

Washington Athletic Club- WAC

August 14th, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:29 pm.

- 1) Introductions:** Kim McGinnis (Treasurer), Ann Freeman (Co-President), Stephanie Helle (Secretary), Laurie Tauber (Co-President), Teresa Pakulis, Tara Pohlmann, Matt Sinnott, and Grant Schultz (Activities Director).
- 2) Approval of minutes from June meeting**—approved by all.
- 3) Goals for 2019-2020- Ann Freeman:**
 - Income from donations, membership, concessions, etc. from 2018-2019 around \$50,000 and 5 years ago was more like \$85,000- would like to see us get back closer to that over the next 2 years- setting goal of \$70,000 for this year
 - WAC website is up to date; we have new flyers and brochures explaining “Why WAC”, memberships, distribution of funds, sponsorship opportunities, schedule of events, meetings, and much more
 - Asking Grant to encourage coaches to talk about WAC at parent meetings
 - The athletic department does NOT receive funding from the school district, so we rely on donations and income to support all 22 sports at Washington
 - NEW this year is a Community Sponsorship opportunity for local businesses to be recognized for supporting Washington athletics- banner will have company name/logo and be displayed at games and activities as much as possible
 - Also hoping for more volunteer time from families- SignUp Genius for fall sports is available on the WAC website
 - T-shirts are available for volunteers; WAC tablecloth being made to use at activities and provide more visibility
- 4) AD Report- Grant Schultz:**
 - Fall sports season kicked off 8/12/19- around 240 athletes participating
 - Football is seeing lower numbers at sophomore level- decision was made to move freshman up to Sophomore level, forming combo fresh/soph team; other schools in the area have been in a similar position; 4 additional football staff added (2 Sophomore and 2 Varsity)
 - Volleyball is seeing lower numbers at freshman and sophomore levels
 - Cross-country has about 20 girls and 25 boys participating
 - Swimming has >40 girls participating (15 are from Xavier and Mt. Vernon)
 - Golf has >30 boys- first meet is on 8/15 at St. Andrews; and they are hosting a large tournament next week at Elmcrest
 - Varsity head coaches will be attending at least one WAC meeting this year
 - Winter, spring, and summer sports will have a coach’s meeting next week
 - Grant was contacted by Decker Sports to consider as a vendor for apparel; we are looking into a local company to do a special sale around the holidays
 - Team pictures are on Monday 8/19 (Golf is Friday 8/16)

5) Membership- Teresa Pakulis:

- Total membership income last year was \$17,435; so far this year we have received \$2445 (10 memberships)
- Also received \$1610 in community sponsorships

6) Concessions- Teresa Pakulis:

- We received \$3700 from baseball/softball concessions
- Last year total concessions were \$18,186
- Steve Carter with Dr. Pepper is donating beverages for Fall Sports Night
- Openers & Closers are set for concessions; SignUp Genius is on WAC website; first event is August 27th

7) Apparel- Ann Freeman:

- Waiting for one more deliver and then trailer will be stocked; merchandise will be available at Fall Sports Night and Freshman Orientation
- If anyone is interested in chairing or assisting with this committee, please contact Ann

8) Fall Sports Night- Stephanie Helle:

- SignUp Genius is in good shape with most volunteer spots filled
- Teresa Pakulis is arranging for hot dogs, buns, chips, beverages, condiments, wrappers, and napkins
- Grant will have building engineers set up PA system, tables, and garbage cans by 4:00 pm
- Coaches are sending messages to parents about the event

9) Bonfire:

- Grant and Shawn Bergquist have met and planning is underway
- Homecoming parade and bonfire scheduled for September 25th

10) New Business- Ann Freeman:

- Dates for Jr. Warrior tournaments are set- still looking for tournament director for Girls Basketball
- Hall of Fame date 1/24/20
- WAC is willing to be involved in National Letter of Intent Signing days

11) Financial Report:

- Kim McGinnis and Jeff Freeman will meet to transfer accounts to Kim
- WAC made a donation to Ricky Veenstra memorial
- WAC made a \$5000 donation to the Athletic Department

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday September 11th at 5:30 pm- Washington High School Room 128