

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Mike Sacco.

Secretary Danielle Sneathen read the meeting minutes from the 11/6/06 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Wendy Kunze and seconded by Doug DeFoor.

Treasurer Kim Pierotti read the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$18,225.14. Kim also prepared a separate report on the profits from the Atlantic County Junior Football League Championships. The profit from the game was \$1,238.86. In addition, there are three pallets of soda and Gatorade left over which can be sold at the two upcoming wrestling tournaments. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Wendy Kunze and seconded by Doug DeFoor.

**Old Business**

Mr. Pogue mentioned that a charitable registration number is needed to hold a 50/50 raffle. Mike Sacco explained we were in the process of completing the paperwork.

Mike Sacco noted that more money would have been made from the ACJFL game had there been six different teams involved instead of four.

**Basketball**

Head Coach Art Fields reported that the season is underway. A Junior Varsity girl's team has been created and it is in the building phases. The girl's team is participating in league play for this year. Next year, two girl's teams will be needed to compete in the league. Extra referee fees were paid.

The Saturday morning clinic for grades 1-4 has grown considerably and is now separated into two clinics: Grades 1&2 play from 8-9:30am and the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders play from 9:30-11am. Coach Fields purchased two portable baskets in order to accommodate the extra players. They each cost \$75. They are currently at Cleary but will be need to be stored in the off season.

Coach Fields said that a goal for the future would be to start a second intramural league. The only problem would be with gym availability since the new middle school project is on hold.

Another goal Coach Fields wants to explore is the possibility of hosting a Christmas Tournament next year. A host gym would be needed.

## **Wrestling**

Head Coach Brett Aretz was not present. Kim Pierotti and Mike Sacco offered the following:

Volunteers will be needed in all areas for the upcoming tournaments on January 20<sup>th</sup> and for the Buena Braves Tournament on January 27<sup>th</sup>. (Wrestling tables, admission gate, security, and concessions)

New singlets have been distributed to the wrestlers. Each wrestler is to pay \$40.

## **Cheerleading**

Brooke (Rehm) Smith has announced that she will step down as head cheerleading coach in 2007. The Buena Braves Athletic Association thanks her for her dedicated service.

Tabitha Meuller and Diane Mieskolainen were present and they gave those present a description of the benefits of maintaining a membership in the ACJCA. Meetings are held twice a month throughout the season in Absecon at 7pm and attendance by a Buena representative is mandatory. (July – mid-November)

Diane Mieskolainen agreed to become the Head Cheerleading Coach for 2007. Due to her work schedule, other coaches and parents will need to attend the ACJCA meetings. A schedule will be devised in order to insure that all of the meetings are covered, as there is a fine for not attending.

## **Football**

Head Coach Aldo Falasca reported that the banquets were recently held and that they were a success. The JV banquet was not well attended and there are still quite a few trophies that need to be distributed.

Most of the uniforms have been returned and a date will be set up to organize the equipment room. 6-8 new tubs need to be purchased for storage. Once everything is organized, the helmets will be sent out for reconditioning.

Coach Falasca requested that new uniforms be purchased for the JV team. He will research prices and report back to the Board at a future meeting. The approximate cost will be \$5,000.

Coach Falasca also distributed copies of the by-laws of the Buena Braves Athletic Association. They were last updated in 2000. It was agreed that committee will be created for the purpose of revising the by-laws.

Coach Falasca also suggested that all of the coaches participate in a first-aid course to learn CPR. Diane Mieskolainen will be certified as an instructor by the next meeting so we will decide on a training date at the next meeting.

It was agreed that a code of ethics will be developed for future use at registration for all sports.

It was agreed that the registration form will be revised to become more user-friendly for the coaches. It will also include a photo/internet release.

A motion to close was made by Wendy Kunze and seconded by Diane Mieskolainen.

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**The next meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007, in the Buena Regional High School cafeteria.**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Sacco at 7:03 pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Danielle Sneathen. A motion was made to approve them by Doug DeFoor and seconded by Bob May.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Kim Pierotti. The current balance is \$23,148.08. A motion was made to approve the report by Wendy Kunze and seconded by Tabitha Mueller.

### **Old Business**

Diane Mieskolainen reported that the coaches would need to go the hospital to get their CPR certifications since so much equipment is needed. She will check availability for an evening class date and report back at the next meeting.

