

Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Date: April 5, 2023 @ 7pm
Meeting Location: Virtual <https://meet.google.com/eyt-pyzf-nae>

1. Call to Order **7:00 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call of Officers and Directors** to ensure quorum (Currently 14 directors so 7 directors are needed to be present for a quorum per Article VI(I))

Andrew Katz	Present
Corey Ausfeld	Present
Therese Assalian	Present
Frank Ferrucci	Present
Terri Dutcher	Present
Mathew Tully	Present
Greta Jansson	Excused
Lori Birmingham	Excused
Sara Najafipour	Present
Danielle Marquis	Present
Erin Massaroni	Excused
Michael Barberich	Excused
Matthew Petrangelo	Present
Larry Gillooley	Excused
John Moskov	Present

3. Minutes: Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes from our March 1, 2023 meeting by the President and seconded by Co-President.

All in Favor: 9 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

4. Officers' Reports

President's Report

Andrew Katz

1. NiskaDay table: We will have a table for sign ups, benefits of the club, handing out "swag" to new members.
2. Stadium Entrance Project: a nonprofit has created a Go Fund Me to raise funds to build an entrance into the new athletic facility. The co-presidents will ask organizers to attend the May meeting for updates.

Co-President's Report

Corey Ausfeld

1. We have a new sponsor, Lia Automotive

Vice President's Report

Therese Assalian

1. Working with Lori B on Concessions, regarding changes for the fall.
2. Can help at the table on NiskaDay

Treasurer's Report

Frank Ferrucci

1. Financial documents & QuickBook are posted on the website
2. Reports are grouped by sport. Most of the former balances exist with the former club. For information on past balances, check with AD Larry Giloolley.
3. Our club has a positive cash flow from new memberships, sponsorships, and contributions.
4. Some sports teams have made deposits with us since our formation in January 2023. The balance sheets posted reflect that.

Secretary's Report

Terri Dutcher

1. March minutes were mailed out shortly after that meeting, approved tonight. No corrections needed.
2. The first newsletter will be sent out at the conclusion of spring sports.

Parliamentarian's Report

Mathew Tully

Nothing new to report

5. Committee Reports

Audit Committee

Identified but not appointed.

Banquet Committee

Greta Jansson

1. Guidelines and helpful information can be found on the website. Important now with spring sports in action.

Budget Committee

Nothing to report

Council of Captains

Nothing to report

Council of Coaches

Nothing to report

Concession Committee

Therese & Sara

1. Football concessions were off-site last year, so the football team parents ran it and kept the money.
2. In the fall, with the field here on campus, it is expected that the Booster Club will be in charge again, as has been customary.
3. Coaches and/or team parents have not been in contact or returned messages to the Booster Club yet; that is not as much of a concern now without a venue for spring sports, but it needs to be addressed.

Executive Committee

Nothing to report

Fundraising Committee

Sara Najafipour

1. Different options are being considered, both short- and long-term (Chipotle, Panera, etc)
2. Blaze Fundraiser will be held on April 24
3. Online Auction: Items being requested from donors

Membership Committee

Danielle Marquis

1. Another membership letter was sent out on Parent Square. Not as big of a bump as the first one in February
2. A letter has been created for both coaches and parents of spring athletes. The template is available for Team Directors to use, and for coaches to give out at the beginning of the new season. This will be used each season, to encourage coaches & parents to get involved with this club.
3. Donor thank you cards are sent out weekly. Their names are on the website at all times.
4. The giveaways will be ordered in bulk for distribution at our NiskaDay table, at our in-person meeting, and/or mailed as needed.

