



**GHS Cross Country Track Booster Club**  
Monthly Meeting Monday, January 31, 2022 @ 6:00 pm  
Bethany Baptist Church 72 Ryan Street, Gardner, MA 01440

**Attendees:**

**Members Present:** Carrie Powers (President), Tom Johnson (Vice President), Rachel Johnson (Treasurer), Justice Graves (Secretary), Alyssa Zelesky, and Sarah Meunier

**Advisors Present:** Kenneth “K.P.” Pelletier, and Michael Lawrence

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Powers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**II. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A. Race Committee Meeting of August 29th, 2021

B. Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 14th, 2021

*Secretary Graves moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Treasurer Johnson seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.*

**III. President/Treasurer Reports**

Carrie Powers gave no report at this meeting. Rachel Johnson discussed what was in the current accounts for the Club.

**IV. GHS, GMS Coaches Updates/Team Needs (Moved earlier in the meeting by the President; before Agenda Item II)**

Michael Lawrence and K.P. gave updates on the teams. The League Meet is scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2022, but it looks like it will be canceled due to the weather; there is no back-up/rain date for the event, so it will have to be played by ear for the rescheduled date.

Michael Lawrence updated the Club that Athletic Director, Daniel Forte, has scheduled several meets to be hosted at home during the Spring Season. This includes several major ones, but is not limited to:

- District Class Relays
- League Meet
- District Class Meet (A,B,C)
- Middle School Championships (Privately held meet)

All meets will be held at Watkin’s Field. The Middle School Championship is a privately held meet that runs on three successive Fridays in a row. Daniel Forte has secured contracts for all these meets, and is allowing the Club the opportunity to staff and stock a concession stand to make profit at the events. The Club discussed they have time to prepare, but will need to work strategically to cover all these events, plus their regular events. In the case of the Middle School

Championships, one of the Friday's is the Friday right before the Wildcat 5k, so that will take additional planning to execute.

## V. **Ongoing Business**

### A. Wildcat 5k Booking (Update) (~J. Graves)

Justice Graves discussed how he had not received confirmation that the Wildcat 5k was booked, and would therefore turn in a new application to the Superintendent's Office before the next meeting.

### B. Wreath Fundraiser Report

Rachel Johnson reported that the Poinsetta/Wreath fundraiser did well for its first year. A prize will need to be determined for the two top sellers in the fundraiser.

### C. Concession Stand Fundraiser Report

Rachel Johnson reported on the Concession Stand net profits from the Cross Country season, as well as the expended budget.

## VI. **New Business**

### A. All Unexpected Items

Rachel Johnson started a discussion on the requirements for the issuance of scholarship checks; she asked if the Club should continue to ask for each recipients transcript in order. Justice Graves found the requirements for the scholarships in the bylaws, stating that a minimum of passing grades and being registered for a second semester are required. There was discussion to possibly amend that section of the bylaws at a later meeting. The Club decided that they would keep the current requirements and not investigate amending the bylaws for that section.

There was discussion about what to do for an Indoor Track celebration/banquet. Michael Lawrence gave the suggestion to do either a joint Indoor/Spring Track celebration in the spring, or to do an athletes only condensed celebration in the next few months for Indoor Track only. It was determined to do an Indoor Track only celebration after school with a limited menu provided by the Club. It was discussed if parents could somehow go this celebration; ultimately it was determined that possibly senior parents would be able to go given the state of the pandemic. There was discussion about gifts for seniors; there are currently both four (4) boys and four (4) girls who are seniors on the teams this year.

K.P. gave an update that the League Meet is being held at Fitchburg High School this Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., and that up to two immediate family members could attend for each family at the meet; it was stressed that the meet still might be canceled and moved to an unknown day due to inclement weather.

Discussion came back to the date of the Indoor Track celebrations. Michael Lawrence and K.P. suggested a tentative date of Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, but would follow back up on this.

There was discussion about the large amount of shirts that the Club had accumulated over the years, and what to do with them. It was discussed to possibly sell them as novelties at the concession stands for the track meets over the Spring season.

There was discussion around getting the athletes a gift for the indoor season. Nothing was decided.

The Coaches will follow-up with Daniel Forte to determine the exact dates of the upcoming concession stands that the Club will need to organize.

Alyssa Zelesky asked if there would be a calendar fundraiser. Rachel Johnson stated that – given the amount of concession stands in the spring the Club is about to organize – there is no need for such an additional fundraiser this year.

Discussion came back around to the scholarships, and what date to have students return their scholarship applications to the school so the Club can review them.

***Secretary Graves made a motion to keep the date for the return of the Booster Club Scholarship the same day as the majority of the school-wide scholarship, which is anticipated to be early April. Sarah Meunier seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.***

#### **VII. Member's Comments**

Sarah Meunier asked the Coaches when the first day of Spring Track is set to start. Michael Lawrence updated the Club that Spring Track practices officially start the closest Monday to Saint Patrick's Day, meaning it will either be March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 or March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 when practices start for the season.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

***Treasurer Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting; Sarah Meunier seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce at 7:09 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Justice J.H. Graves  
Secretary, GHS Cross Country Track Booster Club

Approved at the Monthly Meeting on April 10, 2022, unanimously on a motion duly made and seconded.