Wendy Kunze stated that the purchase of the pee wee conference championship jackets should have been brought to a vote at a Braves meeting. Mike Sacco apologized that this was not done. At a previous meeting it was agreed that \$25 per player would be allotted for the purchase of hooded sweatshirts. Mike Sacco reported that Coach Kris Rainear secured private donations to obtain the extra funding needed for the windbreakers that were purchased. It was again agreed that guidelines for the future purchase of championship teams would need to be added to the by-laws.

A by-law update committee was formed consisting of Aldo Falasca, Jan Anderson, Sue Levari, Danielle Sneathen, Bob May, Kim Pierotti, Tabitha Mueller, Nancy May, and Doug DeFoor. This committee will meet on **Monday, March 5, 2007, at 6pm**, one hour before our regular monthly meeting at Buena Regional High School. Some considerations for additions and/or changes to the by-laws are: stipends for championship teams, allowances for parent/coaching fundraising to enable teams to purchase extra championship materials, and a code of ethics for players, parents, and coaches.

### **New Business**

#### **Cheerleading**

Brooke Smith distributed materials to the new cheerleading head coaches. She stated that Buena was selected to host the required for the 3 All Star Sand Bowl practices. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleaders attend and cheer for the game. They must attend at least two of the three practice sessions.

Brooke Smith also reported that she and the cheerleaders had collected \$500 in memory of Sara Arias, a former Buena Braves cheerleader who passed away two years ago. She

will report at the next meeting how she plans to award the scholarships and in what increments.

Diane Mieskolainen and Sue Levari reported on cheerleading. Taxi girls will now be sanctioned by the ACJCA. Coaches Diane and Sue stated that only girls over age 7 would be permitted on the Taxi Squad.

Dates have been set for Cheerleading registration. The dates are earlier than usual so the coaches can get a sense of how many uniforms and coaches they will need for next season. Registration will be held on **March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm in the lobby of the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building.**

The coaches reported that new uniforms will be needed. They would like to fundraise for this purpose and they are currently researching possible fundraisers, including a beef and beer benefit.

A new registration form will be developed for use at the upcoming cheerleading registration dates that will be applicable to all sports.

Kim Pierotti will get approval for the flier announcing registration dates which can then be distributed in the schools.

### **Wrestling**

Coach Brett Aretz was not present. Mike Sacco reported that both of the recently held tournaments were a great success.

### **Football**

Coach Aldo Falasca was not present. Mike Sacco read a memo update for football and weightlifting. There will be a coach's clinic in Atlantic City this weekend. Currently, Aldo is in the process of getting uniform prices for the JV team, he is making arrangements to have the helmets picked up for certifications, and is still collecting some outstanding equipment. A date for the cleaning and organization of the equipment room will be set at the next meeting. All head coaches have been named and they are currently in the process of assembling their individual coaching staffs.

### **Weightlifting**

A preliminary sign up was held at Cleary Middle School. Sign up fee was \$10, a t-shirt had been provided for those who completed the program in the past. Mike Sacco reported that he felt that this activity was covered by the Braves insurance in the preliminary check that he made. The first two sessions will be held during the week of 2/12/07, in order not to conflict with evening high school gym use.

## **Basketball**

Head Coach Art Fields reported that the season was going well and the regular season would be ending by mid March. He agreed to arrange for the purchase of the trophies and to contact Mike Sacco for pizza party information.

He reported that \$171.25 more would be needed to cover referee fees for the remainder of the season. He turned in over \$200 in returned check fees and sponsorship fees.

Coach Fields reported that gym use was at a premium since the addition of the girl's team. It will be even worse next year when there will be an additional girl team. He will research open gym night use possibilities at the Villa and at the Prep for next year.

A motion was made to go to closed session for the discussion of a basketball coaching suspension by Bob May and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

**The next Buena Braves meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, March 5, 2007, at Buena Regional High School.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Jan Anderson, at 7:07 pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Brett Aretz and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

The treasurer's report was read. The current balance was \$25,732.77. A motion to approve the report was made by Tabitha Mueller and seconded by Bob James.

There was no old business.

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has been updated with the latest Braves information. Webmaster John Winkler will be teaching others to update the various pages in the future.

