

## **20-21 COUGAR BAND BOOSTER CLUB**

Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2020  
7pm CSHS Via Zoom

1. Call to Order - Lora Nolen @ (7:03pm)
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from May 12th 2020 Meeting -
  - a. Motion to approve - Laura Kurk
  - b. Seconded - Alan Hold
  - c. Minutes were approved
3. Financial Report - David Worley (participants can see via screen share)
  - a. Budget Matters
    - i. Balance Sheet: Checking - \$16,514; Savings - \$23,032; Cash - \$236; total accounts - \$39,781
    - ii. Estimated customer invoices: \$36,750 to be invoiced in a few weeks as band fees. This is highlighted yellow because it is an approximation.
    - iii. No questions were raised after thorough explanation. Further details are represented in the corresponding financial report.
      - i. Motion to approve financial reports was made by Hayden Riley and Nancy Bodiford seconded. Financial report was approved.
  - b. Audit - Lora Nolen explains that we have an issue with this year's financial audit
    - i. Due to Covid impacts to the way we do business. We are required by the by-laws to do an audit once per year, to be completed by June 30th. Because of Covid we were unable to do one thus far this year; we are uncomfortable sharing those financial documents online. We would like to vote on postponing the audit until the time when we are able
    - ii. Motion to postpone the audit by Deann Herring and Markus Nimmocks seconds.
    - iii. We will readdress this on a monthly basis until we are able to conduct the audit. If you know someone who is able to help with an audit, let Lora or David know.
  - c. Band Fees - Lora Nolen explains that fees remain difficult to assess because so many questions about the year are still outstanding, as well as the district recently asking that fees not be assessed until after Sept 26th.
    - i. The fees should be \$175 per band student, this covers the costs of the shirts, shorts, water bottles, snacks and drinks, marching show expenses, and concert season expenses. Fees cover the full academic year.
    - ii. Virtual students that are not coming to practices and not coming to games, we will send an invoice for \$50 for the shirts and shorts if you choose to pick those up, and any student is eligible to get a \$20 band water jug, which would bring the cost to \$70 in that case. If at any time you switch from virtual to coming to full band, there will be additional fees to cover costs of food and any related costs.

- iii. Fees in the past have been \$260, so we have taken \$90 out of the base fee amount since we are only performing at home games, and no travel expenses are needed.

#### 4. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports:

##### a. Chaperones - Leigh Neaves & Laura Kurk

The current plan is in a holding mode, the district and directors need to weigh in, as soon as we know what we are doing we will meet with the chaperone volunteers by zoom. If you'd like to be a part of that zoom, email [laurackurk@gmail.com](mailto:laurackurk@gmail.com). This year will be drastically different and we are waiting to see how involved we are able to be.

##### b. Events - Jamie Murphy & Amanda Martin -

Also in a holding pattern. The next big event other than the march-a-thon is drums along the brazos. Stay tuned if you are interested in helping out with these events, we have volunteer needs large and small, email [amandamartintx@gmail.com](mailto:amandamartintx@gmail.com)

##### c. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks & Payton Riley

March-a-thon is starting on the 21st, we will be at the stadium instead of HEB as in the past. This will be especially cool because the students will do the first few movements of their show in addition to their basic stand tunes. We will launch the fundraiser the Wednesday prior to the 21st. He will send out an email with lots of information. The public will be invited to this, as always. We will have to follow the COVID precautions, and for virtual folks to follow the event, we will have live streaming software that we will unveil that night as well.

We have had good luck, considering Covid, with sponsors this year, and we expect a good turn out for March-a-thon as well.

##### d. Guard - Lauren Stoddart. The uniforms are going to be t-shirts and leggings, thanks to Lora for helping to find the flags, and like everyone, the guard is in a holding pattern. We are eager to perform as much as we can.

There are 18 in the guard this year, that's a good size.

##### e. Membership - Nancy Bodiford. No significant updates, there are a few we don't have physicals and google forms for, please complete those if you haven't.

##### f. Procurement - Jennifer Byroad & Jennifer Ford. Not lots going on with procurement, not having away games saves us some time. We would like to provide some meals, potentially, for the home games. For questions or volunteers email

[byroadjennifer220@gmail.com](mailto:byroadjennifer220@gmail.com) or [jbyroad@csisd.org](mailto:jbyroad@csisd.org)

##### g. Publicity - Laura Kurk and Jeanette Madkins

We can always use help with social media and website experience, or design experience. We are one of the only committees that aren't in a holding pattern. Please let Laura know if you can help, we'd love you to help! All virtual. [laurackurk@gmail.com](mailto:laurackurk@gmail.com)

##### h. Props - Allen Hold & James Batenhorst. Construction has slowed down as we prepare the main show for next year. We have a meeting after band practice Thursday night, at the bunker (the metal storage building in the back end of the parking lot) - feel free to come and find out what the props crew is up to. Email Allen.

##### i. Spirit Shop - Deann Herring & Charlotte Hold - Thank you very much for Laura Kurk, she has been very helpful. This year has been successful so far for Spirit shop, we will distribute on the 21st.

- j. Uniforms - Cassie Schatz & Heather McCulley. It's pretty slow with uniforms this year, of course. The shorts and shirts have been distributed, and if there are concerns with students not keeping their "uniform" regularly washed, there is extra febreze in the band hall if it is needed in a pinch.

#### 5. Band Updates - Mr. Seale & Mr. Dixon

- a. There will be pictures this Thursday in the band hall, the students need to wear their newly distributed shirts and shorts, with ankle or no-show black socks and black shoes.
- b. The water jugs have been great for this year, we haven't had any students without jugs this year and that is a huge improvement since last year.
- c. March a Thon provides a great opportunity for parents who might not be able to get tickets under the new ticket plan, given the reduced capacity during games. So we are glad to have band families, exclusively, in the stands
- d. We did get official word today about away games - we are not going to be allowed to travel to any away games. This includes everyone, cheerleaders, drill team, & band. And also the district is not allowing travel to our home games. Further, we really don't have good insight into the longer term.
- e. Virtual & hybrid kids - Mr Dixon has been handling this, there are about 10 kids that are completely virtual. 2 of these are planning on coming back, and we want to keep the virtual students in line with what everyone else is doing in band, if they end up returning we will want them to be able to join in, and to know that they are still part of the larger program. Section leaders are also working to communicate with these students.
- f. Unfortunately, the planned trip to Chicago is currently officially/basically cancelled. A trip of that magnitude was currently not an option for the district, and so we need to cancel because payments for these larger trips need to start being made in the fall. We would like to make some type of trip, but we can't make any promises about what that will look like at this point.
- g. Questions about capacity for the football game? Mr Seale relates that he doesn't have an official number or even solid guidelines at this point. What can we do from a chaperone or helper standpoint - this is his focus at the moment. He isn't sure where we are going to be seated, we will most likely be on the track toward one of the endzones. All of this is still very much being worked out.
- h. Questions regarding marching shoes for freshmen: Mr Seale recommends not placing an order for new shoes right now, there are a lot of used ones in the band hall if those are needed. But also they are not required for the marching show, black tennis shoes are fine. For freshman parents - please know that these are usually part of registration in the summer and that will happen next summer as usual, so there really is no need to order formal marching shoes at this point.

#### 6. Adjournment

- a. Motioned by Nancy Bodiford
- b. Seconded by Amanda Martin
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.