

## **Minutes**

### **QB Club Meeting**

February 7, 2017

SHS Library

#### Call to order

President Sonny Burch called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

He noted that there will be a mandatory meeting soon — after the new coach is in place, but fundraising for the 2017 season must get started immediately.

#### Athletic training overview

Head athletic trainer Joe Lemery provided an overview of the athletic training services his team offers:

- ➡ Care to all 750 SHS student-athletes — not just football
- ➡ Therapy every morning before school (on site an hour before school starts)
- ➡ Care every day at every game (including away games) and every practice
- ➡ In past years, have provided an estimated \$500,000 worth of free therapy every year
- ➡ Goal is to give SEC- level care to SHS students-athletes

#### Officers' Reports

##### *Secretary's report*

There were no additions to last month's official minutes, which are always posted on the sparkmanfootball.com web site. There are still openings on committees for this year:

- ➡ Fundraising
- ➡ Volunteers
- ➡ Oversight
- ➡ Feeder schools
- ➡ Meals

Contact Bev Perry at [sparkmansenatorfootball@gmail.com](mailto:sparkmansenatorfootball@gmail.com) to serve on a committee and help make the 2017 football season the best it can be.

##### *VP Fundraising report*

Jennifer Ickes reported that the 20 for 20 fundraiser begins today. There's a potential for \$400 in credit toward fees per player with this fundraiser. Last year, 11 players played for free because of this fundraiser.

First, turn in the fundraiser participation form to a QB Club officer or football coach. Then, get 20 preaddressed stamped envelopes from Jennifer Ickes or a football coach to mail with your letters. You should have received the letters via email or you can get a copy from Jennifer Ickes at [jenniferjane.ickes@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferjane.ickes@gmail.com) or [sparkmansenatorfootball@gmail.com](mailto:sparkmansenatorfootball@gmail.com).

Future fundraisers will be run a little differently in terms of credit, so you will have multiple opportunities to raise funds to offset fees and help the SHS football program. The goal, however, is for parents not to have to pay out-of-pocket for fees. The "deadline" for receiving money back is February

21, but any money received after the 21<sup>st</sup> will still be credited toward fees. SHS bookkeeping requires an official end to the fundraising period for accounting purposes, but that doesn't affect fundraising and credit status.

#### *Treasurer's report*

Treasurer Kim Gibson reported that the QB Club has an unencumbered balance of \$44,384.14. Things to note include that this amount reflects no fees collected for the 2017 season yet and that about half of this amount will be needed to replace the flooring in the weight room, which is currently scheduled for Spring Break.

At the upcoming mandatory meeting, Ms. Gibson will present a budget so members can see how the money the QB Club collects will be spent. If parents ever have questions about their account, please contact Ms. Gibson at [jkmhgibson@gmail.com](mailto:jkmhgibson@gmail.com) to review your account information or to see the QB Club's budget.

#### *Volunteers*

Angela Knight reported that currently there is no need for volunteers, but next month during the Dreamland BBQ fundraiser the club will need at least six volunteers to help with pickup and distribution of pork butts and ribs. Players also can help with this activity.

#### *Meals*

Tiffany Draper reminded the QB Club parents that she will need help during season with meals, especially pickup and delivery, as those occur about 2:45 p.m., during the work day, on Mondays and Fridays. Please email [sparkmansenatorfootball@gmail.com](mailto:sparkmansenatorfootball@gmail.com) to volunteer to help with game day meals.

#### Coaching search update

SHS Athletic Direction Jason Watts provided an update on the school's search for a new head coach for the football program.

Several candidates were interviewed and the administration has made an offer and the coach in question has verbally accepted. However, the hire must still be approved by the Madison County Board of Education. Once all approvals are finalized, the administration will announce the new coach with a press conference.

Mr. Watts explained the difficulties in hiring a 7A coach with a proven track record and the salary constraints the school faces. However, he noted that the potential hire is "an alley oop slam dunk" and the administration is excited about the potential hire. If all goes according to plan, the new coach will start the Monday following Spring Break — March 20, 2017.

In response to a parent question, Mr. Watts noted that decisions regarding mandatory purchase of Spirit Wear will be decided by the new coach.

In response to another question regarding how to keep athletes from the Sparkman area from transferring to other schools, Mr. Watts said that when the SHS administration learns of a situation

where a player has not relocated but has attempted to transfer and they have documentation of the situation, they will elevate the issue to regulatory bodies. If parents know of situations like this or have questions, please contact Mr. Watts at [jwatts@mcस्क12.org](mailto:jwatts@mcस्क12.org).

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

