**Cardinal Dugout Club Meeting 1/17/18 - Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Eric Roden. The meeting began with introductions of all those in attendance, including:

Vice President Troy Hellenbrand (Jordan, sophomore), Treasurer Jay Smith (Connor, junior and Nolan, freshman), Secretary Colleen Cushman (Brett, senior), Parent at Large Dillon Holewinski (Cooper, junior), Head Coach Tom Schmitt (Brady, senior) and parents James and Sheryl Hartung (Henry, sophomore),

Brett Esser (Matthew, junior and Daniel, freshman), Kevin Lockwood (Remington, junior), Dan and Camille Dunn (Nolan, freshman), Jeremy and Natasha Adler (Zach, freshman), Mark Michaels ? (Jacob, sophomore),

Kyle Wilson (Carson, freshman), and Patti Richards (Tommy, sophomore).

Coach Schmitt then shared the Treasurer's report while the position is being transitioned to Jay Smith. After deposits for spring training in Tampa, airfare to Southwest Airlines, and BSG, there is right around $12,000 in the Dugout Club.

Cardinal Booster Club - The CDC fundraiser is scheduled for February 24th at KEVA, the Hoedown Event. Online ticket/registration is available at https://middletonboosterclub.com/ Each team will be responsible for donating baskets to bid on, there will be raffle items, etc. Camille and Dan Dunn are the baseball liaisons to the CBC; they agreed to work on putting together the basket from baseball, but would welcome theme ideas, donations, etc. The baseball program receives due diligence money from the CBC for memberships, athletes per sport, volunteer hours, etc. Memberships are available for one year, two years (?), four years, and lifetime.

The Cardinal Dugout Club raffle will be held on January 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Middleton Sport Bowl. Tickets should be sold and turned in ASAP. We are still very much in need of prizes, so if anyone has contacts for or donations to hand in, please do so as soon as possible. Coach Schmitt will be sending out a list of the prizes that have already been collected to give us an idea.

Fundraisers for 2017-2018:

- Raffle (see above)

- Car Wash/Brat Fry (May 19th): Kevin Lockwood agreed to head up the Brat Fry, and Matt and Patti Richards

 agreed to head up the Car Wash. When teams are set and team parent reps are in place, each team's parent rep

 will help to round up volunteers to help with both areas.

- Youth Tournament (June 16-17th - Father's Day weekend): Troy Hellenbrand agreed to step in as the Tourney

 Director, and his wife Lori will once again be the concessions director. This is an event where we NEED the

 high school players to step up and volunteer to ump, score, or run the scoreboard for the games. Parents will

 be asked once again to help with the field clean up, concessions, etc.

- There is a possible future option of partnering with MBSC to run the Badgerland 14U tournament on July

 21st-23rd as well.

- Magnets: Middleton Baseball magnets are still available for purchase; $5.00 each.

Cardinals Strikeout Cancer Game: SHOULD the CSC game be held this year, it would take place at Middleton

against Sun Prairie on Thursday, April 12th. Devon Casali, who spearheaded the event last year, is NOT able to do so again this year, and a decision will need to be made soon on whether or not we have the manpower to put on this event again. This game IS a fundraiser, but not for the Dugout Club, rather it is a dual effort by both Cardinals teams to donate 100% of all proceeds throughout the event to the American Family Children's Hospital Cancer Research team. At the meeting, a number of parents expressed interest in helping, but we need people who can commit to about three meetings with folks from Sun Prairie to make sure that the details get worked out. Then, we will need more parents willing to donate their time or solicit donations for raffle items on the day of the event to help make it a success. It takes many, many hands, but when it comes together, it is truly a special thing to witness. Coach Schmitt will send out another email with information.

Team Poster: This is something the varsity teams in most, if not all of our sports participate in. Getting posters made allows us to put them up at businesses around town with schedules and rosters for each sport. We also call around looking for businesses willing to sponsor our posters/teams. They receive ad space on the poster, as well as a free poster for their business. Melissa Frusciante has a call list for sponsors and made contacts last year. Dillon Holewinski agreed to do so for this year's group.

Custard Social: This is the awards night for the Freshman and JV teams, and it will be held on Monday, May 28th at Firemen's Park next to the high school in the shelter. Maggie Lamson has agreed to work on this, and Eric Roden volunteered himself and his wife Mattie Urrutia to assist.

Website: Mattie Urrutia keeps this up, as well as monitors a facebook site so that people can upload photos from games, events, etc. She is the Varsity team photographer.

Scholarship: The 2017 recipient of the scholarship was Josh Acker. The CDC baseball scholarship is awarded to one senior (if five or less apply) or two (if six or more apply) for $500, awarded to them for the second semester of their freshman year of college. There is an application the student athlete must fill out, and the recipients are awarded by a group of coaches.

Other Business

 Shoe Order - will be done through Shoe Box once again if players want to get shoes at a discount.

 Apparel - This order is open to anyone, not just players, though players are encouraged to order the

 player packs (a t-shirt and sweat pants). Coach Schmitt opened it up that if anyone has

 suggestions for items they would like (including stadium seats), they should let him know.

 Spring Break (Tryouts/Trip) - Tryouts will begin on March 19th, and teams will be determined that

 week. The following week is Spring Break, and the varsity will be traveling to Tampa 3/25-

 3/30 for spring training. That same week, freshman practice will be voluntary, though if the

 players are not traveling with their families, they are encouraged to attend practice. JV

 players' practices are mandatory. The week the varsity returns, games are scheduled to begin

 (weather permitting).

Coach's Report: Right now, there are approximately 20 freshman, which means that there isn't really enough to field two teams. With injuries, ineligibility, etc., he is planning on one freshman team.

He also reminded us that the All Spring Sports meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 3:45 p.m. Baseball will meet in the PAC. In addition, there will be a meeting in February for all players and at least one parent to discuss the upcoming season.

Eric Roden then closed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Colleen Cushman, Secretary