June 26, 2024

EPHS XC Booster Club Board Meeting

* In attendance: Michelle Staley – President, Jamie Corn – Treasurer, Connie Burson – Secretary, Coach Ford and Coach Palfrey
* The Board met in Coach Ford’s room to discuss upcoming season budgets, schedules and uniforms and several other items.
  + The board welcomed Mrs. Burson as the new booster club secretary and explained her role
    - * Sign Up Genius for after practice popsicle, fruit and race day snacks
      * Posting to Facebook any important information sent out by Coach Ford, especially changes to schedule
* Mr. Corn presented the 2024/2025 budget
  + Coach Ford motioned to accept the budget
  + Mrs. Staley second it
* Helen end of summer trip
  + Mr. Corn will look into if the team needs to make reservations or call ahead
  + Busses for the trip have already been scheduled by Coach Ford
* Wendy’s Race – North Carolina
  + Fairfield Inn
  + 20 rooms needed
    - 6 rooms for kids (estimate)
    - 2 rooms for coaches
    - 12 rooms for parents (may not need them all)
  + Mr. Corn will handle reservations
  + Top 12 PR’s will be used for picking the boys and girls for the race
* Beast of the week shirts
  + Electric Blue was selected (exact color TBD)
* Sweats
  + 2-3 weeks once ordered
  + same gray color as last year
    - Inventory
      * 12 small hoodies
      * 3 small pants
      * 5 medium pants
      * 2 large pants
      * 2 xlarge pants
  + Predicting 25 new runners
    - Plan to order a couple xs sets, a few medium and large and less xlarge
* Mr. Corn asked that Coach Ford copy or forward him all orders and invoices so he can keep up with what should be coming in, what has arrived and what invoices need to be paid
* Coach Ford would like to pass off season shirt ordering to someone else
* Coach Palfrey would like to get the athletes drawstring bags with their names on them to keep their sweats and other items in so they aren’t lost and be thrown in the bucket at the start line of each race
* Several new girls that have already joined practice or are planning to join the team will help get “depth” for the girls team and excel them forward
* Junior Raiders
  + There is no longer a Jr Raiders team at PB Ritch due to new county rules and regulations
  + Coach Senecal decided to not make the team at PB Ritch a feeder team for East Paulding HS only since so many of his athletes are districted to attend Hiram HS
  + Coach Ford has met with or talked with a few former team members that are interested in helping with a new Jr Raiders team as coaches
    - Coach Ford has told them the coaches need to work out a schedule to swap practice days and all coaches need to attend Saturday races
  + Only students who are districted for East Paulding HS can be on the Jr Raiders team, we will need require parents to show a utility bill that shows their address in the East Paulding HS district
  + Have the Jr Raiders at 6pm or 6:30pm to allow time for the parents to get home from work and get their kids to practice
  + Price for dues will have to go up
  + $150 was the new dues discussed (to help pay for uniforms and races)
  + Coach Ford has the schedule for Jr Raiders ready to go as soon as a coach and faculty member are confirmed
  + Coach Ford would like for the 8th graders to skip a high school race so they can attend and take part in the middle school state race
  + Jr Raiders need to be running more races to get more experience and be ready for high school cross country requirements
  + The board discussed if Jr Raider coaches should be paid
    - Mr. Corn suggested maybe $100-$200 at the end of the season as a thank you
  + Coach Ford would like to also plan a banquet for the Jr Raiders team to be able to celebrate the team and the athletes (maybe a potluck at a local park)
* 2024/2025 Parent Meeting
  + Attendance is MANDATORY for a parent for each athlete
  + August 8th from 6:30-8:00 pm
    - Big Peach Mobile Van will be there around 7:00 pm for parents to be able to have their child sized and fitted for shoes and spikes
* Coach Ford showed the 2024/2025 schedule
  + No weekday races this year
  + Long run days to be held at Allatoona Creek Park
  + Possibly change some to Lost Mountain Park if one of the coaches can get the CDL to drive the bus
* Plan to keep the same uniforms this year as last, we will use them until they become out of date or overused
* Coaches will be taking over the counts form Senior’s for ordering summer shirts and Coach Ford plans to order them while they are at running camp
* Start working on planning the end of season banquet soon to assure we can get a room at local location to hold everyone
* Mr. Corn will start working on the taxes for the end of the fiscal year in July
* Mr. Corn advised that there is a $200 check outstanding that has not been cashed, Coach Ford will check with the bookkeeper
* One coach and at least one board member need to attend the County’s Booster Club meeting on August 19th at 6:30 pm at East Paulding HS