

BEECH BASEBALL DUGOUT CLUB

Meeting Minutes

11/17/21 | 6:00pm @Beech HS Baseball Fieldhouse

Call Meeting to Order

- Kevin called meeting to order @ 6:02

Introduction of Officers

- Kevin Earls – President
- Dave Mitchell – VP
- Matthew Clark – Treasurer
- Carl Ballinger – Secretary
- Jay Brassell – VP of Community

Why the BBDC was formed

- Kevin spoke to the why we put the club together and started by discussing how this conversation got started last year with the sole purpose to mimic what they have done in football and improve facilities
- Spent through the summer understanding what it means to stand up a dugout club
 - Discussed all of the rules that have to be followed through the Sumner County School boards to include financials, who it is open to, etc.
 - Club when through all of those approvals when this work started with Coach Josh Carman
- Included outside members to the board to give the BBDC a broader view.
 - Discussed connection Jay and Carl has to Beech Baseball

Financials

- Matthew:
 - Made an open invitation to the group that if they had any comments questions or concerns about financials
 - Talked about the first thing we have addressed for repairs was the dugout
 - Discussed the improvements (raised and capped) made to the brick wall
 - Brick cost was \$92
 - Metal was purchased for metal to enclose under the bleachers - \$500
 - Dugout costs for Home Dept - \$1914.64
 - Tire repair for gator - \$29
 - Website - \$24 a month
 - Book printouts - \$247.02
 - Lowe's for metal cap repair - \$215.91
 - Balance in the bank today = \$22,601.20
 - Put a down payment today on a new scoreboard - \$4000
 - Total cost for scoreboard is \$15,000
- Kevin spoke to donations, mums, signs, etc which is where the balance came from

Website and Social Media

- Spoke about website and how we would like to use it as a single source of information for the team

Projects to be completed at complex

- Turf
 - Will be the first school in Sumner County that will have a turf baseball and football fields
 - Allows for summer tournaments
 - Less rainouts due to field conditions
 - Did an unsecured loan through Vol State bank
 - Got some donations which helped to pay down the principle of this initial loan
 - \$284K and we owe rough \$260K
 - The field is already booked throughout summer for tournaments
 - Every game that is played here \$150 go directly to Beech baseball
 - Concessions will come back to Beech baseball
 - Will need to have volunteers cover concessions
 - Every year we have to make an interest payment
 - Goal is to have the balance paid off in 3 years based on current plan
- Scoreboard
 - Matthew negotiated the price of the scoreboard from \$20K to \$15K
 - Still discussing between Orange and Navy to determine color
 - Have a donor that is paying off the scoreboard
- Bullpen
 - Bullpen was in rough shape
 - Had a parent that donated time and machinery to flatten out the area and improve with drainage.
 - We are building a new bullpen with turf mounds and turf catcher area
 - Will have a fence with a wind screen to help with the wind and help eliminate students being in the area
 - This work is being done through donations so there is no additional costs
- Dugout
 - Discussed dugout and the work that has been done to dugout
- Entrance to Stadium
 - Going to pressure wash and paint the railing and back of bleachers
 - Will be enclosing under the bleachers and this area will be used to store outdoor baseball equipment
- Concrete grassy areas
 - The county does not take care of grassy area by bleachers
 - A company has agreed to come and concrete this area
 - Looking at putting picnic tables for families to use
 - Might have to pay for actual concrete, but the labor, rock, etc. will be donate
- Complete indoor fieldhouse
 - Finish the indoor facility work that was started a couple of years ago

Capital Fundraising

- Kevin presented the capital campaign booklet
- Spoke to each section of the booklet to discuss the items in the booklet and how to read the booklet
- Recognition will be given to companies that donate on a large plaque that will be done by the season
- All donations are going to tax deductible through 503C of Dugout Club

New Fundraisers

- Calendar
 - Ask that each family just write one check to the dugout club
 - Going to be run through Dec 10th
 - Full calendar is \$441
- Motorcycle ride (spring)
 - Matthew spoke about the origin of the motorcycle ride
 - Working with Harley Davidson dealership
 - Matthew went to the school with it as an official fundraiser. Form is sitting with the school to sign-off for final approval
- Signs
 - Asked that everyone try and sell at least 1 sign
- Golf outing (end of summer/fall)
- Summer field use concessions

Volunteer

- Summer field concessions
- Player meals
 - Last year players were fed during district games
 - Will get the committee together after the first of the year
 - Chick-Fil-A in Rivergate has offered to be a part of this
- Maintenance
- Fundraising
 - Had 8 people that attended the first meeting of this committee
 - Mitch donated his team to create the layout for the capital projects that we presented during the meeting.

Conclusion / Open Discussion

- Kevin discussed player fees and where that money goes to
 - Money is in the school account at this time
- Questions
 - Q: Is there a way to know how to know where the money you are donating.
 - A: Will use the website to track progress and money
 - Q: Will sponsors be placed on the website?
 - A: Yes, All sponsors will be placed on the website
- Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm where coach Mac took over discussion