Nomination Committee

Nothing to report at this time

Special Committees

None

Ad hoc Committees

None

6. **School Board Member's Report**

Judy Tomisman

- a. **The School Calendar** has been set for 2023-24 school year, with 4 snow days planned.
- b. A **draft budget** was approved by the BOE last night (April 4). The tax increase to maintain programs will be 2.37%, which is below the allotted tax cap.
- c. **Sports** will be funded at the same level as this year.
 - i. An additional Assistant Track Coach has been funded
 - ii. Money has been allocated for Ice Hockey rink and practice time
- d. **Safety (& Swatting) Concerns**
 - i. ongoing throughout the year
 - ii. officers were within schools with the more recent calls at other schools
 - iii. All our schools are within 2 miles of police response
 - iv. Always reach out with any concerns

7. **Athletic Director's Report**

John Moskov (filling in)

- a. The athletic department tracks the number of 7-12 athletes; will begin doing the same with K-6 programs
 - i. Fall: 700 athletes Winter: 400 athletes Spring: 600 athletes
- b. Practice has been difficult with weather issues, as usual. The turf and asphalt have been used by Track & field, lacrosse teams for practices. Modified and elementary lacrosse has also been able to use the turn. This will be "allowed" until work on laying the track begins.
- c. Tentative track date: April 24. This will be a 2-3 week process.

- d. The spectator area is still a construction site around the turf, which is why games cannot be held there. Work is being done on the bleachers by the front grass field.
- e. Off-season weightlifting program is increasing in numbers.
- f. There is a professional trainer in the weightroom during the school year, working with teams and individuals.
- g. There will be summer hours, times will be posted at a later date.

8. Team Director Reports None. These positions will be filled as the seasons progress

i.	Alpine Ski Boys	Vacant
ii.	Alpine Ski Girls	Vacant
iii.	Baseball	Vacant
iv.	Basketball Boys	Vacant
v.	Basketball Girls	Vacant
vi.	Bowling Boys	Vacant
vii.	Bowling Girls	Vacant
viii.	Cheerleading	Vacant
ix.	Crew Boys	Vacant
x.	Crew Girls	Vacant
xi.	Cross Country Boys	Vacant
xii.	Cross Country Girls	Vacant
xiii.	Field Hockey	Vacant
xiv.	Football	Vacant
xv.	Golf Boys	Erin Massaroni
xvi.	Golf Girls	Michael Barberich
xvii.	Ice Hockey	Vacant
xviii.	Indoor Track Boys	Vacant
xix.	Indoor Track Girls	Vacant
xx.	Lacrosse Boys	Vacant
xxi.	Lacrosse Girls	Vacant
xxii.	Outdoor Track Boys	Vacant
xxiii.	Outdoor Track Girls	Vacant
xxiv.	Soccer Boys	Vacant
xxv.	Soccer Girls	Vacant
xxvi.	Softball	Vacant
xxvii.	Swimming/Diving Girls	Vacant
xxviii.	Swimming/Diving Boys	Vacant
xxix.	Tennis Boys	Vacant
xxx.	Tennis Girls	Vacant
xxxi.	Volleyball Boys	Matthew Petrangelo
xxxii.	Volleyball Girls	Vacant
xxxiii.	Wrestling Boys	Vacant
xxxiv.	Wrestling Girls	Vacant

9. Unfinished (old) Business None

10. Privilege of the Members

- a. There is a general concern among some directors that this Club is not receiving the support that it might warrant from coaches and/or teams. While there was a meeting with coaches and some officers early on, and letters mailed out detailing the creation of this club—it is still not recognized by some of the larger sports.
- b. Additionally, some parents of athletes that serve on this board have not received communication from coaches about the Booster Club and its role going forward.
- c. Another question was raised regarding fundraisers. Some are being run but not in conjunction with this club. As with Banquets, there are benefits to be received, such as tax-exempt status, a CPA (our treasurer) to streamline money collection, and things of that nature.
- d. John Moskow, here in place of Larry Giloolley, mentioned that they will speak to the coaches about the role of the booster club in the district. This will reiterate what superintendent Carl Mummenthy and the AD said at an earlier spring meeting with the whole athletic department.

11. New Business

- i. Appointment of Team Directors
 - a. Girls' Lacrosse Sarah Ciesinski
- ii. Approval of Online Auction via email between meetings
- iii. Approval of Blaze Pizza fundraiser via email between meetings
- iv. Broken Inn has named the Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club “Organization of the Month” for May 2023.

12. **Executive Session** None

13. **Announcements from the President** None

14. **Adjournment** 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting, Online: Wednesday, May 10, 7:00

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Dutcher