

**BELLBROOK MUSIC BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
2 Oct 11**

The meeting was called to order by the Booster's President Mark Kottman at 7:20.

A video of the Bellbrook show at Mason was presented.

Roll Call: A motion was made by Tad Barnes for attendance to be taken by sign-in rather than calling the roll. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made by that instead of reading the minutes from last month, everyone will read the minutes posted to the website. The motion was seconded and passed.

Director's report by Chris Foster:

7 Oct – Home Football game- Homecoming

12 Oct Concert – Wind, Symphonic, and Concert bands perform

22 Oct – Westerville MidStates – Perform prelim at about 3:45.

28 Oct – Home football game & senior night. Seniors & the parents of band, football, cheer will walk out on the field for recognition

29 Oct – Centerville Midstates, 30 bands, one performance only

Nov – Command Performance (originally scheduled for 5 Nov but may be moved due to potential unavailability of stadium)

10-13 Nov – BOA Nationals (Prelims Friday at 3:00)

Amy Foster will send out another email on hotel accommodations for BOA. SCRIP is not available for the Holiday Inn Express where the kids are staying. Most pit dads usually stay at same place as the kids but it is not required. The kids will watch finals on Saturday night even if they don't make finals. Bellbrook's Preliminary performance will be at 3:00 on Friday. Some parents drive to Indy just for the performance but don't spend the night. This is an option.

Wed, 5 Oct - Powder Puff football and bonfire, some band members will perform music.

Dec 12- Disney trip. Start saving.

Mrs. Siler thanked everyone for their help on 8th grade night. It was exciting for the 8th graders.

Cascade car wash- 2791 Swigert Rd – Chris Foster was offered coupons (effective until 30 Sep) from Cascade car wash (right off Wilmington near Rollandia). The band will earn \$3 off of a \$10 “touchless, state-of-the-art” car wash. One of the band parents has been to the car wash and stated it did a very good job. Coupons must be picked up in the band room.

Combined Federal Campaign – *****Important for Federal Civilians and Military***** This week is the kickoff for the Combined Federal Campaign. Please consider donating to the Bellbrook Music Boosters through payroll deduction if you are a federal worker or in the military. You may want to encourage your co-workers to contribute. The code to use for the Bellbrook Music Boosters is 48450.

Dragons' season – Jack Kohlhepp reported. We grossed \$31,000 but we incurred \$3000 in penalties because we were short people, inventory, or cash. SportService lost the concession contract to another concessionaire plus Dragons. They didn't hire previous SportService people other than one person. They will be using volunteers for next year. The net was \$17,500 which is just over budget. Most of the families worked their gratis requirement or the majority of the requirement. We had 3 people buy out. We will look at it again for next year. There may be a buy out for UD also. There were 65 Dragons' games worked (Jack only missed 20)!

UD – Staying in same size stand as last year which requires 8 people. We already have a full complement of captains. Next year, UD and Dragons will be separated and gratis will be required for each venue.

NEW CHANGE to help pay for Seniors' NYC trip – Sign ups will be soon. Students will be able to work Dragons for April and May and apply credits to pay for NY trip. A contract will be developed with the students to help them pay the trip fees.

Invitational – Mark Kottman reported. He handed out a detailed report of expenses and income. The invitational was awesome and the band directors were all very happy with the way it was managed. They thought it went very smoothly. Debbie Bobick was thanked for recruiting OU which was a big draw. Everyone felt that OU was exceptional. The net profit was about \$14,000 although some final expenses and receipts are still outstanding. We sold a lot of food including food leftover from the OU dinner and hospitality room. We are missing tables from the band barn and Mark will send out an email to try to locate them. If anyone took tables out of the band barn, please contact Ray Parks or Mark Kottman.

Status of birdfeeder damage. The replacement door was ordered and it will take 4 weeks for delivery. They are trying to ship it with other products to save the \$300 shipping fee. We won't have the BirdFeeder for Westerville but there is a good possibility of having it for Grand Nationals.

BOA and MidStates –

Mr. Foster provided a good overview and answered questions regarding our two circuits - Midstates and BOA.

