



## **GHS Cross Country Track Booster Club**

Monthly Meeting Thursday, October 14th, 2021 @ 6:30 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), Lee Meunier, Serena Bettez, and Alyssa Zelesky.

**Advisors Present:** Michael Lawrence

### **Minutes**

#### **I. Call to Order**

President Powers called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

#### **II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

A. Monthly Meeting Minutes of September 29th, 2021

*Vice President Johnson made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the Monthly Meeting on September 29th, 2021 and to accept them as printed. 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**

Michael Lawrence gave updates on the Gardner Middle School Cross Country teams: he has 21 student-athletes, but this week was hard for practices because some students went on a trip to "Nature's Classroom" and because of COVID-19 infections rising in the school. He estimated he had about 10 boys and 11 girls out of the 21 student-athletes he had. The teams would have finished all their dual meets today, but the meet against Holy Family had to be moved to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as a home meet, and October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is going to be the Middle School Central MA Championships; November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is the State Championships for Middle School Cross Country. Parent attendance in the MS has been fantastic at meets. Doesn't know

what he's going to do for a banquet. The members made a suggestion to have a table to reach out to those parents.

#### V. **Ongoing Business**

##### A. Website and Social Media Accounts Update (Discussion, update) (~J. Graves)

Justice Graves gave an update that all groups that were designated as "main" accounts have been properly labeled as "archieved" on Facebook. Only one active page and one private group are currently being updated on Facebook, as planned. He reported that uploading the meeting agendas and minutes to the Club's website has been going well.

##### B. Wildcat 5k Booking (Discussion, update) (~J. Graves)

Justice Graves asked if there was any notices given in the P.O. Box or at the High School. Carrie Powers and Rachel Johnson both stated they saw nothing in the P.O. Box and the secretary had nothing for them at the High School. Justice Graves stated he would fill out a use of property form with Candee Graves and give it to the Superintendent's Office when he visits in the coming week.

##### C. Wreath Fundraiser (~T. Johnson)

Tom Johnson gave an update that the local shop Last Minute Gifts & Flowers would do a fundraiser with us. The paperwork was passed out to the members. There was discussion about how this was a good fundraiser to supplement other activities the Club typically engages in, and to make up for the loss of car washes and other fundraisers they would normally have held.

***Through unanimous consent, the Club authorized the Wreath Fundraiser to solicit donations for the Club as presented.***

##### D. Concession Stand Fundraiser for November 6th District E Invitational Meet @ Gardner Municipal Golf Course (Discussion, with possible *General Membership vote*)

Discussion focused around what food to get and sell. There was agreement among the members to not provide extraneous goods during this iteration of the fundraiser and to just do their staple items (pizza, cup of noodles, etc.), especially since it's been almost since two-years since they've done it.

***Secretary Graves made a motion to authorize the Club to solicit donations from the public at the Concession Stand Fundraiser for the November 6th, 2021 District E Invitational Meet at the Gardner Municipal Golf Course, and for the President and Treasurer of the Club***

*to jointly decide on the budget and petty cash allowance for said fundraiser provided they notify the Club of the agreed upon budget and total amount raised by the Club by the December Monthly Meeting. Treasurer Johnson seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.*

VI. **New Business**

- A. Concession Stand Fundraiser for November 13th MA State Qualifying Meet @ Gardner Municipal Golf Course (Discussion, with possible *General Membership vote*)

Discussion around November 13<sup>th</sup> featured many fearing there would not be enough volunteers because the High School would be competing in Stanely Park in Westfield, MA that day. Justice Graves suggested they use the tabling opportunity they just created to gather interested volunteers. All present agreed, but wanted a way to cancel the event should they still not be able to get enough volunteers for that day. Justice Graves made a motion as such:

*Secretary Graves made a motion to authorize the Club to solicit donations from the public at the Concession Stand Fundraiser for the November 13th, 2021 MA State Qualifying Meet at the Gardner Municipal Golf Course, and for the President and Treasurer of the Club to jointly decide on the budget and petty cash allowance for said fundraiser provided they notify the Club of the agreed upon budget and total amount raised by the Club by the December Monthly Meeting, with President able to cancel the event on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 if there are not enough volunteers scheduled. President Powers seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.*

- B. Cross Country Team Banquet (Discussion, with possible *General Membership vote*)

Carrie Powers reported that she was able to get confirmation that the teams could have celebration from the Athletic Director. Servers of food must wear masks, and it is strongly recommended to table the team based on a family or two. Carrie Powers recommended she would try to book Bethany Bapiste Church for the event for Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

*Secretary Graves made a motion to authorize the President of the Club to book an appropriate off-site location for the Cross Country Team Banquet with a set budget. Treasurer Johnson seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.*

There was additional discussion that the Middle School needed a budget for their celebration as well.

***Secretary Graves made a motion to set a budget for the Middle School Cross Country Team Banquet. Treasurer Johnson seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.***

C. Purchase of Team Shirts (Discussion, with possible *General Membership vote*)

Discussion took place to give the teams gifts. Rachel agreed to be the point person for the High School gift. Michael Lawrence agreed to be the point person for the Middle School gift.

***Vice President Johnson made a motion to get the Middle School an End of Season gift. Lee Meunier seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.***

***Treasurer Johnson made a motion to get the High School an End of Season gift. Vice President Johnson seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce.***

D. Greater Gardner Turkey Trot Update (~J. Graves)

Justice Graves gave an update that the Club was still in need of additional sponsors for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Running of the Turkey Trot in order to start breaking even in terms of profit. Justice Graves was concerned they wouldn't meet the necessary number before the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 deadline, and a discussion began amongst the members about where to seek additional sponsors.

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

Justice Graves stated he would send out an email with the reimbursement form for the Club along with the minutes for this meeting.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

***President Powers made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Johnson seconds. So voted unanimously viva voce at 8:01pm.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Justice J.H. Graves

Secretary, GHS Cross Country Track Booster Club

Approved at the Monthly Meeting on January 31, 2022 unanimously on a motion made and duly seconded.