

## **AERIALS BOOSTER CLUB, INC**

The Aerials Booster Club ("ABC") conducted a regular meeting on October 22, 2009 at The Comfort Inn.

Board Members Present:           President, Cheryl Robertson  
  Vice President, Randy Fleck  
  Secretary, Christa Jopp  
  Treasurer, Debbie Wolf  
  Director of Media, Jason Graaf  
  Director of Communication, Lisa Thomas

Board Members Absent:           Fundraising, Kelly Eisenbraun

Also Present:                       *Corey Larson, Tim Davis, Terry Edstrom, Kelly Smith, Janelle France, Brian Koosman, Sheri Stewart, Jenny Hagel, Cheryl Kovar, Jolene DeJarlais, and Christine Anderson*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Robertson called the Aerials Booster Club meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Cheryl Robertson motioned to approve agenda, Jason Graaf seconded.

### **AMEND AGENDA**

Removal of Fundraisers topics, due to Kelly's absence.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

Cheryl Robertson motioned to approve meeting minutes from August and September meeting, Christa Jopp seconded.

### **TOPICS:**

#### **7-10 Meet Fees:**

Reminder to parents that 7-10 meet fees will be removed from the gymnast's accounts in the following order:

November 1<sup>st</sup>: \$300.00

December 1<sup>st</sup>: \$200.00

#### **Travel and Training Withdrawals:**

Reminder to parents that the first T&T withdrawal took place on October 15<sup>th</sup>. For the level 4 parents the full amount of \$87.00 was removed on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Level 5-10 withdrawal will take place in the following order:

October 15<sup>th</sup>: \$100.00

November 15<sup>th</sup>: \$100.00

December 15<sup>th</sup>: \$30.00

*Janelle France* asked; if a child is a mobility child will they have to pay two T&T amounts? *Debbie Wolf* answered: No, they will have to pay meet registration fees but only one T&T fee per gymnast no matter what level, due to the fact that level 5-10 have one T&T fee.

### **Explanation of Statements and Accounts:**

Fundraising/Individual Accounts:

This is an account that each girl has in their own names, this is the account that the monthly statements for each girl is generated from. If you don't have any money in this account your child will not be registered for meets.

*Corey Larson* asked; I wrote a check back in September for the Booster Club dues and the October meet, now I am told my daughter cannot compete this weekend because she doesn't have money in her account, how can that be when I wrote a check in September for the meet? How will monetary things be communicated?

*Debbie responds;* even though you write a check it will go for what is needed at the time.

*Level 4 Parent;* How are we supposed to know when things are coming out of our accounts? For example I did not know T&T was coming out.

*Jason;* Plan to look at the website we will post it. I will put the schedule for the T&T withdrawals on the website. I will put the date the meet fee's are due (i.e. Harley Meet registration due December 15<sup>th</sup>).

*Parent Question:* I didn't know about the Leo fees? We were told we wouldn't have to pay for comp Leos. The gym said they would cover.

*Cheryl:* I wasn't aware of the Leo situation but at this time you will have to discuss it with the gym.

*Jason:* In the last meeting minutes which are posted on our website that level 4 parents were instructed to have \$50 in their accounts to cover the Leo fees.

*Lisa:* T&T was handed out and so were expected fees for meets.

*Debbie:* Will get meet fees and everything else posted.

*Randy:* One thing that we ask all of you to remember is that we are all volunteer's and that we too have girls on the teams meaning we are paying the same fee's you are and we are trying to keep things as easy as possible.

*Cheryl:* We have tried everything to communicate

Bulletin Board

Posting thing on the door

Nothing seems to be working now we are going to simply post things on our website and we will also send e mails, but always, always check the website!

*Parent Question:* How do we know our balance in our account?

*Debbie:* I have monthly statements that I can show you today, I just don't have every bodies printed because I was waiting for Kelly with the wreath and Butter Braid fundraisers, balancing will be changing once that information is put into your accounts.

*Parent Question:* Can we post each child's account on the website?

*Jason:* No, that is financial information that needs to stay confidential.

