

# RM Minutes

March 4, 2009

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## ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

### Attendance:

Kevin Brooks	Arnold Lee	Gail Rothberg
Cindi Brooks	Chris Kelly	Larry Center
Brenda Dunham	Bob Hamilton	Liz Stoff
Bob Maxey	Donna Fuqua	Nelson McLeod
Lisa Hill	Chuck Fuqua	
Cheryl Hoover	Chuck Mansius	
Jerry Kashatus	Elaine Koubek	

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the February, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Booster officers made introductions.

### President's Message – Kevin Brooks

Kevin noted that the Booster Club will be very active in the next few months with three major events – the Mulch Sale, the Mike Curtis Golf Tournament and running the spring concessions stand. Also, REAL Maryland Soccer will begin playing soon in the new stadium. He also announced that in May, the Booster Club will vote on a new Board of Directors and urged members to start thinking about leadership positions.

### Principal's Report - Dr. Nelson McLeod

Dr. McLeod thanked the Booster Club for their leadership and support of the RM athletic programs. He congratulated the cheerleading squad for their second place finish in the Paint Branch competition last month. He also congratulated our Pom Squad captain for winning the Captain's award at the competition held at RM last month. He noted that the school is looking forward to hosting the competition again next year.

He also reported that MCPS has a new process for facility enhancements to existing school buildings. The three proposals that RM had submitted have been approved – for the installation of baseball and softball scoreboards, the installation of stadium flagpoles and the installation of the RM Rocket in the new stadium.

Dr. McLeod also met with Ron Kronthal, vice president of REAL Maryland and Kevin Brooks to discuss the upcoming soccer league and stadium usage. They developed a comprehensive system for stakeholders to provide feedback.

He also reported that the MCPS Department of Facilities Management has requested that RM secure a yearly artificial turf maintenance contract. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$7,000 per year. Dr. McLeod met with MCPS regarding increasing our local athletic budget to include the cost of the maintenance contract. A follow-up meeting is planned for March with the MCPS Director of Athletics.

Dr. McLeod is also working with Dennis Cross, project manager, Division of Construction on additional facilities enhancements such as bases and pitchers mounds, the baseball foul line, removal of a tree in left field and the status of the baseball safety netting and poles for the discus/shot-put toe and a safety net in the discus area, etc. He will keep the Booster Club posted on the progress of these projects.

### **REAL Maryland Report – Ron Kronthal**

Ron Kronthal, vice president of REAL Maryland reported that he had met with Dr. McLeod and learned more about the school and the community. The details of running concessions for the soccer team have been worked out, and the RM Booster Club will be running seven games for the team. Ron hopes to make a good profit on the games and noted that the team is committed to working with RM for the next five years, and hopefully more. He hopes in that time to give students a chance to learn about sports management and looks forward to providing opportunities for them to work in his organization.

### **Athletic Director's Report – Bob Maxey**

- As Dr. McLeod reported earlier, the County Pom Competition was a success and the Athletic Department is looking forward to hosting it again next year.
- A recap of winter teams was given – the Swim Team won their division, Indoor Track had an average season, Wrestling sent two athletes to the regional championship, both boys and girls basketball made it to the second round of playoffs and both teams had winning records.
- The winter gate revenue ended up a net loss of \$2,727 after expenses of police, security and officials. There needs to be an increase of student involvement at games in the future to be able to report a profit.
- Spring team tryouts are ongoing, but there has been a delay because of the weather. Teams are currently sharing indoor gym time. The number of students trying out for spring teams has been good in most sports except baseball.
- The Spring Teams Potluck dinner is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Teams will break into team meetings for parents to meet the coaches following dinner and presentations by the Athletic Director and Booster President.
- The Winter Awards Ceremony is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium.
- Team pictures for Spring Teams will be taken the week of March 16 and will be posted on the Eye-On-The-Ball website.
- The cost of the baseball and softball scoreboards is \$17,000. The county will provide the materials to install the scoreboards. The RM baseball alumni group has raised \$11,000. The scoreboards will have a wireless operating system.
- The new flagpoles in the stadium will be installed shortly. The utility company will be coming out to begin digging holes for the installation. REAL Maryland has contributed \$2,000 towards the project.

- The 10'x10' RM stencil in the center of the stadium has been delivered and will be installed shortly. The stencil can be re-used for a number of different venues such as storage containers and other fields.
- Requests have been submitted for funding of individual plaques for school record holders, including track & field and swimming, and a plaque for the old gym floor to explain what it is for future students.
- Future projects include a 'Hall of Fame' wall of individual plaques, an upgrade of the gym scoreboard, message boards and an upgraded PA system in the gym.
- The athletic department is looking into some type of goose repellent for the baseball and softball fields.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

A balance sheet was provided to members and an overview of income and expenses was shared. The current net income of the Booster Club is \$3,225.53 and total current assets in the general fund are \$75,694.22. There will be little or no income until the spring season begins and the mulch sale, golf tournament and concession sales begin.

The Booster Club voted to approve the following expenditures:

- \$525.00 from the General Fund for the RM stadium stencil
- \$1,665.00 from the General Fund for custom record plaques and nameplates
- \$4,502.00 from the General Fund to add to the total cost of the baseball and softball scoreboards. Payment would not exceed \$4,600.00
- \$125.00 from the Cheerleading team fund to pay for competition entry fees.
- \$120.00 from the Poms team fund to pay for competition entry fees.

A discussion was held on payment of \$1,374.00 for cross country uniforms and the members decided to table the decision until the next meeting because of questions surrounding the request for payment.

### **Committee Updates/ Discussion Items:**

- Membership: Volunteers will be needed at the upcoming spring potluck dinner to assist in distributing membership forms and work the membership table.
- Website: Team photos of spring teams will be taken the week of March 16 and will be displayed on the website for purchase. Order forms for the mulch sale and the Mike Curtis golf tournament are posted on the site.
- Mulch: Orders are starting to come in for the sale on-line. Cary Dimmick will send out e-mails to all the coaches to encourage their players to distribute mulch flyers to neighborhoods around Rockville. There will also be ads in the Tide and flyers will be mailed to people who bought mulch last year. The trucks have been ordered. Liability coverage for drivers will be looked into.

- Mike Curtis Golf Tournament: The date for the golf tournament has been set for Monday, May 11 at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Burtonsville, MD. A silent auction will also be held again in conjunction with the tournament and the registration materials are being updated and will be on the Booster website shortly. Help will be needed prior to and on-site at the tournament and a request was made for Booster members to volunteer. Sponsors are needed for the tournament and last year's sponsors will be notified.
- Spring Concessions: The concessions committee met with REAL Maryland and has agreed to work seven of their games. REAL Maryland will be purchasing their own supplies and equipment and will be storing them in the outdoor concession stand. The concessions committee is working on securing volunteers to work and people to open/close the stand for all home games for RM in the spring, as well as REAL Maryland games.

### **New Business:**

- A Nominating Committee needs to be created to identify candidates to run for the office of Booster President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the next school year. A request for committee members will be sent out to the Booster mailing list.
- A scholarship committee also needs to be formed to work on the Booster Club scholarships to be given out in the spring. The committee will update the application forms and get the word out to seniors to apply for the scholarships.

There was no new business to report. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the RM Cafeteria**