### **New Business**

#### **Wrestling**

Head coach Brett Aretz reported that the season was coming to a close except for a few wrestlers who were still competing in championship matches. Two state champs have been named.

The wrestling pizza party will be held on **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Buena Regional High School.**

\$80 is needed for the ref fees from the last match.

A \$2,000 check would be forthcoming for the Braves portion of the final wrestling tournament.

A new mat is needed for the Estell Manor gym. Coach Brett priced the mat and is able to get a 38'x38' mat for \$6,800. If he agrees to purchase now he can avoid the \$1,000 shipping charge from Iowa. Bob May made a motion to purchase the mat and it was seconded by Wendy Kunze.

Mr. Pogue suggested contacting the W.A.C.Y.L. (Western Atlantic County Youth League) to see if they would like to contribute to a portion of the purchase in exchange for limited use of the mat. His wife is the Secretary of the organization and she can be reached at 609.476.2884.

## **Basketball**

Head coach Art Fields reported that the season is coming to a close. The traveling teams ended up losing in the playoffs. The boys JV played quite well.

The pizza party will be held on **Friday, March 9, 2007, in the Cleary cafeteria.**

A bill was submitted for Custom Graphics to cover the cost for the t-shirts and basketballs that were given out to the clinic athletes.

A bill for the trophies for the traveling teams will be submitted at the next meeting.

Coach Fields will contact Mike Sacco regarding the upcoming pizza party. For the first time, a computerized slide show with photo highlights of the season will be shown.

## **Cheerleading**

Co-Head coach Sue Levari reported that registration would be held on **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Buena Vista Township Town Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Those signing up will need to pay the \$100 fee up front to ensure they are serious about their participation. It will also help to raise funds and to get a sense of how many new uniforms will be needed.

A Home Interiors candle sale will be conducted to raise funds to offset the cost of camp.

Buena Braves cheerleading decals for cars have been purchased.

The Taxi squad will accept girls in first grade. Previously, a cutoff at age 7 was established for the upcoming season. The change to allowing first graders will allow for some 6 year old girls.

Initial prices for new uniforms were researched. Each outfit (skirt and shell) cost about \$100. It was agreed the coaching staff would look into alternatives and research more vendors and will report back at the April meeting.

## **Weightlifting**

Coach Aldo Falasca reported that over 40 boys have been participating and everything is going well. The high school football coach and some of his players have been helping to run the sessions.

## **Football**

Coach Falasca reported that uniforms are still being collected. Trophies are still being given out.

He has met with one uniform representative to research new JV uniform prices. Another quote will be obtained before the next meeting.

More plastic bins need to be purchased for the storage shed. A date will be set for clean up of the storage shed once the weather becomes warmer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob May and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

**The next meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association will be held on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Buena Regional High School.**

The by-law revision committee will meet to finish the revisions after the above meeting.

## **Buena Braves Meeting**

**May 7, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Mike Sacco at Melini Park.

The minutes from the last meeting held on March 5, 2007 were read. A motion to approve them was made by Brett Aretz and seconded by Bob May.

The treasurer's report was read. A motion to approve it was made by Tabitha Meuller and seconded by Diane Mieskolainen. The current balance is \$31,457.61.

### **Basketball**

Art Fields reported that the season was over and that he would be turning in receipts and (1) late registration fee.

The two portable courts need to be stored for the off season. They are currently in the gym at Cleary. Mike Sacco will call Mr. Mazzoni to see about storing them in the basement at Cleary to prevent them from being damaged.

Coach Fields will call the Villa to see about using their gym next year.

Mike Sacco will get Coach Fields the contact information for the athletic director for the Prep so that he can see if their gym can be used next year.

### **Wrestling**

Brett Aretz reported that the season was over and one wrestler took 4<sup>th</sup> at Nationals.

Two jackets need to be ordered and he will handle that.

Coach Aretz is working on ordering the new mat for Estell Manor. He should have an amount for the deposit that will be needed by the next meeting.

### **Weightlifting**

Aldo Falasca reported that although the numbers of participants have dropped, 12-15 athletes are continuing to show up. The high school football coach continues to assist with the program. The program will continue as long as there is interest.