*Parent Question:* So this Leo has made me go into the negative will my child be able to compete? How can we find out how many more meets are left to register for?

*Debbie:* Level 4's have three meets left that they will need to be registered for.

Parent Question: Who Okayed the Leo's?

Lisa: Clarifying we were going to go with the Winter Blast Leo however some girls did not have them so they needed to order them, however they didn't have the material so we all had to order new Leos. This really does need to be taken up with Jake and Melissa.

### **Communications Position:**

Lisa: My role is if any parent has any concerns with the gym regarding for example the Leo's Lisa will go to Jake and Melissa and the board with the concerns. The goal is to create better communication between the board the gym and the parents. Lisa is looking for team liaison volunteer's; a particular parent that is willing to be the voice for the various levels that can communicate to Lisa, then Lisa will begin her process.

Watch your boxes for forms that Lisa would like filled out so that Lisa can create a book with all the information that will be needed.

Lisa will be asking Jake and Melissa for a monthly meeting to hopefully get communication to the next level.

*Parent Question:* Could you put some where on the website perhaps a FAQ page where when you find out information that would be good for all of us to know we could refer to that page and see if it is listed there?

*Jason:* ABSOLUTELY!

*Tim Davis:* I've been doing this way to long everybody on the board is sitting there in frustration this is going much smoother then it has in years past. Give it time it will all fall into place.

*Debbie:* The Booster Club is only as good at the parents that are involved. The previous officers left with a short exit meeting, we kind of started out this season behind the ball. It does take a while to get this information. If we need money in September we cannot start asking in August. WE appreciate all of your patience.

*Parent Question:* Would you like all meet fee's right up front?

*Debbie:* Yes, because that is how the registration works.

*Christa:* Remember we can fund raise through out the entire year which is something we didn't do this past year.

*Randy:* Cheryl and I sat down with Jake and Melissa and went through the travel and training budget they cut out a lot of things out so their money and expenses are tight.

*Parent Question:* How do we compare to other gyms.

*Tim Davis:* Be glad you have a booster club other gyms don't even tell you where your money is going. They just say you have to pay "X" amount and that's it no other explanation.

### **Jason Website Intro:**

Into to ABC website explanation: Start by going to the Minnesota Aerials website and click the booster club link. The by-laws are posted these were re-vamped in May, so things may change due to the USAG conversion. The official USAG card was in the mail this week. Other things you will find on the website:

- Competition Calendar-I'll add meet fees
- Board Agenda

- Individual Team- Lisa and I can post anything. Any information Lisa gets I will post.
- All meet info-Who is registered etc.
- Fundraiser Info-Kelly is writing a procedure book and once that is complete I will post on the website.
- Hotel Info- Chow's, Harley and Fargo will be added. Randy negotiates hotel rates using his corporate rate. Randy will look into extending a day for the Chow's meet for those individuals going down on Thursday.
- Face book Page- We also have a face book page.
- Board Meeting Minutes
- Reminder Jason does not handle the gym website.

*Tim Davis Question:* What do we do if Jake and Melissa wants Grace to go to Fargo but the parents don't want her to, who do we notify?

*Debbie:* Send me an e mail and I won't register your daughter's. For example if you know that you have a wedding and your daughter will not be competing that weekend, let me know and I will not register her. That means meet fees will not come out of your account. Now Fargo is not a part of the T&T budget this is a separate "Parent Pay" meet. This will come out as a separate withdrawal from your account. It is for girls that need a mobility score.

#### **Level 4-Optional meets Chow's and Harley**

How should we tell everybody?

ASAP, let us know soon Chow's registration is due by November 15<sup>th</sup> and the meet is January 15-17, 2009.

Cheryl-T&T will be separate

Debbie- Harley is not optional for 7-10.

Jason-Optional meets the T&T will be handled and divided up amongst the girls attending the meets. Mobility kids are covered in T&T levels 5-9 have been set. You will not be paying two T&T budgets.

**Adjourned:** Randy Fleck made a motion to adjourn and Cheryl Robertson seconded at 7:30 p.m.

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Cheryl Robertson, ABC President

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Christa Jopp, ABC Secretary