If my mother put on a helmet and shoulder pads and a uniform that wasn't the same as the one I was wearing, I'd run over her if she was in my way. And I love my mother." -----Voo Jackson

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