

SHS Quarterback Club Minutes  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017  
SHS Field House

### Call to order

President Sonny Burch called the September meeting of the Sparkman High School Quarterback Club to order at 6:32 p.m.

### Coach's report — Larry Sevier

Coach Sevier thanked the parents and guardians for their support, and especially for getting the players to practice and games on Labor Day.

He said that players that do not ride the bus home with the team after games will need a note from a parent or guardian. In addition, Coach White will accept only a limited number of notes because riding back to school with the team is important for team-building and camaraderie.

Coach Sevier said Coach White appreciates parent support and appreciates the work of all the volunteers who help put the game on. Last week, the field was painted on Wednesday instead of Thursday, and that schedule will probably continue to work best for this week.

The most recent Spirit Wear order is not in yet.

Coach Sevier said Coach White thought everything went well for the Athens game and that parents could help by keep pushing players to come to practice.

A question was asked about whether the coaches cleaned up the field house after the game and do we need volunteers to help clean up the field house after games? Coach Sevier said the coaches were organizing things so Bob can clean adequately. President Sonny Burch stated that the Club may add that slot to the volunteer opportunities.

The freshmen locker room was used as the visitors' locker room during the Athens game and that worked well. In fact, Athens cleaned it up the locker room very well. Because we can't access the storage room if the visiting team is in the freshmen locker room, Coach Sevier said he might have team managers stack water in the conference room for referees and the press box.

A parent observed that the team ran out of water during the JV game at Athens. Coach Sevier said they brought the usual amount of ice and water, but the freshmen game went on a long time. In addition, there were no team managers at the game because it was played on a holiday (Labor Day).

Coach Sevier stated that one of Coach White's goals was to get the boys to play hard. He said the upperclassmen are playing harder, but have a "wait-and-see attitude" to see if winning continues and he hopes that will change. He thinks they played a pretty clean game at Athens and Coach White was pleased with the effort. Coach White asks that parents please re-iterate at home that the players are doing well. Coach White asks that parents/guardians refrain from saying anything negative to players during games (such as when the players are walking off the field) or after games. Negative comments can stick with players and undermine confidence. The coaching staff is working hard to support and encourage the players and asks that parents/guardians do the same.

### Secretary's Report — Bev Perry

Secretary Perry reported that there were no official minutes posted to the web site for August, because no regular meeting was held. The Club held its preseason picnic on the day of the regular meeting. There is a note on the [www.sparkmanfootball.com](http://www.sparkmanfootball.com) web site reflecting that event.

Football programs are at the printer and hopefully they will be finished in time for Friday's game.

She also reported that Hunter Gibson has been nominated for Player of the Week from two organizations: [al.com](http://al.com) and [alabama7Afootball.com](http://alabama7Afootball.com). Please vote for Hunter!

The coaching staff is choosing an offensive and defensive player of the week, sponsored by Priority Medical Training. Winners receive a free download of a game photo from Shuttleman Photography and recognition at school and on social media. The winners for week one are: Syris Lewis (defensive player of the week) and Isaac Edwards (offensive player of the week).

We are now streaming games live on Facebook, so if you have friends or family from out-of-town, they can watch the game on [www.facebook.com/sparkmansenatorsfootball](http://www.facebook.com/sparkmansenatorsfootball).

The Club's web site, [www.sparkmanfootball.com](http://www.sparkmanfootball.com), has gotten a makeover recently and the officers would like to thank parent Carla Stiles for her work redesigning the web site and keeping it updated.

Pictures orders are due to Shuttleman Photography.com by Sept. 8 and pictures from the Athens game pictures are posted.

In October, the bylaws require the Club form a nominating committee to canvas the membership for officers for next year. Please think about serving on the nominating committee or as a Club officer next year. The nominating committee will be announced at the October meeting. The Club will vote on new officers at the November meeting.

If there are any senior parents who haven't paid for their player's banner, please do so. You can pay online using myschoolfees.

### Treasurer's Report — Kim Gibson

Before giving the Treasurer's Report, the Club continued discussion of the senior banners and where they should hang. Ms. Gibson reported that the Club would provide zip-ties if any parent wanted to turn their banner around so the picture would be facing the stands rather than facing the field.

