

RM Minutes

Feb. 4, 2009

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Attendance:

Kevin Brooks
Cindi Brooks
Brenda Dunham
Bob Maxey
Lisa Hill
Cheryl Hoover
Cary Dimmick
Jerry Kashatus

Cissy Palomares
Bob Tendrich
Rhonda Gaynor
Marla Brannan
Arnold Lee
Chris Kelly
Carolyn Cox
Bill Glass

Peter Chang
Robert Neale
Elaine Knobloch
Dolores Barnes
Bob Hamilton
Robin Temin

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Booster officers made introductions.

President's Message – Kevin Brooks

Kevin reported that the plaques honoring Roy Lester have been installed in the new stadium. The Boosters have also located the Rocket that was in the old stadium and have plans to re-furbish and re-install it in the new stadium. The first winter spirit night for basketball and the introduction of the new Rocket mascot was a success. Our big fundraisers for the spring are coming up – the mulch sale and the Mike Curtis Golf Tournament. The outdoor concessions committee has been meeting to plan for the upcoming season. We will be doing another membership drive in the spring at the pot-luck dinner. He also informed the group that the search for new Booster officers for the 2009-2010 school year will begin and to start thinking about nominations for the positions.

Athletic Director's Report – Bob Maxey

- A new physical education curriculum will be introduced to incorporate specific sports into student's class time.
- The athletic director will be meeting with athletes periodically to talk about issues affecting athletes and the school. These are Q&A sessions where the athletes can bring up concerns or give suggestions regarding the athletic program or a specific sport.
- A recap of current sports teams was given. Information about county and regional tournaments for swimming and track was shared. The county wrestling

tournament is on February 20-21 and the county Pom competition is being held at RM on February 14. There will be a number of food and other vendors at the event. Basketball playoffs for both boys and girls begin on February 27. RM hopes to host more county and regional championships in the future.

- The athletic department has hired a new sports ad agency to create our sports calendars.
- The Boosters were asked to help come up with some ideas to increase winter revenue. The school is currently below their projected revenue numbers and need more attendees at the games. Ideas can be shared directly with the Athletic Director.
- An update on the baseball/softball scoreboards was given. An attempt is being made to find out exactly how much has been raised or promised so far from the alumni groups and possibly Big Train baseball association. The cost of the scoreboards is \$17,502.00 and it is believed that \$14,000 has been raised. The installation of the scoreboards and batting cages has been approved by MCPS. At the next meeting it will be reported on the findings.
- The new Varsity baseball coach, Bill Wright has been hired. The new Varsity girl's lacrosse coach is Nikki Ma. Announcements will go out on both new coaches once the winter season has concluded, sometime around the first week in March.
- The installation of the center court from the old RM building has been complete – the molding was the last part of the project to be finished.
- An RM Hall of Fame is in the works to display plaques honoring RM athletes who have met the following criteria: have been a contributing student athlete at RM; has attended college or gone directly into pro athletics; has graduated college or played pro sports for five years; has participated in intercollegiate athletics and has shown active community involvement. The Hall of Fame will tie together the hallway outside of the gym, which currently has trophies, photos and the old center court logo. The Boosters will keep the information on Hall-of-Fame members.
- Team photo frames have also been installed in the hallway by the gym. New team photos will be displayed each season.
- A number of teams have requested supplies and equipment from their team accounts and those requests were submitted to the Booster Club for review.
- The Athletic Director also made a number of requests for payments and the Boosters will also be reviewing the requests.
- Outdoor flagpoles for the new stadium were not included in the construction plans for the stadium. The cost of a set of three flagpoles and flags is \$1,760. The flags would include the American flag, the Maryland state flag and an RM flag. The RM flag would be replaced during REAL Maryland games with their team flag. Their colors are also black & gold.
- Two large RM logos will be installed on the fence near the football field to help shield the field from spectators out in the parking lot.
- The pot-luck dinner for spring teams and their parents will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 pm. The Boosters will assist with set-up and serving for the event.
- The winter team's awards night will be held on March 19th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

- Coach Scott Spear (Boy's Varsity basketball) will have his 200th win coming up soon and a plaque will be awarded to him for his accomplishment.
- A stencil for the center of the stadium turf field has been ordered and will require five coats of paint to get it finished.
- Stadium security is an ongoing problem and is being addressed by the school. The concession stand and other areas of the stadium are being wired for a security system.
- Spring team tryouts begin on Saturday, February 28.
- The athletic department hopes to improve the number of camps offered in the summer at the school and is working to develop new camps.
- The last home games for both girls and boy's basketball will also be their senior nights.

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 \$4,336.25 and total current assets are \$76,804.94. There will be little or no income until the spring season begins and the mulch sale, golf tournament and concession sales begin.

Committee Updates/ Discussion Items:

- Merchandise: RM spirit-wear will be offered at all remaining Friday night basketball games. The school store will be open for merchandise sales the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. The new RM scarves and beanies are a hit.
- Membership: The Booster Club reports 100 members prior to the spring season, which is an improvement over last year. The number of Black & Gold members has increased as well. The Boosters plan to reach out to parents of spring team athletes at the spring pot-luck dinner and will give pro-rated membership fees for the rest of the school season. Membership efforts will also be made at the upcoming mulch sale and golf tournament. Outreach will also be made to eighth grade parents and the Julius West PTSA president will be contacted to explore how to accomplish that.
- Concessions: The newly-formed spring concessions committee met to discuss purchasing and restocking supplies and equipment, scheduling volunteers to work, putting together a master calendar of games and discussing the relationship with REAL Maryland and what needs to be done to prepare for their season. The committee will be meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7 to clean up the concession stand from the fall and to access the layout and improve the flow of service. A list of supplies and equipment to purchase has been made and the committee will continue to meet on a regular basis to get ready for the season.
- Website: The renewal costs of the web hosting service and the domain name for the year have been paid. Order forms for the mulch sale can now be done on-

line and all winter teams have their team photos and action shots available for purchase at Eye-On-The-Ball.

- Mulch: Letters will be sent out next week to encourage people to purchase mulch and will include an order form. Information on the mulch sale will also be provided in the next PTSA newsletter and will be sent out to local newspapers in mid-March. The information will also be sent out to the various cluster schools. New signs for the sale will need to be made and the flyers to the teams to have them work the sale will be going out soon.
- 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.

Old Business:

- Capital Improvements Survey: At the last meeting, the Booster members decided to send out a capital improvement survey to the membership of the top projects that the club would like to fund and have the members rate the projects based on what they feel should be the most important items. A total of 10 surveys were sent back and the prevailing issue was turf maintenance. Discussion was held with the Athletic Director as to whether the county was going to pay for the maintenance or the Booster Club would have to fund the yearly maintenance. The decision was tabled until the AD could provide a definitive answer. At the next meeting the members would like to have a ballot created that lists exact prices of projects to be voted on.
- A motion was made to approve the \$1,760 cost of the stadium flagpoles. The group agreed to pay no more than \$2,000 in total costs. The motion was approved.

There was no new business to report. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the RM Cafeteria