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**Sapphire Booster Club – October 17, 2024 @ 7:15pm**

**Attendees can be found in the meeting folder.**

1. **VOTES**
   1. None needed, as first meeting of the season
2. **President’s Update – Nichole**
   1. Overview
      1. Why we exist
         1. The Sapphire Gymnastics Booster Club (SGBC) is a non-profit organization that was formed to create a booster club to support the competitive gymnastics program at Sapphire Gymnastics Academy (SGA). The booster club elects officers, meets regularly, and organizes contributions of volunteer time and labor to support the competitive program.
      2. Our mission
         1. The Sapphire Gymnastics Booster Club (SGBC) is intended to operate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit to foster and promote the art of youth girls gymnastics in amateur gymnastics competitions and training with the ultimate objective of fostering and preparing the team for local, state, & national competitions
   2. Introduction of board members
      1. DP
         1. Nichole McDowel - President
         2. Amber Kelley- VP
         3. Megan Dean - Treasurer
         4. Elizabeth Thompson - Secretary
      2. Xcel
         1. Nikki Hunter - President
         2. Loyd Ogle - VP
         3. Alex Hunter - Treasurer
         4. Roxane O’Brien - Secretary
      3. Board members are volunteers, please be kind!!
3. **Committees -** 
   1. Optional volunteer opportunity
      1. Fundraising
         1. Amber Kelley has volunteered to head
         2. Per request, fundraising will focus on primarily 2 group fundraisers that net at least $1000 in order to avoid burnout
         3. Goes towards meet fees, leotards, etc next year
      2. Social
         1. Gymnasts get togethers
         2. Team buildling
         3. Friendship bracelet making
            1. Will be sold as Shout Outs at SBJI
      3. Philanthropy
         1. Holiday cards for veterans or nursing homes
         2. Random Act of Kindness Campaigns
            1. Pella girl hit by car when sledding
            2. Maximillion Wood
      4. Gymnast Support
         1. Positive affirmation postcards for gymnasts
         2. Yard signs for injured gymnasts
         3. Bag tags
         4. End of Year Party
4. **Meet Hosting -**
   1. Sapphire Jewelry Box Invitational
      1. Our largest fundraiser
      2. Over 500 gymnasts already registered
      3. Gymnasts gift: travel jewelry box
   2. Committees are already working , however more volunteers are always welcome!!
   3. Co-meet chair and Xcel/Compulsory Level Meet Director NEEDED!
      1. Now is a good time to learn aside current meet directors
      2. There is a fee to be a certified meet director that is 100% reimbursed
   4. Required volunteering
      1. Every team family will need to have a representative covering a shift at the SBJI to hold a successful meet
      2. Never expected to volunteer when your gymnast is competing
      3. Signup Genius will be sent out with available volunteer opportunities
5. **Team Fundraising**
   1. Team fundraisers
      1. Concession Stands at Wells Fargo
         1. Event volunteers
         2. Significant funds could be raised at one event
      2. Gift card raffle
         1. $500 in gift cards displayed on tree
         2. Raffle tickets for $1 each
         3. First $500 goes back to Booster Club to cover costs of gift cards
   2. Individual fundraisers
      1. Raise Right (<https://www.raiseright.com/>)
         1. Used to go by the name Scrip
         2. Purchase gift cards and receive percentages back
         3. E-gift cards and physical gift cards (small shipping fee)
         4. Small cost for each transaction when purchasing gift cards
         5. Funds raised will apply to next years fees
            1. Money cannot be paid out if you leave teams due to 501(c)(3)
            2. Money does transfer with athlete when moving between Xcel and DP and can transfer to a sibling if they are on teams

1. **Coach’s Reminders**
   1. Please, sign up for team photos!!!
      1. November 23rd
      2. Even if you do not plan to purchase pictures, having a picture allows them to be in team picture
      3. See email from Alisha
   2. DP Big Sis/Lil Sis
      1. Carla and Alisha put together specific pairings
      2. Expectation of supporting each other throughout season
      3. Small gift ($5-7)/note in locker before each meet
      4. Please, fill out survey sent out by Nikki Alexander
      5. Not feasible to do Xcel due to differing amounts of meets by each athlete
2. **Q&A/Notes** 
   1. Available sources of Booster Club information
      1. Xcel Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1461392394115762>)
      2. DP Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/899094426800517>)
      3. Booster Club website (<https://www.sapphiregymnasticsboosterclub.com/>)
      4. SBJI website (<https://www.sapphirejewelryboxinvitational.com/>)
   2. T-shirts
      1. All athletes will receive a team shirt with names on back purchased by Booster Club
      2. Webstore will have shirts available for others to purchase
      3. Booster Club will receive flat amount back in raised funds as team fundraiser
   3. Yard signs
      1. Still available, please ask if you would like one
      2. Some will be repurposed
   4. For New members
      1. Alisha and Mandi generally host a New to Teams meeting
      2. Meet Schedules
         1. Alisha will communicate when available, generally shortly before meet
         2. Email and posted in locker room

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 12th**