

**NORTH BRANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
MONTHLY MEETING
October 26, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.**

Jason Castle opened the meeting 5:05 p.m.

Members present:

Andrea Kropp	Steve Verburg	Jenn Watkins
Jason Castle	Tim Gormley	Kelli Lovacz
Jeremy Good	Kristine Bickel	Jim Fish
Dave Castle	Lori Clemens	Linda Berlin

Coaches Reports

- Football – Steve Verburg – Ended season 4 wins, 5 losses
- Soccer – Jim Fish – Great season. First time ever beating Goodrich.
- Cross Country – Finals this Saturday at Delta. 3 students could possibly go to States.
- Volleyball – Jim Fish – Districts first week of November.
- Girls' Basketball – Tim Gormley – Conditioning starts Monday, practice the following Monday. 32 girls signed-up so far. Not sure if there will be enough for a Freshman team. Game schedules for boys and girls were changed. Girls games 1st half of season on Wed./Fri. and Boys 2nd half of season.
- Bowling – Linda Berlin – Has not started yet. Lost a lot of good bowlers last year so is starting teams from scratch.
- Wrestling – Looking for Varsity coach. Verburg is coaching Middle School Wrestling.
- Community volunteer projects – Jim Fish said all Varsity teams this year must do volunteer projects, and was happy with Fall projects. Volleyball is helping with the Wesleyan grocery give-away on Nov. 7th.

Jason Castle motioned to approve expenses to cover State athlete meals. It was approved, and Booster officers will be contacted regarding amounts.

Reverse Raffle:

Jason is texting Bryan Smith to make sure paperwork is filed for Feb. 27th, 2016 event.

Andrea Kropp agreed to lead prize committee again, and will discuss prize money and details at November meeting.

Hall of Fame:

Committee had 1st meeting and decided that they will have 11 committee members total including Linda Berlin, Jason Castle, Dave Castle, Theresa Gormley, Jim Fish, Mark Hiltunen and 3 community members TBD. There will be a nomination form ready by December for those that have made "outstanding contributions to North Branch schools". By February 1st the committee will narrow it down to possibly 10 candidates, and in March the inductees will be decided. Maximum of 5 individuals or teams per year. Must have graduated a minimum of 10 years ago. The inductees will be honored at the September Homecoming Parade and a banquet will follow. The inductee and a guest will eat free, and others can purchase tickets for the luncheon. Bryans likely to cater again. Plaques will be created. Dave Castle mentioned there is a community member that is likely to sponsor this year's project.

Record Boards

Tim Gormley is in contact with Jack Miles to get pricing and options.

MHSA Insurance for Concussions

Covers everything if an athlete gets a concussion during their in-season practice or event. Contact Jim Fish because he must report it.

Mary Bartel

Kristine Bickel and Kelli Lovacz deciding on gift for Mary, who has health problems and has been a wonderful supporter of North Branch athletics. North Branch blanket is a likely gift.

Next meeting November 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Meeting times may be moved to 6p after November.

Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.