A t-shirt or other suitable item will be purchased for those who have remained in the program consistently.

## **Football**

Equipment room will be cleaned out on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 9am.

Coach Falasca will purchase additional large storage tubs.

An early sign up date will be announced at Melini Park in the near future.

Mike Sacco will call Carl Molinelli about the placement of a storage unit to be placed near the concession stand.

JV uniforms will be purchased for approximately \$5,500.00. (60 uniforms at approx. \$95 each) All Star will get the contract over Cisco since All Star is better at sizing and they included 6 coaching jackets and hats. The prices were pennies apart.

Kim Pierotti mentioned she would be interested in purchasing her son's former jersey from his Championship team. It was agreed that these jersey could be sold although no price was determined.

## **Cheerleading**

Coach Diane Mieskolainen reported that 89 girls had signed up on the two registration nights. The teams are full and a few girls are on a waiting list.

(3) Registration fee checks bounced and Coach Diane is looking into this.

The Home Interior Candle Sale profit was over \$4,000.00.

A motion was made by Brett Aretz to purchase (30) new Varsity uniforms. It was seconded by Wendy Kunze.

The new cheerleading coaches need to be certified.

Coach Diane and Coach Sue are looking into a possible BK Night for the Braves and a possible Applebee's fundraiser night. Boston Market was also mentioned. They are also still considering a Beef and Beer for this October.

Coach Diane will be hosting a CPR certification course at Buena Regional High School. The date will be set and announced later.

## **Other**

Kim Pierotti mentioned that the roof at the concession stand needs to be repaired. It was agreed that Wade Aullfo and two other vendors would be contacted to obtain an estimate.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brett Aretz and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 2007, at Melini Park.

## **Buena Braves Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 4, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Mike Sacco.

There were two corrections to the previous meeting minutes from 5.7.07. \$2,000 was the profit from the cheerleading Home Interiors candle sale, not \$4,000. Also, pricing will not be needed for the new roof at Michael Debbi Park for the press box and the snack stand, as Wade Aullfo offered to do it for free after the May meeting had concluded. He will be contacting Aldo to set up a day to complete the project.

The Treasurer's report was read by Kim Pierotti. The current balance is \$33,229.35. A motion was made to approve the report by Bob May and seconded by Nancy May.

### **Wrestling:**

None

### **Cheerleading:**

Diane Mieskolainen reported that another Burger King Night will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007. A flyer was sent home in all of the schools.

She would like the Braves to write a formal letter requesting permission to sell soda/water at the Independence Day Festival in Buena Vista Township. Danielle Sneathen will draft the letter and forward to President, Mike Sacco, for approval and signature.

Aldo Falasca reported that there is 6-8 large storage tubs filled with outdated cheerleading uniforms. It was agreed they would be sold to anyone interested for \$10/set.

### **Basketball:**

None

### **Football:**

(60) JV Uniforms have been ordered from All Star and should arrive soon.

Over 100 helmets were sent out for mandatory reconditioning to Circle Reconditioning.

Several equipment bags and shoulder pads were also sent out for reconditioning.

Thank you to Bob May, Jan Anderson, Bill Sneathen, Jared Marandino, and Aldo Falasca for cleaning out the equipment room.

Lorraine Atkinson's brother has offered to rewire the sound system/speakers at the football field.

Aldo completed the park use form for Buena Vista Township's recreation committee for the upcoming football/cheerleading season.

TBA – dates for coaches meeting, late July sign up and early August signup.

New field markers, chains, and end zones pylons are needed. Aldo will provide pricing at a later meeting.

Aldo obtained a sea box from Brunozzi Transfer for free. Jan will ask for regulations at the next recreation committee meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob May and seconded by Tabitha Meuller.

**The next meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association will be held on Monday, July 2, 2007, at Michael Debbi Park.**

## **Buena Braves Meeting Minutes**

**July 10, 2007**

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The July meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association was called to order by President Mike Sacco at 7:10 pm.

Present for the meeting were Mike Sacco, Jan Anderson, Danielle Sneathen, Aldo Falasca, Bill Sneathen, Ed Torres, Wendy Kunze, Doug DeFoor, Art Fields, Brenda Fields, Tom Pogue, Bob May, and Nancy May.

Treasurer's report – none given.

