

Bobcat Backers Fundraising Society Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 26th, 2024, 7 pm
BVHS STAFF ROOM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Shane Dempster, Maya Griscowsky, Jen Zintel, Andrea Pinter, Tracy Brooker, Tenille Mckenzie-Wyatt and Devon Wyatt.

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Additions to Agenda
 - a. Executive filing is outstanding and will be discussed under Treasurer Report.
- 3) Approval of May 30th, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - a) Bobcat Backer secretary – Maya and Tracy shared note-taking.
- 4) Treasurer Report (Andrea Pinter)
 - a. \$2743 in the account
 - b. \$826 profit was made at the Spring 2024 Tuck Shop. To be divvied up between Football, Cheer, Leadership, and Band. Andrea to write checks and make arrangements with Mel G. in accounting for groups that do not have a bank account.
 - c. We need to file new executive stuff to update the registry. The address will be changed to school, as it currently goes to Wendy's (former Bobcat Backer member) house.
- 5) Concession Tuck Shop
 - a) Operations during construction –
 - a. Unsure at this point, as right now, there is no space. The kitchen is upstairs but has security monitors in it. Bobcat Backers will have to do a service agreement to continue it full-time. There are concerns regarding AHS/food guidelines.
 - b. Shane to look into it. Likes the model. He will have an update by next month.
 - c. A suggestion was to use the football tower, but Jen said there is a lot of equipment in there.
 - d. Andrea will donate the Square for the operation of the Tuck Shop again. A suggestion is to obtain a laptop to be used every time. This will provide convenience and efficiency for setup.
 - b) Remaining inventory
 - a. Andrea wants a better communication method to get inventory notices in advance.

- b. At Andrea's house
 - 2 cases of water
 - 3 boxes of granola bars
 - 1 box of Slim-Jims
 - 5-6 bags of mini trail mix
 - No chocolate bars
 - c) Potential start-up dates – to be determined based on space
- 6) Administrative Report (Shane Dempster)
 - a. Nothing to report
 - b. Looking into the food service agreement for the Tuck Shop
 - c. In less than 2 years, we will have the casino
 - d. Tracy will look into proposal guidelines for funding requests from school groups for future casino dollars.
- 7) Needs / Requests from all clubs/sports
 - a. 2.8 million dollars for the school for the expansion
 - b. Football needs a video camera (estimated \$1100). Football raised enough money via sponsorships and summer fundraising.
 - c. Performing Arts: RancheHouse technical costs are approx. \$3k- \$5K for technical support requirements. They have over 100 students participating, and many are willing to volunteer to help raise funds. The show is in November. (Tracy read Ms. Fosshiem's email to the group)
 - d. Cheer: needs money for uniforms, cheer mats, and competition fees. \$10K is what they are asking for.
- 8) Fundraising for the year
 - a) Bingo Hall
 - a. 4 per year
 - b. We need to get bingo halls to agree to accept our organization as a recipient, and then apply to the AGLC.
 - c. Unfortunately, the Grey Eagle casino isn't an option, as the money raised can only help First Nation communities.
 - d. Andrea to email the bingo halls.
 - b) Casio night
 - a. The earliest Bow Valley could do one is July 2027.
 - c) 50/50
 - a. 50/50 to potentially happen at basketball tournaments.
 - b. Andrea is looking into a 50-50 license. Max of \$30K.
 - d) Kona Ice
 - a. It's too late for football.
 - b. Football is already bringing in different food trucks.
 - c. Wait until rugby season, which starts in May.
 - e) Bow Rivers Edge Campground (BREC) Capital Re-Investment Grant

- a. Tracy applied on behalf of the school photography program (Ms. Smith). Put in for \$14K to cover 9 new cameras. We were awarded \$1600.
 - b. Mel Smith may send a student or two.
 - c. Susan and Tracy to attend the event.
 - f) Yearly calendar
 - a. Football is done raising money until May. They will be doing a post-May long weekend bottle drive.
 - b. Cheer has raised \$200 from football concessions.
 - g) Christmas fundraiser
 - a. Andrea is conflicted on whether to save it for grad or backers. A suggestion is to give it to the Grad Committee because they have fewer options to raise funds.
- 9) Business Arising from Minutes
- a. Andrea found the Bobcat Backers mailbox in the Staff Room with outstanding mail from the Alberta Registry.
 - b. Andrea/Jen will file multiple tax forms, as nothing has been filed since 2022.
- 10) Round Table discussions
- a. Andrea will send social media information to Maya.
 - b. Mitchell Soup (sold at Mitford School) was recommended as a fundraiser
 - c. Andrea applied to Google for a non-profit workspace. Now we have users.
 - d. Potentially a Butcher Block fundraiser.
 - e. All money raised will be divided by need. All groups should make funding requests to the Society.
 - f. Bobcat Backers Society meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday of every month.
 - g. Bobcat Backer Society Meeting Schedule going forward:
 - October 17
 - Nov 21
 - Jan 16
 - Feb 27
 - March 20
 - April 10
 - May 15
 - Play it by ear for June
 - h. Maya and Tracy will send minutes to Lorrie so she can put meetings in the calendar.
- 11) Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.