

**Patriot Grandstand Club  
Fundraising Committee Meeting Minutes  
Date: April 12, 2005**

Attendance: **Will Garcia, Regina Garcia, Jenny Sherwood, Bernie Audet, Anne Rowe, Tammy McGrath, Barbara Christy, Alma Cleaves, Phil Cleaves, Wanda Thomas**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
2005 Equipment Needs	Will, Bernie, Anne and Phil reviewed their meetings with Kevin Keenan of Riddell and Don Morency of Northeast Athletics. All four preferred buying our equipment from Northeast because of lower prices and better service. The group voted unanimously to order high school game jerseys and middle school practice jerseys from Northeast Athletics. Northeast has practice pants, girdles, helmets, shoulder pads, and small pad sets in stock in their warehouse in Lewiston. We can decide later in the summer if we need to purchase any of these items and can have them here in a matter of hours.	Anne will call Don Morency and finalize the jersey order.
Middle School Football Information Night	Anne mentioned that Geoff indicated earlier in the year that the middle school team might be able to begin practices a week early this coming season. If this is the case, we might want to have a football information night at the middle school in June. Anne will follow-up with Geoff.	Anne to follow-up with Geoff.
Freshman Orientation	The group discussed having a table at freshman orientation on May 3 <sup>rd</sup> . We can finalize preparations at the 4/26/05 board meeting.	
Equipment Return Issues	Will suggested that the Club could charge a security deposit to insure that football players return their equipment at the end of the season. Several committee members expressed concern that parents would fight the idea. The group agreed that the head football coach needs to take a more active role in distributing and collecting equipment in the future.	
Scholarships	The group discussed the methodology the Club could use to award scholarships to needy players. We could ask for references from teachers, and/or require that the athlete has maintained a certain grade point average for the last year. We could also ask area businesses to sponsor individual athletes.	
Letter to Community	Will circulated an annual fund drive letter that could be posted on our web site and sent out to area businesses.	
Club Merchandise	The group discussed what merchandise we want to sell this year. We still have seat cushions, flags, bandanas, and a few sweatshirts. Regina circulated artwork that we could use for hats. The group agreed that we should try to incorporate the school logo in our designs. We need to buy shirts and hats in bulk in order to receive good pricing.	Regina will talk to Geoff about the school logo.  Anne will ask Don Morency about team merchandise and who they use for

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		screen printing.
Season passes	Will circulated examples of what we could use for season passes. The group discussed how we would price the passes. It was agreed that, instead of giving discounts, maybe we could bundle the pass with a t-shirt or other merchandise, and maybe we could get a local business to sponsor the item. We will try to find out what other schools are doing in this regard.	
Golf Tournament	Wanda expressed concern about getting enough players to make a golf tournament worthwhile. Our only real profits come from hole sponsors, and since the tournament is in the fall, it takes away from the time we can spend getting ads for the game program.	
Game Program	The group agreed that the game program should be our major fundraiser this year. We need to solicit more businesses and have coupons in the program. We should have it professionally printed in full color.	
Bottle Barn	Our bottle box isn't being emptied on a regular basis. Several people have taken returnables there lately and the box was full. Bernie will visit the Bottle Barn tomorrow and try to set up a schedule for emptying the box and collecting our money.	Bernie to visit.
Snack Shack	Jenny mentioned that the Booster Club will probably want us to help man the snack shack this year.	
Charitable Foundations	Will distributed names of Maine charitable foundations to all members of the committee. Each member will research his/her foundations and report back at the next meeting.	Each member will research.
Clam Bake	The group discussed the possibility of holding a clam bake during the summer. Tammy will get prices and available dates.	Tammy will get more information.
Summer Meetings	We need to find a place to meet this summer because the school will be closed.	
Next Meeting	The next fundraising committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria.	