

Service High School Nordic Ski Team Booster Club Meeting Thursday, October 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 8:30pm

In Attendance

Jan Buron, President
Laarni Power, Vice President/Director
Regina Woods (virtual), Treasurer
Amy Schumacher, Memberships/Director
John Power
Kjerstin Lastufka
Shelly Soderstrom
Donny Wade (virtual)
Denali Kemppe
Tasha Lucas
Dan Schwartz
Rob Witter
Peter Reckmeyer
Lisa Toussaint

Officers

Jan is President, Laarni is Vice President and Director, Amy is a Director, Regina is Treasurer. Jill Brubaker has graduated from the program, was previous Secretary and handled membership, communications. Bylaws state must have officers. Tasha is nominated as secretary by Laarni. Rob seconded. Unanimous vote.

Financial Report

Booster club fees are based on 80 skiers. Average is 70-80 kids. No concessions at snowball race last year, planning on this year. Hats just got paid for, received by Shelby Wilson— apparel, merchandise person. Cost of hat to Booster Club is \$15 per hat, including shipping. The group came to the consensus of selling hats for \$30 each. 100 ordered, can order more. Laarni will check with Shelby on ordering more hats. Credit card fee is 2.5%. One more year for the current race suits, will plan on purchasing new ones next year, \$150 per suit. Activities program provides some money for waxing (\$2,000). Per Jan, Activities should also cover uniforms. We will need to do some fundraising for ordering next year. PTA also donated money for uniforms last time. They are more likely to donate funds if a majority of parents of a group also join PTA. Jan will start working on the design. Some miscellaneous expenses like taxes, small purchases were included in budget. Regina suggested putting a small percentage of funds into savings. Since state championship is in Anchorage, we can save money on travel expenses.

Season Updates

Coaches are Jan, Seiji, and Rich Sudok. Need 2 more coaches, Jan asked Mary Woods (a part-time coach last year) and is waiting to hear her response. Hoping to find another—maybe Marion Woods's friend. Coaches are paid by the school district, but not much. It is more of a volunteer position.

Important Dates

- October 18 – Coaches Meeting. Nothing serious from the coaches meeting. No buses after 4pm for most schools. No barbecues in the stadium.
- October 19 – Skier Meeting. Went well—35 kids showed up.

- November 3 – Parent Meeting planned. Jan will request the cafeteria space. Shelby can hopefully attend and bring hats. Laarni will bring order forms for booster memberships, jackets, and donations to boosters. Payments can be credit cards, cash, and checks. Regina will take payments. We need someone to replace Cindy Jensen to update the website to share this information and more. Jan will send updates for website. Laarni handles the Facebook page which uploads automatically to the website. Tasha volunteered to help with website. Laarni will coordinate with Tasha. Jan can give coordinator rights to anyone for the website and added Tasha. Dan suggests the Remind is very helpful. Need to inform parents of Remind.
- AMH/Trax nights are TBD.
- November 19 – Wax Fundraiser and Bake Sale. Set up at 11am, sale from 12-3. John wants another parent to teach how to coordinate the wax fundraiser, and Donny Wade volunteered. Lots of organizing, extension cords, advertising, some of last year's gear can be recycled. Laarni can set up the team's SignUp Genius to get volunteers. Rob and Dan have experience with the wax fundraiser. Potential for soups, chili, cornbread this year but we may need supplemental power. Rob suggested additional alpine ski vices would be helpful for waxing. Jan will donate some wax. Some safety issues will need to be addressed.
- December 3 – Snowball Sprint Races. Denali (who co-coordinated last year) will be out of town. Shelly volunteered to coordinate and Denali will assist. Snowball race is a tradition for Service High School. Little Gym will be open, will have concessions. Parents will be solicited to donate food, time, etc. Denali offered to wash blankets and John will help locate them. Rob will check on the tent. John has hardware for the ski rack. Amy will get donations for coffee and cocoa.

Volunteers

Hot Tang and Hot Water is usually handled by the same two families, who trade off with each race. One brings, one takes home. Peter and Lisa volunteered for Tang team 1, need another volunteer for Tang team 2. Coolers should be in the ski team room. More volunteers needed for set up, take down, Tang, senior gifts, etc. Gear manager is Shelby. Prior jackets were ordered from Borah. Laarni will put together an order form for parent meeting. Jan will check with jacket companies, will let Laarni know before November 3rd. Laarni will check with Jill on embroidered blankets for senior gifts.

Miscellaneous

End of season banquet will be Tuesday, February 28. Jan will reserve cafeteria. Spaghetti feeds will be after the races on Saturday nights, 6-9pm. Laarni will put together the SignUp Genius. Parent social planned for December 2nd at Amy's house. Ski race schedule is on the Service ski team and ASD websites. The Service website needs to be updated. January 13-14 is a high school race and Besh Cups. Jan will find a coach for the HS race. Jan will speak with Kikkan about improving some trails. John said there is a lot of older used equipment at the school. He offered to help Jan with an inventory and get kids outfitted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm
Minutes by Tasha Lucas, Secretary