The minutes from the 6.4.07 were read. A motion to approve them was made by Wendy Kunze and seconded by Doug DeFoor.

**Old Business:** None

### **Basketball:**

Art Fields reported there was nothing new with this sport.

### **Wrestling:**

Mike Sacco reported that there was nothing new with this sport.

### **Cheerleading:**

Mike Sacco reported that the Varsity girls would be getting new uniforms and that the cheerleaders had held several fundraisers.

### **Football:**

Aldo Falasca reported that an updated insurance form would be needed for the League and the Township. Mike Sacco will forward to him once the proper paperwork is completed. The Township should pay for ½ of the cost as per their letter from last year. (Approximately \$4,000.)

Aldo would like someone to **volunteer** to monitor the bathrooms at the park so they could be opened for the home games.

The Braves thank **Wade Aulffo** who installed a new roof on the equipment building and repaired a leak on the roof of the concession stand free of charge. Mike Sacco would like to send him a thank you letter.

Mrs. Atkinson's relative will fix the sound and scoreboard systems.

A **volunteer** is needed to contract with a company to take pictures for football and cheerleading.

The football restocking supply order was completed and sent for \$5,000 (approved previously).

A motion was made by Wendy Kunze and seconded by Jan Anderson to purchase necessary field items for \$2,600.

JV Uniforms have been ordered.

New league rules now allow for practices to begin at anytime during the year as long as no pads are used. Only after August 13<sup>th</sup> are pads permitted. The varsity team will begin holding practices on **Tuesday, July 17, 2007**, and will continue with Tuesday and Wednesday practices until August 13<sup>th</sup> when the regular practice schedule will take effect.

**Football signups** will be held on the following dates from **6-8 pm at Michael Debbi Park in Richland:**

**Tuesday, July 17, 2007**

**Wednesday, July 18, 2007**

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007**

**Wednesday, July 25, 2007**

Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.buenabraves.com](http://www.buenabraves.com).

The registration fee is \$100.00 and checks should be made payable to the Buena Braves Athletic Association.

Equipment will be handed out a week earlier this year on **Saturday, August 4, 2007**.

The schedule will be as follows:

**Varsity: 9:00 am**

**Junior Varsity: 10:00 am**

**Pee Wee & Taxi: 11:00 am**

The football schedule has been established and will be posted on the website shortly. There are four home games and four away games with one scrimmage thus far scheduled against Hammonton which will be at home. The final two games of the season are away games that are being held on Sundays.

The Buena Vista Township Recreation Committee is entertaining requests from our organization for field/park improvements. Aldo is compiling a list for their July meeting. If anyone has any requests or ideas, please forward them to him at [ALDO@BUENABRAVES.COM](mailto:ALDO@BUENABRAVES.COM). Correcting the lighting problems and new crowd control fence and/or posts will be on the list.

All four football teams will have a mandatory parent meeting. The ethics policy is currently being developed and will be added to the Buena Braves by-laws as soon as they are revised.

All football coaches will be required to complete a criminal history form in the future.

**Other Information:**

Contact information for the cheerleading coaching staff is needed for the 2007 Football schedule.

A **volunteer** is needed to represent the Buena Braves on the Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee. This person could help us to be able to sponsor a fundraising activity at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration next year.

Mike Sacco reported that Kim and John Pierotti no longer wish to be in charge of the concession stand. Two large storage containers are being considered by the Township Committee (a site plan is needed). These would help with supply storage. Volunteers are needed at all levels in both cheerleading and football to work at the stand.

**The next meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association will be held on Monday, August 6, 2007, at 7:00 pm at Michael Debbi Park.**

## **Buena Braves Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2007**

The August meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association was called to order by President Mike Sacco at 8:15 pm.

Present for the meeting were Mike Sacco, Jan Anderson, Danielle Sneathen, Aldo Falasca, Bill Sneathen, Ed Torres, Wendy Kunze, Doug DeFoor, Sue Levari, Kim Pierotti, Diane Mieskilainen, and Nancy May.

Treasurer's report was given by Kim Pierotti. Current Balance \$31,816.49

The minutes from the 7.10.07 were read.

A volunteer/s is needed to update the webpage for the different sports. Once the password information is received from the webmaster this can be decided.

