

The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 1 Number 2

The Second Half of the Season

It's the Club's first year, and the second half of the Barnstormers' 2008 season. While nobody's looking forward to the end of the season, we know that the upcoming autumn and winter months will give us plenty of opportunities to grow in our membership, expand our charitable and fundraising events, and to develop great plans for the 2009 season. We hope if you're not a member already, that you'll join the Booster Club and help us make 2009 an even more rewarding year for the club, the fans, the community, and of course, the team!

Committee Reports

Each edition of the newsletter highlights a variety of committees and their activities, depending on what's going on that month. The Committee Chairs provide the reports.

Activities

At the last general meeting, the Activities Committee held a drawing for one lucky member to throw out a first pitch at an upcoming Barnstormers' game. The lucky winner was Jim Reed and he was scheduled to throw a ceremonial first pitch at a game early in August. We also had signups for members to be a part of the Field of Dreams team at two different games. If you are interested in joining us on the field, please stop by any membership table at a game or e-mail us at info@barnstormersboosters.org.

We would also like to remind everyone that there are still tickets available for York games on August 30th and September 19th. At this point, we have not been able to find a school bus at a reasonable price to make either of these trips. If anyone has access or information on a bus to make these trips, please let us know.



Cylo in his LBBBC jersey (also in upper right image)

The committee also has good news to report. Cylo was seen wearing his Booster Club gift (the Club logo jersey) at a game on July 26th. The jersey looked great as did Cylo! If any member has ideas they would like to see the Activities Committee consider, please let us know.

Lori Baxter, Activities Committee Chair

Finance

The Finance Committee again reports that all is well with the club financially – membership fees and money from fundraising are being deposited regularly. Specifics about our finances are reviewed at Booster Club meetings, and you can find the dates for upcoming meetings at the Club website: www.barnstormersboosters.org.

New memberships will increase our funding, enabling us to do more things for the team and as a club, so please encourage fellow fans of the Barnstormers to join the Booster Club -- planning for the 2009 season officially begins as soon as the 2008 season ends, and the more members we have, the more we can accomplish in all our endeavors.

Deb Heisey, Finance Committee Chair



Charitable

Daniel's Den construction was completed last weekend, with the laying of the rubberized play surface.

Cardboard to Leather collection went very well at the stadium during our last home stand. The Baltimore Orioles Advocates were on hand for that effort and were very pleased with the support that the Barnstormers Boosters provided them, and for the generosity in all the donations. They are already planning on involving us again next year, but will be doing it much earlier in the season, so the turnout can be larger than it was this year. We are looking forward to helping, again, next year.

New Business:

As you all may know, we helped the Lancaster County Project for the Needy (LCPN) last Christmas Eve, packing their annual food boxes and helping distribute them to the folks that showed up at Clipper Magazine Stadium. This was their first year doing this at the stadium. In previous years they did it down town on the square.

This year, they are returning to "The Clip" to do it, again. I have been in touch with their main organizer, and he is looking forward to our participation this year. The food

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distribution will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec 24th, starting at 6:00 am. Last year we were completely done by 9:00 am. This still gave everyone, who needed to do last minute shopping, the whole day to do it. Everyone who participated last year, from the Boosters, had a wonderful time, and nobody really had to work too hard. And, it is for a great cause.

On behalf of the committee, I presented this to the Board of Directors at the most recent meeting. They unanimously passed the motion to participate again this year. We will be presenting this motion to the members at the next General Membership Meeting on September 16th. If it passes, and I don't see any reason why it shouldn't, we will have volunteer forms at the meeting for people to start signing up. So, make a mark on your calendar now, so you can participate in our Second Annual Christmas Charity Food Giveaway in cooperation with Lancaster County Project for the Needy.

Remember, the LCPN, is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with the county or other government agencies. All foods are donated and all work is performed by volunteers. Let's show everyone our Christmas Spirit.

Jim Hannah,
Charitable Committee Chair

Website & Communications

As the Chair for both committees, I thought it might be useful to combine the reports -- saving space and also underscoring the connection between the two committees.

First, the Website Committee is responsible for maintaining the website, posting new information, providing links to forms, schedules, and meeting minutes (the latter available only to members, through a members-only page). This includes designing graphic elements for the website pages, prepping photos for use on the web, writing copy for the pages, and coordinating what's to be added, changed, removed, etc...with the Club's officers and committees.

In terms of help, the Website Committee can always use people to supply photos of any Booster Club activity, or simply Booster Club members at games -- in your seats enjoying the game, interacting with other members, or with members of the team. **We don't encourage unnecessary interaction with players, of course,** but if your kid is

getting an autograph or you're involved in some sanctioned on-field activity that includes the team or coaches, certainly have someone take your picture and send it to me at laurie@limehat.com. We need images in JPG format (which is standard for most digital cameras), and I'll do the work in making the image web-ready in terms of size, etc... I can also edit photos as needed to make them appropriate for the website, and also the newsletter.

Speaking of the newsletter, the Communications Committee is responsible for that, including collecting articles and photos from Committee chairpeople and members, designing graphics as needed (like the newsletter logo/masthead), and writing copy.

If you'd like to help with the newsletter, we welcome articles and photos, and certainly if you have or know someone who has a business who'd like to advertise in the newsletter (and on the website), we are always looking for vendor members, who can take advantage of the great exposure we offer.

If you have any content for upcoming newsletters, please send it to me at laurie@limehat.com.

Laurie Ulrich Fuller
Website & Communications Committees Chair



This is how we deal with water in Lancaster -- York can keep their silly sponges.

From the Booster Club President...

CALLING FOR CANDIDATES!

Deb Ranck, our fearless president, has asked us to report that if you'd like to run for a Booster Club office in 2009, you need to let the current board/officers know by September 5th, 2008.

You can use the email link on the Club website, or send an email to: info@barnstormersboosters.org, with "I'd Like to Run for Office" (or words to that effect) in the subject line.

We also encourage questions about which offices you can run for, what the jobs entail, and what you'd need to know, do, etc... in order to serve effectively. While serving on the board or as an officer is always rewarding and often fun, it's not for everyone, and it's best if the candidates are as informed about the job as possible before running.

The resulting slate of candidates will be presented at the September 16th General Meeting, and voting will occur at the General Meeting in November (date to be announced).

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Booster Club Board & Officers



What's wrong with this picture?
(see lower right for the answer)



Eric Dessau's first pitch

Booster Club Members BIRTHDAY LIST!

August

- Thomas Barr
- Samuel Bolton
- Mariann Clay
- Katie Donell
- Ashley Emenheiser
- Peter Geib
- Brian Gossman
- Diane Greenawalt
- Deborah Greenwood
- Ron Hamilton
- James Hannah
- Scott Hurt
- Lee Kettering
- Bruce Leayman
- Terry Lewis
- Meekina Lopane
- Jim Nolt
- Jamie Pollack
- Barbara Rule



Attention Lancaster Area Businesses!

Your ad would look great in this spot! We circulate this newsletter online and in print, to many of your potential customers. Check out our Vendors link at our website (www.barnstormersboosters.org) or email our Chief Information Dispenser (Lori Baxter) at info@barnstormersboosters.org for more information on our opportunities to “boost” your business!



His jersey number was upside down!
Now he's right-side up.

*Thank You to Vicki Sauders, our Club
Secretary, for providing this list.*



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