

PICKERINGTON NORTH DIAMOND CLUB MEETING

September 20, 2009

Venue: Pickerington High School North Commons/Cafeteria 6:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President: Mike Butler (2nd Year Board Member) Junior Player
Vice President: Steve Miller (1st Year Board Member) Freshman Player
Treasurer: Sandy Sorensen (2nd Year Board Member) Junior Player
Secretary: Lori Percy Uxley (2nd Year Board Member) Senior Player

OPENING OF MEETING:

Mike opened the meeting by thanking those who are in attendance. Treasurer's report was presented by Sandy. She reviewed the current income and the current and upcoming expense. The Diamond Club checking account balance to date of 09.20.09 stands at \$11,048.77. Also was reported, deposits to Player's Account from the Kroger Fundraiser for the first quarter.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER OF PICKERINGTON NORTH:

Mike reports that there will be *(at the time of this publication the meeting has past)* a Booster Meeting on 09.21.09. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month and encouraged all to attend. Mike is encouraging all to participate in becoming an athletic booster member. Spring sports, especially baseball, has a hard time attaining memberships; thus baseball does not get a kickback for membership from the Athletic Boosters. Mike is not certain of the percentage of members needed to receive the 'kickback' but believes that it is around 75% - 80%. Historically, baseball has never met this. Mike also stated that he would like to see more attendance at the Diamond Club meetings. Mike encouraged throughout the meeting to get people involved with the Diamond Club.

Athletic Boosters have a new website:

www.pickeringtonpanthers.org

Please take some time to look at the website. At this time the Diamond Club extends our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Doug Rider, teacher of the Multimedia a program with Eastland/Fairfield Career Center and his students who have created the website for Pickerington Athletics. They have done a wonderful job.

FUNDRAISERS:

Diamond Club member, Steve Hesch, has been working hard with managing the **Charity Football Mania** fundraiser. He reports that this year's Charity Football Mania raised considerable less than last year's; about 50% less! **Banner Sales:** currently, only one renewal is made. A few weeks back Mike had electronically sent an email containing the flyer to give to potential banner sponsors. If you have misplaced or accidentally trashed yours, let Mike know and he will send you another. Mike suggested that members personalize the form and remember to put your son's name on it to get credit to their player account. Mike reminded all that there is a DO NOT CALL list of sponsors. These sponsors have already committed to the Boosters or another athletic member. We do not want to overwhelm sponsors so a listing of such has been created.

FIELD DAY:

Steve reported that much was completed at this weekend's Field Day; 35-40 parents, players and coaches were present. There were positive comments made such as, Pickerington HS North's diamonds are the best around, even than some of the colleges. With PHSN's diamonds in impeccable shape brings more who want to play on it which in turn brings more revenue. Field Day for the JV and Freshman fields is to be determined at a later date,. That Field Day will not be as intense.

COMMITTEES/VOLUNTEERS:

Mike thanks all who have volunteered for the various committees. Still needed will be many to help with the golf outing. It is a fun time for all. Please consider helping.

FALL BASEBALL: Coach Tim Thomas reports the boys are working harder than ever. Comments from him were basically, just when he thinks that he has a group of very dedicated players then next year, he finds that they out do themselves than the years past and this year is no different. All the coaches feel like they really put the players through the ringer but it is not a deterrent for the players, they come back stronger! They are a group of great players and they cannot wait for the season to begin. Fall ball is currently Monday and Thursday, 4:45 to 7:15PM until about the 3rd week of November. There will be a couple weeks break from lifting and conditioning in November. Nov and Dec schedules will be updated; check the website. Reminder for players: CHECK THE WHITE BOARD AT ATHLETICS OFFICE.

COACH THOMAS ADDITIVES (TIM-BITS):

- ◆ Patches in recognition of the years past accomplishments are in. The Diamond Club created and mailed a congratulatory letter and patches to the graduates of '09.
- ◆ PHSN will be purchasing a banner to go on the backstop in honor of being State Runner-Up for '08-'09.
- ◆ Pickerington North Diamond Club will be purchasing banners in recognition of this past year accomplishments.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ Sept 26, Saturday, Kickoff, Charity Football Mania games begin
- ✓ Mon & Thur 4:45 to 7:15 PM Fall Ball
- ✓ Next Diamond Club meeting: November 15, 2009 6PM in Commons at High School