A volunteer is still needed to monitor the bathroom facilities during the games.

Sue Levari volunteered to contact (3) different photographers to get prices for upcoming pictures. She will coordinate the dates with Coach Aldo.

A discussion was held regarding the purchasing of supplies for the concession stand for the upcoming season. Nancy May, Tabitha Meuller, and Wendy Kunze agreed to share the shopping responsibilities, including GiGi's and BJ's and Sams. Mike Sacco will get them a prepaid Visa card to handle the shopping. Kim Pierotti will continue to coordinate Pepsi deliveries. We will continue to take the discount from Pepsi.

**Old Business:** None

**Basketball:** None

**Wrestling:** None

**Cheerleading:**

Sue Levari and Diane Mieskilainen reported that the Taxi games would be starting one hour later. They learned this at their last league meeting. This will close the gap between Taxi and Pee Wee games but will not effect the start times of the other games.

A \$25 fine was issued to the Buena Braves because we missed a league cheerleading meeting.

The Cheerleading Clinic will be held in Atlantic City this year. Teams have been advised to get a bus or to carpool, as parking will be an issue. Coach Sue and Coach Diane are looking into getting a bus.

Spirit t-shirts and shorts were ordered. (\$1,139.00)

A motion was made by Doug DeFoor and seconded by Nancy May to include the Taxi cheerleaders even though they are not required to attend the Clinic. Buena Braves will purchase the t-shirts and shorts. (Approximate cost \$300)

A \$425 check was issued to Coach Diane and Coach Sue to cover the cost of the Cheerleading dues for this year to the League.

Flower/corsage purchases will be deleted for this years Homecoming, except for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. All athletes will still be announced. The date for the Homecoming game is still to be announced.

**Football:**

Coach Aldo is looking into a team fundraiser at the Brunini Pool for the JV and Varsity teams.

Football practice has begun at all levels except Taxi. Full pads will begin on Monday, August 13, 2007.

**Other News:**

Mike Sacco asked that the Buena Braves send a floral arrangement to the services being held for Jalisa Watson (sister of current Buena Braves Varsity Football Player Carl Watson) who was a former Buena Braves cheerleader and passed away recently in car accident. Mike will handle ordering the flowers from Anton's. (Cost: \$150-200)

Mike Sacco thanked Wendy Kunze's husband for building line barriers for the concession stand.

Mike Sacco reported that Bob James and Bill Thompson have offered to open the kitchen for the home games this year during the Taxi and Pee Wee games. Kitchen help is needed at all levels and sign up sheets will be generated by Kim Pierotti and hung up so that cheerleading and football parents can sign up to volunteer.

### **Fundraising:**

Tabitha Meuller reported that we will again participate in the **Joe Corbi Pizza fundraiser**. Incentives will be given to top sellers in the form of a choice of gift cards.

The Buena Braves will again participate in the **Seafood Festival at the Bellview Winery**. (Last year we sold fresh fruit and raised approx. \$400.)

This year we will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, water, and chips. All proceeds will benefit the Buena Braves.

**Seafood Festival Dates:** Rain or shine **Time:** 11am – 5pm

Saturday, August 18, 2007 (Car Show)

Sunday, August 19, 2007 (Car Show - rain date)

Kids are welcome to attend. Music and entertainment will be provided.

Volunteers are needed on Friday night to set up at 6pm. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to work at the festival should contact Mike Sacco. Even if you can only help for an hour or two on one of the days, your help would be greatly appreciated.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan Anderson and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

**The next meeting of the Buena Braves  
Athletic Association will be held on  
Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 8pm at  
Michael Debbi Park.**

President Mike Sacco called the meeting to order at 8:09 pm.

Present for the meeting were Bob May, Doug DeFoor, Danielle Sneathen, Nancy May, Bob James, Brett Aretz, Diane Mieskilainen, Bill Sneathen, Aldo Falasca, Art Fields, Tom Pogue, Ed Pogue, Wendy Kunze, Sharon Galbiati, Lisa Maggi, Sherri Weightmann, Rick Adkinson, and Lorraine Adkinson.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mike Sacco and Danielle Sneathen. The report was submitted in advance of the meeting by Treasurer Kim Pierotti who was not able to attend the meeting. The balance was \$33,996.88. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob May and seconded by Brett Aretz.

