



Meeting Recap: Nov. 3, 2022

Attendees:

Nick Merullo
Steven Ruotolo
Eileen Buccaro
Al Farrah
Todd Williams
Megan Williams
Nicole Allie
Stephanie Tafro
Jori Smith
Lauren Ametrano

Notes/Discussions:

New Board of Directors:

The 2023 Guilford Dugout Club Board of Directors was established. Steve Ruotolo will serve as President, Stephanie Tafro will be VP, Al Farrah will be Treasurer, Nicole Alley will serve as the Senior Class Representative, Jori Smith will be the Freshman Class Rep and Joe Ametrano will serve as Secretary. Vacancies have been identified for the Junior & Sophomore Class Rep positions and Club members will be reaching out to parents of players in these classes to see if anyone will volunteer.

Spirit ware:

Al Farrah, Todd Williams & Nick Merullo will organize Team captains to go to GSG and get the spirit ware opened ASAP. Jori Smith will connect with Freshman and parents to encourage them to feel comfortable to purchase items, attend meetings and volunteer once I can get signup genie started. They should be made to feel that they are not overstepping by coming to and investing in the program before the season and tryouts start. Stadium Blankets, other cold weather items were suggested by Jori.

Stuffed Bread Fundraiser:

Nicole Alley is going to work on stuffed breads fundraiser with Anthony's in the December time frame. As details become available email notices will go out to MailChimp list.

Venmo & PayPal Accounts:

Steve Ruotolo will open new accounts for the Dugout Club asap and have them up and running by next Club meeting.

Winter Baseball Workouts

Tentatively scheduled from 1/15 - 3/5 (5pm on Sundays) for 8 sessions at BatterUp in Guilford. Nick Merullo will lock up the dates/time and cost and will communicate the schedule once it is set.

Winter Weightlifting Program

Nick Merullo to provide days and times for this bi-weekly after school activity at GHS.

Club Dues

Need to determine amount for this and will finalize once 2022 PnL wrapped up. Hoping to include the following items:

- Team Gear Hoodie
- Team Practice Shirt/Scrimmage Jersey
- Winter Baseball Workouts
- Player Banquet Tickets
- Team Batting Helmet (for new underclass players)

Volunteer Signup Sheet

A fundraiser and activity volunteer signup sheet needs to be established with signup genius. Steve Ruotolo will research how to use the tool and stand it up. Any remaining open tasks can be addressed at the Preseason pasta dinner around 3/27-3/20

Season Activities and Dates:

- Pre-Season Past Dinner with Meet the Coaches tentative 3/27 -3/30 timeframe
- Opening Day is at Wilton HS – 4/1.
- GLL Day – 4/15 Pizza Fundraiser?
- Jori Smith will organize a Sunday in late April post Easter to do a Car Wash at Palumbo's. Will need some parent volunteers to be around to help coordinate.
- Senior Day will either be 5/8 home game vs. Wilbur Cross or 5/15 home game vs. East Haven.
- Golf Outing is scheduled for 6/30

PA Mic

- Todd Williams will look into whether the present hardware is functional. Need signup for this and snacks. Once season schedule is finalized we can add to Signup genius.

Administrative

- Steve Ruotolo will update all IRS/CT documents.
- The Club will reach out to Park & Rec to see if we can move the portable toilet to a different location before season starts.
- Emails sent out for active fundraisers, Guilford Mooring, Ski Tickets & Amazon Smile.
- Post new Board of Directors on Dugout Club web page.
- Identify with Head Coach, Nick Merullo, a wish list of capital expenditures for the next few years.

- Collect Board Member contact information to identify each individual as a voting director with the State, as it is part of the 501(c)(3) process to acquire a permit to solicit for fundraisers.