-**Midstates Band Association (MSBA) Our** class is dependent on the number of playing members in our band. The classes are:

A, AA, AAA, AAAA (Bellbrook's class), Open class

- **Bands of America (BOA)/MFA** - Based on the number of students in the high schools grades 10-12

A – 0-600 students

AA – 601-1250 students (Bellbrook – 626 students so we are one of the smallest in our class)

AAA –

AAAA

They rotate panels of judges out. Judged on achievement not attempt.

Grand Nationals- Lucas Oil Stadium

Thurs and Friday – 45 bands perform each day.

4 classes perform each day and for semi-finals they select the top 11 bands for each day (22 total for Thurs and Friday), they then take the next 8 high scorers regardless of day (score only), that gives 30 who goes to semi- finals. Must have 2 bands from each group so 34 bands could go for semi- finals.

For finals- Take top 12 bands regardless of class for finals.

High School Principles have to verify student population numbers based on state funding.

Juice Plus fundraiser- Brian Erdmann was invited to discuss his “Turning Point Wellness” business. They do presentations on health and wellness and can gear them towards athletes. Their product, Juice Plus can fill nutritional gaps. There is a children's health study which provides 3 years of free products for kids 3-18 if you buy the product for an adult. It is shipped three times per year. Billed one month at a time. We could earn \$60 per year per order. We don't do anything except provide the opportunity to meet with the parents. This may be considered and will be discussed later.

Student car wash – Drug Mart 17 Sep – Gary Jankowski reported. The car wash was very successful. Please patronize Drug Mart for their sponsorship. They have been very supportive of the Marching Band. Let them know why you are supporting them with your business.

Treasurer report – Reported by Tad Barnes. See one page attachment. A more detailed report was provided to attendees and Tad covered the major points. Our fundraisers have been successful however we have additional expenses not previously considered in the budget such as new band uniforms, birdfeeder repairs, increased number of scholarships, new tarp for WinterGuard, New website, call now, QuickBooks, etc. **There will be no scholarships for IPE and WinterGuard. It will be funded by \$10,000 by**

Boosters in addition to student fees which have not yet been determined. Early stages of planning shows.

Social committee- Reported by Paula Trimbach

---14 Oct, 7:00 – 11:00: Corn Maze (\$10) Reported by Carolyn Barnes– Optional- Adventure Acres on Alpha Bellbrook Rd. Hayride to big bonfire. All 5 mazes will be available and they can ride the Cattle cart. Hot dogs, Smores, and hot chocolate will be served around the bonfire beginning around 10:00 or 10:30. There is no practice that night or school that day. However, there will be an all day practice on Saturday. Meet at the Corn Maze at 7:00 and make sure kids eat dinner before arriving. Provide \$10 payment with name in an envelope and deposit in the locked box in Mr. Foster’s office. Carolyn will also collect a few days after practice. Last day to pay – 12 Oct.

---20 Oct. 5:00 – 8:00: Festival of Merchants, High School cafeteria. This will be a fun fund-raiser with approximately 14+ vendors with cash & carry merchandize and catalog sales. Vendors will pay a percentage to the band and all of it will go to social functions for the kids. Vendors may include Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Longaberger, Lia Sophia, Stampin Up, Scentsy Candles, Tastefully Simple, Usborne Books, Sports and Band Jewelry, and many others. At the same time, enjoy samples of Market Day Pies that the students will sell beginning on 16 Oct.

---6 November – 12:00 – 5:00 Hallway Decoration party. Come and help decorate the hallway for the kids with the “Cornered “Theme. This is very special to them and requires a lot of help. We really need creative ideas but also just many hands to complete the project. Call Paul

---10 Nov - Sendoff Dinner – This is a dinner and ceremony for the kids that will be remembered for a long time. Parents will need to donate lasagna, pasta dishes, mac&cheese, and sides. Only students attend.

Fundraisers: Diane Bengson reported.

---BW3 event earned \$406.

---Pie sales – Sale begins Oct 16. Profits will be divided with 2/3 going to the band and 1/3 to the student’s fees. These are Market Day pies that will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Taste them at the Festival of Merchants.

---Cookie sales in Dec

---Pizza sales in Jan or Feb.

Spirit Gear - Debbie Hines reported – New spirit gear, duffle bags- \$15, Bellbrook banners- \$8, totes -\$4

Meeting adjourned at 849.