The meeting minutes from August 8, 2007, were read by Danielle Sneathen. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Doug DeFoor and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

A discussion was held about possibly ordering more shirts. No decision was finalized.

Mike Sacco gave a recap of the Buena Braves involvement at the Seafood Festival at the Bellview Winery. A small profit of \$121.50 was made but many supplies were returned to the stand for future sales.

Mike thanked everyone for their continued commitment to working at the stand, caring for the field, announcing and working the games, and for doing all of the work involved in Football and Cheerleading season.

A motion was made by Brett Aretz and seconded by Wendy Kunze to purchase (or have donated) signs honoring the local businesses that have donated goods and services to the Buena Braves. The signs will be posted on the announcer's booth. (Press Box) Mike Sacco offered to investigate possible companies such as United Rentals on Cedar Avenue. (Speak to Norm or Nancy)

### **Basketball**

Coach Art Fields stated that he did the facility use forms for all of the gyms that the Buena Braves use for Basketball season.

Try-out dates are as follows and will be held at the Cleary gym:

Girls JV & Varsity – November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Boys JV & Varsity – November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Sign ups will be held on November 12, 13, 14, & 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cleary Gym.

Uniforms are needed for the Boys Varsity team and one of the Girls teams (either JV or Varsity). Coach Fields will investigate and bring more information to the November meeting.

Coach Fields will contact the Prep and the Villa about possibly securing additional gym time.

### **Wrestling**

Coach Aretz announced that sign ups will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 25, 2007  
Tuesday, October 30, 2007  
Thursday, November 1, 2007

Sign ups will be held from 7-8 pm at Buena Regional High School.

The Braves will again host the State Qualifier tournament and the Buena Braves Tournament. The dates are to be announced.

The new wrestling mat will be ordered by Coach Aretz.

### **Cheerleading**

Sand Bowl practices will be hosted by the Buena Braves this year. 44 girls (8<sup>th</sup> graders) will attend for three days (1 day per week for 3 weeks). A practice facility with mats is needed. Coach Diane will investigate possible locations (Airborne Gymnastics, W.A.C.Y.L. gym – contact John Cresci)

Coach Diane will pay the \$50 penalty fee for missing the ACJC meeting.

Cheerleading coaches apologized for having cheerleaders do push ups for dropping a teammate in a stunt at the last game. The girl that fell was not injured. In the future, push ups will be completed at practice.

### **Football**

Current records:

Taxi 4-0 PeeWee 3-1 JV 2-2 Varsity 3-1

A home playoff game may be granted to the Buena Braves depending on the Varsity team's final record.

A discussion was held about recent problems at the Taxi level in an away game against Northfield. Coach Bill Sneathen attended the ACJFL meeting to express his concerns, especially in not having referees at the Taxi level.

A decision was made to place a bid (confidential amount) to host the ACJFL Championship games at Buena Regional High School. The games will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2007. (The weekend before Thanksgiving)

A dance will be held for JV and Varsity football players and cheerleaders on Sunday, October 7, 2007, from 7-9 pm at the Cleary Gym.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brett Aretz and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

**The next meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Time and location will be announced.**

President Mike Sacco called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

Present for the meeting were Bob May, Doug DeFoor, Danielle Sneathen, Nancy May, Bob James, Aldo Falasca, Art Fields, Wendy Kunze, Rick Adkinson, Tabitha Meuller, Tina Taylor, Jan Anderson, and Mike Sacco.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Kim Pierotti. The balance was \$23,636.36. A motion to approve the report was made by Doug DeFoor and seconded by Bob May.

The meeting minutes from October 3, 2007, were read by Danielle Sneathen. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Bob May and seconded by Jan Anderson.

**Fundraising Results:**

Tabitha Meuller reported that the Joe Corbi fundraiser was finished. The following individual prizes were awarded:

**\$40 Gift Cards**

Jimmy Kimmel (Taxi)  
C. Bramble (JV)  
N. Niederhofer (Varsity)

**\$80 Gift Cards**

Anthony Miller (PeeWee)  
T. Dralle (JV)  
S. May (Varsity)

786 Kits were sold. Participation was down with only 23 cheerleaders and 53 football players participating. Profits were approximately \$4,000.00.