President Sonny Burch re-iterated that any parent who has paid for a banner can feel free to move the banner. However, several club officers evaluated various locations around the stadium and determined there is no ideal spot. Any place they are hung around the stadium has disadvantages. If the banners are hung on the inside of the railings, they might get dirty, have people lean against them and might not be able to be secured at the bottom. Hanging them at the top of the stadium in front of the press box would also result in people leaning against them. The fence they were hung on last year is too small to accommodate 28 senior banners this year. The temporary bleachers in the end zone could be removed at any time, taking the banners with them. If the banners were hung on the fence in the north end zone, they would be too far away to see. They might not be able to be attached to the black-out banners and that would require school approval. There is no ideal solution.

Marty Conner suggested building a structure to attach them to using 1x4s. The structure would be moveable, have two or three rows for the banners and be able to be stored in the trailer when not in use. Mr. Conner said the banners would be attached using screws that go through the grommets and that he could construct something fairly inexpensively and simple on Saturday.

Following that discussion, Ms. Gibson gave the treasurer's report, stating that the Club's current unencumbered balance is \$26,908.89. This is through the end of the fiscal year, or September 30. More purchase orders will be processed after October 1.

Ms. Gibson made a point to thank the football parents for being diligent about paying fees. The money collected and raised through fundraising gave the program the items the players and coaches need to have a successful year. However, there are still things needed to help the program grow, so please don't stop gathering sponsors and donations! The more we bring in, the more we can accomplish!

One example of a recurring expense are the pregame meals. Food for one Friday night game is about \$1,300, so our balance will probably be depleted by end of season. It's important to leave next year's club on solid financial footing, so please don't stop fundraising.

A question was asked about the scoreboard repair, since the scoreboard wasn't working at the beginning of the Athens game. President Burch said a controller box had to be replaced and he believed the play clocks never started working. As far as he knows, the Club will not have to pay for those repairs, especially since multiple school groups use the scoreboard.

#### 1st VP, Fundraising Report — Bev Perry

VP of Fundraising Jennifer Ickes was unable to make the meeting so Secretary Perry gave the fundraising report. She reported that there are a few t-shirts for sale. Members were able to purchase shirts for \$20 each after the meeting.

#### 2nd VP, Volunteers Report — Marty Conner and Charity Mathis

The Co-VPs of Volunteers reported that volunteer signups have been robust. For field painting this Wednesday, one slot is open. In addition, for Friday night's game against Buckhorn one slot is open for the chain gang. This volunteer slot is critical, so if you can work the chain gang, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a5a929a4fd0-sparkman4>

For the freshmen game against Hazel Green, no one has signed up to work the chain gang yet. Because it's a freshmen game, we might use varsity players, particularly any who still owe fees, to work that game.

The freshmen game against James Clemens on 9/25 still needs two for the chain gang.

**If you are volunteering, please come in the pass gate and please sign in to the book that will be there, so Marty/Charity know who has shown up.**

#### 3rd VP, Meals Report — Sharon Caselberry

The 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Meal, Ms. Caselberry, reported that the chef comes on Friday to provide the players pregame meals. The meals are prepackaged and the boys pick up their meals and go. Monday will be

first game that freshmen and JV will have pre-game meals. They will probably have meals from Texas Roadhouse.

#### President's Report

President Sonny Burch noted that he thought the preseason picnic went well, but there continued to be a problem getting enough meat cooked. It was thawed on the outside but frozen on the inside. Mr. Gunn noted that those patties are designed to go on the grill frozen. He stated that next year he intends to pre-cook some hamburgers at home to get the line started.

Mr. Burch stated that there was some bottleneck getting the food served, but he thought it was a good idea to hold the picnic the same day as the band preview performance and have one large event.

Mr. Burch also stated that he's working on an app. The app can be downloaded from <https://creator.ionic.io/share/b356f393f6b8> and includes a roster, game schedule and information on the coaches.

A parent noted that he's trying to get a booster club started at Sparkman Middle School and asked about the Club's outreach efforts to middle schools, which start in the spring. Eighth grade players normally come to the high school for workouts in the spring break time frame. Mr. Burch noted that a board member from Monrovia and Sparkman middle school football booster clubs attending the SHS QB Club meetings would be extremely helpful.

Another parent asked if anyone had purchased game tickets for myschoolfees. No one was aware of the ability to purchase game tickets that way, except for the All-Sports Pass the school now offers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Perry  
2017 QB Club Secretary