

## Minutes of EBBBA General Meeting held on September 13,2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Jean Nuzzi.

Band Director Report: Brian Toth

Recap of Band Camp. It was very successful. Looking ahead to next season there will be some changes made. Specifically regarding attendance policies. The first week of band camp which is for sectionals will be moved to the evening as well. Mr. Toth expects to have band camp dates finalized by February 2012. This will aid in long range planning for current and new band members.

First Performance: Was a solid performance by the band. Band camp and rehearsals are going well, enabling the band to perform more of the show than same time last year.

Band website: Weekly posting of practice material for students. Updates to schedule and performance times. Will continue to add to the Google calendar all band information and dates.

Bear Den Incident: In the event that and band member has any issue they are to report it immediately to Mr. Toth, Mr. Becker, or any other paid teacher. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Knoppenberger, and Mr. Lesser have been made aware of Friday night's incident. At this time they are unable to single out by name perpetrators, partly due to the delay in reporting the incident. They are still working to identify the students and will punish to the full extent of the law.

An administrator will address the band prior to Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> game.

Mr. Murphy has contacted the host of the Bear Den on Facebook. This individual will be held personally accountable for any future incidents by members of the Bear Den. There are increased filters in place to remove posting of any negative comments about the band and any posting about drinking as well.

Going forward there will be increased security. They will be strategically placed in front of the Bear Den as well as in the stands. When exiting the band will redirect it's path away from the Bear Den.

Snack Bar: Mr. Toth is aware that they ran out of practically everything, especially water. He has spoken to Mr. Knoppenberger to resolve this matter. In the event that the snack bar cannot support sales of product for band members through the third quarter, other options have been proposed. These options include the following: Band members donate a case of

water, filling up the drink dispensers and wheeling them to the field, and/or having a cooler available for band members to deposit their own bottle of water for use in third quarter.

Band Festival: Mr. Toth is still working on inviting bands to this event. Plans on inviting Cheerleaders and Football team to event at free admission.

President's Report: Jean Nuzzi

Chaperone update: Please respond to Connie's emails in regards to chaperoning opportunities and report times.

Band Poster picture: Rescheduled for Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Band members to report in full uniform at 5:00pm. Seniors are to black formal dress shirt.

T-Shirts: There are still some available for purchase, please contact Jean.

Sweatshirts: Order forms are due Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please submit forms to any board member.

Fund Raising Report: Irwin Fine

Amazon.com: In the first year we have raised \$400.00. Remember when you make a purchase to visit the band website first as a portion of sales is donated to EBBBA.

Home Festival: October 29,2011. This is a mandatory parent participation event. Duties will be assigned this year as a opposed to volunteering. Wherever you were assigned last year is where you'll be assigned this year. If anyone is greatly opposed to their last year's assignment please contact Irwin. Yes we are planning on introducing shorter shifts for certain assignments, ie: parking. We also recognize the need to assign individuals as floaters to cover breaks.

Ad sales for festival: Forms are available from Boosters website. Will have posted shortly last year's ads for examples of sizes.

Rutgers Fundraising: Steve Harkavay was asking to speak regarding this matter. He is a senior parent and will not be available next year to be the liaison between EBBBA and Rutgers. He made an urgent plea to parents to consider stepping up to fulfill this role.

Events Report: Jean Nuzzi

Senior recognition at Thanksgiving Home Game November 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Toth stated that it was important for the band to be recognized along with the other sports for Senior Recognition. He did agree to also individually announce seniors at our Home Festival.

Band Banquet: Scheduled for Saturday February 4, 2012 at Forsgate Country Club. IT will be a buffet style dinner. Cost will be determined and made available at a later date.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Iskowitz

As Craig was unavailable to attend meeting, bank balance of \$9,563.25 was announced by Ginny.

Old Business/ New business none

Meeting was called to adjourn.