

Sun Country All-Star Boosters

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Members Present: Jodi Bennett, Denise Boothby, Cynthia Flanagan, Lynne Kaplan, Valerie Kelly, Ann Marie McGraw, Jolene Morris, Sarah Renner, Susan Ryschkewitsch, Mollie Taylor, Jamie Williams and Tammy Williams

Call to Order at 5:50pm

I. Dance Team Booster Involvement

Several parents representing the dance team were in attendance at the meeting. Lynne Kaplan volunteered to serve as the Dance Team Liaison for the year, and will attend all booster meetings going forward.

II. Treasury Report

Treasurer, Ginger Gibson, was unable to attend the meeting. Cynthia will contact Ginger to obtain the current balance in the booster account.

III. Communication

Cynthia Flanagan mentioned that communication seems to be improving throughout the program. It was suggested that parents need to be reminded to check emails, the web (www.teamspiritofsuncountry.com) and facebook (www.facebook.com/teamspiritofsuncountrycheerleading) regularly. Updates will continue to come from the booster club and coaching staff.

IV. Fundraising

Mabel's Labels: With the absence of the Fundraising Chairperson, Kathie Fritz, conversation regarding this fundraiser was tabled for the next meeting.

Sports Team Cups: Further discussion on this fundraiser was tabled for the next meeting.

Domino's Pizza Cards: Cynthia Flanagan informed members that the sales from the Domino's Pizza fundraiser were slowly trickling in, and that funds for 33 of the 100 cards had been received to date. An email will be sent out to remind parents to turn in their money and/or unsold cards as soon as possible.

Hey Baby!: Cynthia Flanagan and Tammy Williams introduced information about a possible fundraising opportunity through Hey Baby. Participants would be able to pass around information for individuals to place orders with Hey Baby for items, and Team Spirit would receive up to 25% of the sales. Members of the booster club agreed that this fundraiser had potential to be successful. Cynthia will find out about having a representative from Hey Baby come to Sun Country to set up a "show".

Electronics Recycling: Jamie Williams proposed an electronics recycling fundraiser. Individuals would be able to drop off old and/or broken electronics at the gym and Jamie would mail them out to the recycling company. Team Spirit would be paid set prices for each type of electronic received. Jamie will contact the company for more specific information and will work on organizing the fundraiser and distributing information to the teams. It was agreed by members that all funds received through this fundraiser would go to the general SCAB fund, and not individual athletes.

V. Photos

Jodi Bennett stated that the date and time for photos has not been set, but would be scheduled as soon as the uniform arrival date is confirmed.

VI. Business

Sarah Renner informed members present that she had received the final updated information on the team rosters and would be placing them in folders at practice this week.

VII. Team Bonding / Special Events

Bowling / Laser Tag: Jamie Williams informed members that she had been in contact with Splitz regarding the bowling event. She stated that a date needed to be selected and then she would be able to confirm rates. She added that Splitz will allow us to use the party room at no extra charge.

Corn Maze: Discussion took place about setting up a bonding event at the Newberry Corn Maze. Denise Boothby and Jolene Morris volunteered to organize this activity.

Holiday Party: The annual holiday party has been scheduled for Monday, December 19th. Time TBA. Lynne Kaplan has graciously offered to have the event at her home. The party will be open to all Team Spirit Cheer & Dance athletes as well as their families. It will be a pot-luck event, with Sun Country providing the meat. Cynthia Flanagan and Tammy Williams have volunteered to chair the committee for this event.

VIII. Big Sis / Lil Sis & Competition Gifts

Discussion took place about gifts this season, and which gifts are to be paid for out of the booster account, and which were individual athlete responsibility. Jodi Bennett suggested that the cheer and dance teams do Big Sis/Lil Sis gifts amongst their own programs, but combine for competition gifts, as the money for those will come from the booster for 2 day competition events. Further discussion was tabled for another meeting.

IX. Birthdays

Denise Boothby informed members that the birthday board was up and that she would begin utilizing the board to recognize cheerleaders' birthdays. Lynne Kaplan volunteered to create a similar board for recognition of dancers' birthdays.

X. Parent Spirit

The parent "Spirit Day" has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 13th at 3:00pm. Parents are invited to come to Sun Country to help design and decorate spirit items for use at competitions this season. An email will be sent to invite parents to attend and request that they RSVP for the event so that enough materials are ordered for everyone. Parents will also be encouraged to bring their own decorative items and tools.

A motion was made to authorize Cynthia Flanagan to order supplies for the event, not to exceed \$100.

Motion: Denise Boothby **Second:** Sarah Renner

With all in favor, the motion was approved.

XI. Coach K's Corner

Choreography Weekend: Coach K informed members that the cheer choreography weekend was a success and that the athletes did a great job of working together. She added that the dance choreography workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 29th. More details will be released once the date/time is confirmed.

Competition Update: Coach K stated that the first competition is scheduled for December 10th at the School for the Deaf in St. Augustine. She added that she would be sending out more specific information once the schedule for competition has been released.

Discussion took place about the competition in Myrtle Beach. Coach K urged members to book their hotel rooms if they have not done so already.

Upcoming Exhibitions: Coach K discussed more details on the upcoming events scheduled:

1. **October 20th Chamber After Hours event:** This exhibition will count as a practice. Athletes should wear their pink and black practice uniform, white socks and cheer shoes. The event is scheduled to take place from 5:30-7:30pm at LifeSouth. She will send out more specific information on the time athletes should arrive at the event, etc. Coach K requested that an email be sent out urging parents to let her know if their athlete will be attending so that coaching staff can plan stunts and formations.
2. **October 28th Alachua County Fair event:** Specifics were not available for the meeting, but Coach K will update everyone as soon as she has the event details.
3. **November 4th UF Homecoming Parade:** Coach K informed members that event details had not been confirmed yet, but there was the possibility that only the Youth and Senior teams would be able to participate due to the length of the route and time involved. Members present suggested that it would be possible to pull together a truck and trailer for the Tiny Team to decorate as a float and ride on through the parade. Sarah Renner volunteered to be a chaperone for the Tiny Team if a float was used. Coach K said she would find out if it would be possible to add a float.
4. **November 13th Tampa Bay Bucs AllStars:** Coach K informed members that a minimum of 20 athletes (ages 5-18) would have to agree to participate in order for Team Spirit to be involved in the half-time show. She added that representatives from the Bucs Cheerleaders would come to Sun Country to teach choreography. She will be contacting the event producers for more information.

Uniforms: Coach K stated that the uniform order is in, and that staff is waiting on mock-ups to come in to approve final uniform colors. Once approved, the order will begin production. She added that a costume had been selected for the Dance Team, and showed photographs to booster club members.

Big Sis/Lil Sis: Coach K informed members that Big Sis/Lil Sis selections would be finalized by the end of this week, and directions would be given about duties, etc.

Parent "Spirit" Support: Coach K added that she and the coaching staff have created a few chants with motions for the parents to learn and use to show support during competitions. They will be sent to Cynthia Flanagan and Tammy Williams.

XII. Adjournment & Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 11/8/11 @ 5:45pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm