

Ponte Vedra Sharks Booster Club
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024-PVHS Media Center

Call to order by Sheila Rice at 7:05 PM

Attendance:

Sheila Rice- President, General Boosters
Stephanie Cills – Past President, General Boosters
Tracy Strevia- Secretary, General Boosters
Mike Harrison- Athletic Director
Ken/Dawn Kroog- Treasurer, General Boosters, Boys Basketball
Fiona Kimber- Girls Flag Football
Anne Rubocki – Baseball
Christina Felsing – Girls Basketball
Erin Wolf – Boys and Girls Swim and Diving
Jill This – Football
Karen Macko – Cheer
Purvi Sanghvi – Crosscountry and Track
Cheryl Guarnera – Dance
Annie Hett – Boys Soccer
Eilleen Speace – Boys Basketball
Liz Owen – Girls and Boys Lacrosse, Beach Volleyball
Kelly Straub – Softball
Gill Cox – Tennis
Andor and Vanessa Gyulai - Volleyball

Director Report:

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR- Mike opened by discussing the hurricane coming our way and forecasting that it will be more impactful than the last one. School is cancelled Wed – Friday. This will impact the Varsity football game and Cross country pre-state on Friday. Football is tentatively rescheduled for Monday night (6pm). Football is 4 and 2 and ranked 4th in our region. Volleyball has districts next week and are ranked 4th in the state and the top 7 teams are in our region. Cross-country is coming to an end with districts in the next couple of weeks. Swimming districts is the week after next. Soccer tryouts are Monday. They will be flexible if any student evacuated and couldn't get back in time.

Mike covered a question about School Choice where students were transferring in and out of different teams. Transfer rules in Florida are dependent on School Choice. St. Johns County is a closed school enrollment process. The only way to transfer into PVHS is to move into the school district, join an academy, or be enrolled in the St. Johns virtual school system. Homeschool and Florida virtual can only play where they are zoned. If you have moved you are eligible to play after 6 days of that complete move. If it is a no cut sport (football) and you show up you are eligible to play. If it is a try out

sport the new student will have to try out for the team. If the roster is already full then the student will not be able to play.

If any coaches want a guest speaker please get approval through Mike and also have the parents fill out a permission slip for the kids.

Please get approval through Mike for fundraising as well and fill out the form.

Officer Reports:

PRESIDENT- Sheila started with a membership update; we currently have 351 booster members and this is pretty consistent with where we were last year. There should be an inflow of more as the winter sport rosters fill up. She encouraged all of the players to join. If you need any help formulating team fees for your winter sport the Booster club is happy to help. Winter passes will be sent out to anyone new that joins soon.

Sheila updated everyone on the budget since Steve Smith was out of town. We currently have roughly \$90K in the bank. Purchases committed:

- Girls Flag football – Booster board agreed to fund \$5K to get the sport up and running
- Baseball and Softball – They are doing a capital campaign to raise \$200K to build batting cages. The Boosters have agreed to give them \$20K to this campaign to get them started with their fundraising.
- Boosters bought a few more Squares since a few have broken recently
- Wetting agent for the field – this will help displace some of the water with all of the rain we have had (approximately \$500)

Sheila and Stephanie covered the half-cent sales tax meeting. She encouraged everyone to educate themselves on what these two programs will do for our schools and to check out the website at halfcentsuccess.com. This is an extension of a program that was already approved 10 years ago and looking to get an extension. It doesn't cost taxpayers any more money (for sales tax). It funds areas such as school equipment, infrastructure, capitol projects, and technology. The half-cent sales tax stays in St. Johns County. All of the dollars through that sales tax goes directly to our schools. The other ballot initiative is for the millage (tax increase on your home). There are 27 counties within the state of Florida that already have this increase millage and St. Johns County is not one of them. 85% of the millage increase would go to teacher's salaries. Sheila will send the websites for this information.

TREASURER - Dawn/Ken Kroog:

Please make checks payable to PVSBC or Ponte Vedra Sharks Booster Club.

Check requests – please put one check request per email. If you have multiple requests separate them out into multiple emails.

Cash deposits – from now on if you have a cash deposit please meet Dawn or Ken at the bank to deposit this money.

Liaisons for all sports in attendance updated the group on their team activities.

The next General Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4th at 7:00 PM in the media center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.