Thank you to Tabitha for coordinating the sale!

**Basketball**

Coach Art Fields stated that traveling team try outs had been held. There will be no female traveling team this year due to lack of interest.

Sign ups for intramural teams will be held on November 12, 13, 14, & 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cleary Gym.

A motion was made by Jan Anderson and seconded by Wendy Kunze to purchase uniforms for the Boys Varsity team from Sisco for \$1,564.80

Coach Fields submitted a bill from Custom Graphics for the street signs.

He also requested a \$300 check for the Cape Atlantic League fee.

### **Wrestling**

Coach Brett Aretz was not present.

Sign ups were held and Mike Sacco will contact Coach Brett Aretz to handle registration fee deposits.

### **Cheerleading**

Coach Diane was not present.

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Coach Diane had stated that she would pay the \$50 penalty fee for missing the ACJC meeting. This payment has not been made at this time. Mike Sacco will contact her regarding this issue.

### **Football**

Coach Aldo Falasca gave an update:

Taxi- season finished and successful, equipment mostly returned.

Pee Wee – playoff semifinal game this Sunday, November 11, 2007 versus Mays Landing at 3:00pm in Brigantine.

Junior Varsity- lost in quarter final game.

Varsity – advanced to the Semi Finals by beating the #2 seeded Hammonton in Hammonton. They will travel to Atlantic City to play Atlantic City at 1:00 on Sunday, November 11, 2007.

Award Banquets: (Tentative Dates)

December 11, 2007 – Taxi & Pee Wee – 6pm – BRHS Cafeteria

December 12, 2007 – JV & Varsity – 6pm – BRHS Cafeteria

The \$2,500 bid to host the **ACJFL Championship** games at **Buena Regional High School** was successful. The games will be held on **Sunday, November 18, 2007**. (The weekend before Thanksgiving) The games will be held at 11:30 for Pee Wee, 1:00 for Junior Varsity, and at 2:30 for the Varsity teams.

Aldo will schedule a walk through with Ismael Rosario to discuss field/concession issues.

Admission prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Bob James will create coaching badges for complimentary entry to the games. Each team will get 10 passes – 8 for the football coaches and 2 for their cheerleading coaches.

Bob James reminded everyone that school regulations prohibit any open flames or alcohol on school grounds. Aldo will remind the other coaches at the league meeting that tailgating is prohibited.

Tabitha Meuller will order 100 adult sized long sleeved ACJFL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts in blue with gold writing. Our cost is \$9 each. Shirts will be sold for \$20.

50/50 will be held on the way in for each game.

Aldo will get 6 team rosters once the semi final round of the playoffs is concluded. Danielle will make a program which will be able to be sold for at least \$1.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug DeFoor and seconded by Bob May.

**The next meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at 7pm in the cafeteria at Buena Regional High School.**

Vice President Jan Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present for the meeting were Bob May, Kim Pierotti, Doug DeFoor, Aldo Falasca, Art Fields, Wendy Kunze, Tabitha Meuller, and Jan Anderson.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Kim Pierotti. The balance was \$30,528.23. A motion to approve the report was made by Wendy Kunze and seconded by Tabitha Meuller.

The meeting minutes from November 7, 2007, were read by Jan Anderson. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Tabitha Meuller and seconded by Art Fields.

### **Basketball**

Coach Art Fields stated that practice had begun and everything was going smoothly. He handed in registration money and sponsor money.

Uniforms have been ordered from Cisco and supplies from Dusharm's.

### **Wrestling**

Coach Brett Aretz was not present.

### **Cheerleading**

Coach Diane was not present.

### **Football**

Coach Aldo Falasca gave an update. Assistance will be needed at the banquets on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> distributing the soda and pizza. Trophies have been ordered and should arrive on time. Remaining equipment should be returned the night of the banquet.

The Buena Braves were complimented on their handling of the Championship Game.

PeeWee is next to get new equipment. Order will be placed soon.

### **Other**

A discussion was held about Pepsi possibly donating a new scoreboard.

Kim Pierotti stated that the fee for bounced checks was going up to \$30.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob May and seconded by Wendy Kunze.

**The next meeting of the Buena Braves Athletic Association will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 7pm in the cafeteria at Buena Regional High School.**