

RM Minutes

May 13, 2009

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Attendance:

Kevin Brooks
Cindi Brooks
Donna Fuqua
Arnold Lee
Cary Dimmick
Lisa Hill
Cheryl Hoover
Ellen Harrison

Mark Yantsos
Chuck Mansius
Linda Gausseres
Cathy Muha
Liz Stoff
Cissy Palomares
Chris Kelly
Brenda Dunham

Patty College
Paul Lofgren

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 1, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

President's Message – Kevin Brooks

Kevin announced that the Boosters will continue to put the word out hoping to recruit the remaining Board members. He noted that we have had a good year and have accomplished a number of projects. He also reported that the recent golf fundraiser was a success.

Principal's Message – Nelson McLeod

Dr. McLeod addressed the group and thanked the Booster Club for a great year and for the support and tenacity of its members through the first year of having athletic facilities at the school. He announced that a school spirit committee will be established next year to involve both students and the staff in ways to increase spirit within the school. He unofficially nominated outgoing Booster President Kevin Brooks as committee chair. Dr. McLeod will be coming up with more options to involve students in the school. He will be meeting with students at Julius West Middle school in the next few weeks to talk about RM, and will mention the athletic programs and the Booster Club.

Athletic Director's Report – Carey Dimmick (for Bob Maxey)

- An update on spring teams was given, with win-loss records and playoff updates. Currently the only team left in competition is the boy's volleyball team.
- The pathways adjacent to the baseball and softball fields have been completed, as well as the shot-put area on the outdoor track.
- Other finished projects include new speakers and new soccer goals, portable bleachers, and screens for center field.

- Spring receipts from admission to games totaled \$1,357.00
- The school will be having an awards night on May 20 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium and the Booster President will be presenting four scholarships to student athletes who were chosen by the scholarship committee to receive them.
- The spring team sports awards ceremony will be held on May 21 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. The Booster Club will be providing refreshments after the event.
- The geese problem on the baseball and softball fields is no longer a concern since the geese have moved on once play began on the fields.
- Tryouts for fall sports teams will begin on Saturday August 15, 2009 at 9:00 am.
- Upcoming projects include draining of the turf field, additional bleachers for the track area for larger track events, and possible lights for the track. Dr. McLeod will check with the City of Rockville regarding any plans in place for lights.
- Updates on the scoreboard and flagpoles installation will be deferred until the June meeting when Mr. Maxey returns.

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 \$5,082.22 and total current assets in the general fund are \$82,825.84. Team balances will be given to each of the coaches to reflect money made from the mulch sale.

Committee Updates/ Discussion Items:

- Membership: The Boosters ended the year with a little over 100 members – 70% of them either Black & Gold members or Family members. One goal is to get the parents of Julius West Middle School students aware of the RM Booster Club. The RM athletic department will be meeting with Julius West gym classes in the coming weeks and the boosters will work with Mr. Maxey to provide information on the Booster Club. The outreach to families will continue and will intensify prior to the fall.
- Website: A link to the Booster website from the main page of the RM website was suggested.
- Mulch: It was suggested that teams work in 2-hour shifts for next year's mulch sale, instead of 4 hour shifts. Cheryl Hoover has agreed to chair the mulch committee again next year.
- Mike Curtis Golf Tournament: The tournament was a success, making approximately \$5,000. 54 golfers participated and the silent auction did well. Kevin Brooks thanked all involved and agreed to chair the tournament committee again next year.
- Spring Concessions: The concessions committee thanked all the various teams involved in staffing the concession stand over the spring, especially the lacrosse parents who manned the stand at all their games. There are a few REAL Maryland games left this spring and summer, and volunteers have been secured for the remaining games.

Old Business:

- Cindi Brooks reported that the RM Rocket has been successfully transferred from its storage place at the home of former RM PTSA President Linda Stern-Siegal to Gaithersburg High School. The auto shop at GHS will be refinishing the Rocket as a school project and the Boosters will supply the paint. The Boosters thanked RM parent Tim Jones who volunteered his time, flatbed truck and hoist to move the Rocket. Once the Rocket has been refinished, it will be brought back to RM for installation in the stadium by MCPS. Cindi also brought before the committee a proposal to install a plaque near the Rocket that explains the history of the Rocket. The committee agreed to review price quotes for a plaque and Cindi will report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

- The Booster Club will be donating \$500 to help with Post Prom.
- Cathy Muha has agreed to act as the Booster liaison between RM and Julius West Middle School, to help get the word out about the club.
- The Booster Club scholarship committee awarded four scholarships to the following student-athletes: Amy Knobloch, Olubusayo Awe, Sean Murphy and Anais Mengay. The awards ceremony will be held on May 20th.
- Elaine Koubek was nominated as Vice President and Cindi Brooks was nominated as Secretary of the RM Athletic Booster Club for the 2009-2010 school year. Both candidates were voted on and approved by the members present. The offices of President and Treasurer will be voted on at the June Booster meeting, giving potential candidates more time to come forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the RM Cafeteria