

# De Pere Baseball Booster Club – notes from 10/17/07 meeting

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**Attendees** In attendance at the meeting on October 17, 2007 were:

Todd Hendricks, Vice President	Suzanne Rukamp	Kris Liedeka
Deb Ott, Secretary	Steve Rukamp	Jay Siebert
Jenny Greeneway, Treasurer	Cindy Nehring	Cindi Siebert
Coach Bob Van Rens	DeEtte Radant	

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The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Todd Hendricks ran the meeting in Chris Betcher's absence.

The minutes from September were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jenny Greeneway and seconded by Suzanne Rukamp.

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**Finance Report**

Beginning balance in checking as of 9/20/07 was \$1,076.60, ending balance as of 10/16/07 was \$1,251.28. Income received from Fall Ball concessions, t-shirt sales and Eastbay order proceeds. Expenses included logo for on wind tarps, Quickbooks purchase and web hosting. Beginning balance in money market \$17,062.35. Interest income added, bringing ending balance to \$17,087.59.

Quickbooks was purchased, replacing the older version that Jenny was using. This newer version is much easier to work with and has more features for tracking/reporting.

Motion to approve the Finance Report was made by Suzanne Rukamp and seconded by Jay Siebert.

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**Coaches Update**

Coach Bob Van Rens was present. He thanked the group for the support that the Booster Club was giving to the program.

**Hitting/open gyms** – Coach Van Rens is looking into getting gym time on Saturdays to allow high school players to work on hitting/throwing during the off-season. He asked the group when they thought it should start – did kids want a break from Fall Ball, or OK to start now. Agreed to see when it could start and then will start ASAP. Coach will arrange this via the appropriate contacts at school and will provide details to be communicated to the players via email, announcements, website, etc. He will also check with the AD and/or basketball coach for their 'rules' on their players participating in baseball open gyms.

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## Committee/ Fundraiser Updates

**Concessions** – Profit to date is around \$4,200. Fall Ball just wrapped up and Suzanne is working on clearing out supplies.

**Redbird Field Sign Program** – Deb Ott will be coordinating this program for 2008. She mentioned that the main help needed for this program was to do follow-up with the businesses once the letters are sent. For '08, she will also look at changing the pricing structure to offer some a longer term contract. Details to be finalized by the December meeting so that letters can be sent the first part of January.

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## Old Business

**Deck along 1<sup>st</sup> base fence** – Need to work out the details as to how we would do this, working with Pat/Dan/school for approvals. Jenny will contact Tim Sulzer on options he might have. We will look at other fields that have this for ideas – Kaukauna & Manitowoc have them. This could be a project that is coordinated by a experienced builder with parent/volunteers helping.

**Windscreens/logo decals** – The DE PERE REDBIRDS w/Bird logo was added to the windscreens. These will be put up in the spring. Todd will store them in his garage.

**Blacktop around concessions area**– Jay received one quote for blacktopping (\$2,700 – around 2000 sq. ft of asphalt) and is getting a few more quotes. The earliest this would be done would be the spring.

**Outdoor Batting Cage Improvements** – The group agreed to fund this and set a \$500 limit. We'll replace the batting cage netting at Redbird Field. 12x12x72 (size to be confirmed). Deb will find the exact product name/details and will work with the school to get this purchased via some of their current vendors.

**Sprinkler System** – This was looked into, but there is not enough water pressure at that location to support an in-ground sprinkler system. As a result, we will not pursue the in-ground option now, but will look at costs for replacing the above ground one. Jay will continue follow-up on this to find out what Coach Riddle would prefer.

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## Old Business (continued)

**Indoor Batting Cage** – The school is open to putting another indoor batting cage at another school – likely the Middle School. Because this will likely cost over \$5,000, 3 bids will be needed. Jeff Byczk indicated that if this were put up at school (and become property of the school), it would need to also be made available to the softball team. Deb contacted Dawn Schmidt, Softball Boosters, about possibly helping with the funding if this. They were open to the idea, but needed more information on cost. While we might get more gym time for open gyms this year, a second cage at another school will be ideal for JV/Freshman teams. Deb will continue follow-up on this to ID costs.

**Indoor pitching mound** – The group agreed to fund this and set a \$1000 limit. Jay will follow-up with the Board of Directors to get their approval (exceeds \$500 limit). Deb will find the exact product name/details and will work with the school to get this purchased via some of their current vendors.

**Warning track** – Follow-up is needed on this. We need to determine what is exactly needed (depth for sure) and then work to get price quotes. Steve Van Vonderen was mentioned as someone to contact on this for a price quote – Todd will contact Steve.

**Brick fundraiser** – tabled until next month

**Bat Purchase – Travel Teams/High School Teams** – Continued our discussion on whether to purchase another bat per travel team, so each team would have 2. Agree to purchase 1 more bat per team – 13/14/15 age group. Also discussed purchasing a bat for the high school teams – agreed to purchase 1 bat per team – Freshman, JV, Varsity. Several bats on sale at Denis Sport Shop – Jay will work with coaches to determine size needed for travel teams. Coach Van Rens will assist in determining the bats for the high school teams.

**Request Form** – Cindy provided a draft for review. She will incorporate the suggested changes from the group and send to Deb for posting on the website.

**Redbird Field Sign take-down** – Now planned for Nov 4, 9am. Communication will be sent out via email, posted on the website and thru the school announcements. Beverages and donuts will be provided by the Booster Club.

**By-Laws** – Jay will check on the status of this, as we are close to having these finalized and ready for filing by the end of the year.

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## New Business

**Resignation of Chris Betcher as President** – Chris Betcher notified the Officers & Board of her resignation as Booster Club President. After discussion, the group asked Todd Hendricks, Vice President, to fill in until the end of '07. The annual officer nomination/election will be done in January, at which time all officer positions will be filled. The Booster Club thanks Chris for all the effort she put forth for the club.

**Season Kickoff Tailgate/Cookout Party for all baseball families** – Jenny proposed that a season kickoff party be organized for the baseball team and their families. This would be good opportunity for all players and families to come together at the start of the season, and hopefully get things off to a good start. Apparel orders could be placed at this time. Saturday, March 15 was set as the date for this event. Jenny will continue to organize this event

**Team hats** – Coach Riddle asked that the Booster Club help with ordering the hats for the players. There are two hats for the Varsity team, and one hat for the JV/Freshman teams. The hats are purchased by the players. We discussed possibly offsetting some of the cost of the hat – will determine what we do on this once we understand costs. Deb will contact Suzanne Driscoll, Apparel Coordinator, to see if she can work with Coach Riddle on this over the next 2 months, as Coach Riddle would like this ready by January.

**DADS Tournament Entry Fees** – The tournament entry fees for the DADS Tournaments that our 13/14 year old teams played in need to be paid (13's - \$250, 14's - \$250). Deb will provide an invoice for this to Jenny and it will be paid this month.

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Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 7pm @ De Pere High School – back commons area. This meeting is moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month due to Thanksgiving. A motion to adjourn was made by Deb Ott and seconded by Jenny Greeneway. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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