

RM Minutes

Jan. 7, 2009

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Attendance:

Kevin Brooks
Cindi Brooks
Brenda Dunham
Ed Spear
Bob Maxey
Lisa Hill

Donna Fuqua
Cheryl Hoover
Cary Dimmick
Elaine Koubek
Matthew Swanson

Jeanine Gould-Kostka
Jerry Kashatus
Cissy Palomares
Jeanne Jones

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting were amended to reflect a change in the New Business portion of the minutes. The original wording of the minutes referred to providing snacks and drinks to teams who practiced late. The new wording referred to teams who participated in study hall, not who practiced late. The minutes were then unanimously approved upon this amendment.

The Booster officers made introductions.

President's Message – Kevin Brooks

Kevin reported that he has met with the RM pep band and they will be playing at various games throughout the winter season. He also reported that the school will be displaying more black and gold throughout the building to show more school pride and spirit. Also, the new RM rocket mascot will make its debut at the January 16 basketball game. He also announced that the projects the Booster Club would like to see finalized by the end of the school year are the installation in the new stadium of the Roy Lester sign and plaque and the 20-ft Rocket which has been in storage for three years. All projects are in process. Also, the team potluck dinners at the start of each season will go back to being arranged and organized by the Booster Club. Upcoming events that the Boosters will be planning are the spring mulch sale and the Mike Curtis Golf Tournament.

Athletic Director's Report – Bob Maxey

- The shot put area of the track is being worked on and safety screens and poles are being installed,
- The drainage problem in the baseball field is also being corrected. Baseball and softball storage areas currently located at Julius West are being moved to RM.
- Partial funding for the baseball scoreboard is being raised by an alumni group and an attempt will be made to find out how much has actually been raised.

- Security fencing will be installed on the baseball field to keep cars and other vehicles off the field. Also, a tree will be removed that is currently in the left field foul line.
- The softball team will be getting outdoor practice cages.
- The center court logo from the old building will be installed shortly on the wall outside of the new gym. The installation crew will do it when no students are around because of the size and scope of the installation.
- The athletic department is hoping to display individual championship plates on the wall as well as a display of RM record holders.
- The new logo has been painted in center court of the new gym. It needs to be touched up and varnished and that will be happening shortly.
- The pro soccer team, REAL Maryland is looking into displaying a "RM" logo in the center of the stadium field.
- The RM Mascot "Ritchie Rocket" will make his debut on January 16 and the pep band will also be in attendance.
- The athletic department would like to make all students aware of the RM fight song.
- An update on the progress of the winter sports teams was given to the group.
- There are two or possibly three final candidates for the position of Varsity baseball coach. Final interviews will be held within the next week.
- Shirts and bags will be distributed to kids and parents during the upcoming Cluster night basketball games. A flyer about Cluster Night was created by Dr. McLeod to distribute to the cluster schools. All RM students will get into the games for \$1.00 before 6:00 pm and cluster students will be free with a paying adult. The cheerleaders will be asked to make a banner welcoming all the cluster schools and an announcement will be made to welcome the schools at the start of the games.
- REAL Maryland would like to install flagpoles in the new stadium and is asking the Boosters if they could pay half the cost. The total cost would be \$4,000.00 and the Boosters would be asked to pay \$2,000.00. The Boosters will discuss the request at the next meeting.
- The athletic department is looking into a lightning detector system for the outdoor fields.
- The athletic department will be meeting with athletes periodically for a Q&A with the athletic director to address concerns and take suggestions.
- Fence caps (padding) has been purchased for the end zones of the stadium.
- The Rocket Corps and the SGA will be working with the athletic department as a school pride campaign to do a spring clean-up of the stadium area before the spring sports season begins. New trash cans have been purchased.

Treasurer's Report:

A balance sheet was provided to members and an overview of income and expenses was shared. There has not been a lot of activity in the past month. A check in the amount of \$4,500.00 has been written to pay for the work already completed for the future irrigation system. The current net income of the Booster Club is \$12,437.28 and total current assets are \$84,905.97.

Committee Updates/ Discussion Items:

- Merchandise: a number of orders for merchandise have been filled on-line over the past month. New items that will be offered starting at Friday basketball games will be black & gold scarves and beanies.
- Membership: A few new members have come in over the last month. Additional efforts will be made to recruit members for the spring sports season.
- Concessions: The newly-formed spring concessions committee will be meeting 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. Another request for committee volunteers will be sent out to the Booster membership.
- Website: The Booster Club was asked to pay for the renewal of the web hosting service and the domain name for the year. The cost of the web hosting service is \$95.40 and the domain name cost is \$19.90. A motion was made and seconded to pay up to \$130.00 for the renewal of web-related services for 2009. The invoices will be submitted to the Booster Treasurer for payment.
- Mulch: The date for the mulch sale has been set for March 28. The cost per bag this year will be \$3.00 from Country Boy and we will be ordering four 18-ft. box trucks and one 12-ft. truck to help deliver the mulch. A mulch committee will meet and all sports teams will be instructed to deliver order forms and flyers to certain neighborhoods in the Rockville area. This year the teams will be informed in a timelier manner of their profits once the event is over.
- 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 deposit has been made and the golf tournament committee will be meeting soon to begin the planning efforts.

Old Business:

- School Spirit: The pep band will be getting spirit shirts to encourage them to play at basketball games and other games. RM tattoos will also be handed out at games and spirit towels have been ordered for fans.

New Business:

- Booster Priorities: Discussion was held regarding upcoming projects that the Booster Club would like to have implemented and/or equipment that the club would like to purchase by the end of the school year. The members decided to send out a capital improvement survey to the Booster 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 report will be given at the next meeting on the findings of the survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

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