



# Minutes

March 4, 2010

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## RM ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

### Attendance:

Dolores Barnes (Events & Outreach Co-Chair)  
Helen Blankfeld (Co-Treasurer)  
Kevin Brooks (President)  
Bill Burchett  
Barbara Cano  
Sandi Coleman  
Tom Diemer  
Cary Dimmick (RM Administrator)  
Brenda Dunham (Booster Club Website)  
Ryan Fleming (Co-Treasurer)  
Lisa Fumai (Spirit wear Chair)  
Gail Rothberg  
Ellen Harrison

Scott Harrison  
Cheryl Hoover (Mulch Fundraiser Chair)  
Chris Kelly (Membership Chair)  
Elaine Koubec  
Paul Lofgren  
Ginger Martin  
Cathy Muha (Events & Outreach Co-Chair)  
Susan Silverberg  
Ed Spear  
Bob Tendrich  
Alan White (Vice President)  
Diane Yokum

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

Self introductions of Booster Club Board officers made. Booster President Kevin Brooks welcomed all attendees and members. A special welcome to new members.

**Approval of Minutes:** January 6, 2010 minutes approved

### President's Message – Kevin Brooks

Open with welcoming remarks. February Booster Club meeting canceled due to school closing and weather.

- Soliciting candidates for new Booster Club board members and encouraging all to submit names for new candidates. Bookkeeping background needed for the Treasurer position. Secretary position is a multi-tasked position with computer skills required.
- Special thanks and recognition to Lisa Fumai for an outstanding job with RM spirit wear/merchandise.
- Would like to form a Scholarship Committee – Kevin Brooks to follow up with more information.
- The mulch sale coming up and need to solicit as many volunteers as possible.
- Mike Curtis Golf Tournament on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hampshire Greens Golf Course. Looking for sponsors and volunteers. Contact: Kevin Brooks.



## **Athletic Director's Report – Cary Dimmick**

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/athletics/>

Handout with updates on upcoming events, project updates and other items of Interest provided.

- Currently experiencing “overbooking” of the athletic field by ICB. RM in contact with ICB to modify and reduce scheduling.
- Batting cages should be completed week of 3/8
- Championship Banners will go up during spring break.
- Letter Winner database completed.
- Installation of baseball/softball scoreboards delayed. Current contractor pulled out of the project. RM working for MCPS to find another installer
- Offer has been made for the head football coach. Currently going through the MCPS hiring/approval process. Official announcements will be made **after** the hiring process is approved and completed. The hiring of four (4) assistant coaches will be done after the head coach is approved/hired.
- RM POMs had a great season, but many felt were short-changed in the judging at the county 2009-2010 MCPS PomPon Competition last weekend. Expressing our appreciation for their hard-work throughout the year.
- Spring Sports Pot Luck Dinner – Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM
- Winter Sports Awards Night – Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM
- Funding requests submitted will be reviewed by the board prior to April meeting for open discussion and vote.
- New Items:
  - Cluster Banner which will welcome and include all RM cluster schools (College Gardens ES, Beall ES, Ritchie Park ES, Twinbrook ES and Julius West MS)
  - Baseball and softball field tarp
  - 2008-2009 MCPS Divisional Championship List provided. RM received 4 Divisional Championships (Girls Tennis, Boys Swimming, Softball and Boys Volleyball).
  - Allied Sports Program (grant) – a pilot program to recruit disabled and/or students who have never played in any sports

## **Treasurer's Report – Ryan Fleming**

Provided an updated Profit & Loss report comparing current year to last school year – income is slightly higher this year. Decrease in concession income and an increase in spirit wear merchandise are the two most significant changes. Balance sheet was also provided.



## Committee Updates/ Discussion Items:

- Membership:

Suggest a careful review of the current membership structure for next year. A **Special One-Time Spring Discount Membership Offer for \$20** was voted/approved and will be introduced at the Spring Sports Pot Luck Dinner. This special membership will include a 10% discount on merchandise. Continue our efforts to “reach and touch someone” – new ideas and/or suggestions welcomed. Contact: Chris Kelly

- Spirit Wear/Merchandise: <http://www.rmboosters.org/spiritwear.html>

Currently balance of \$11,475 in sales YTD. Fall season grossed majority of the income (football games and back-to-school night generated the most). The school store continues to be opened for students and staff during lunch period the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Friday school store openings have been a pleasant surprise with sales exceeding expectations. Business was much slower during the winter season and sold very little at basketball games. Spirit Shack will be open for business at the Spring Sports Pot Luck Dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Will coordinate sales at the spring sports games with team parents. Looking for potential chairperson(s) for spirit wear/merchandising to work with/shadow Lisa Fumai for 2010-2011 to take over the following year. Seeking incoming parents from JW. Any suggestions for candidates, please contact Lisa Fumai.

- Events and Outreach:

Spring Sports Potluck, Wednesday, March 17th, 7 pm in the cafeteria. Dolores Barnes and Cathy Muha will be in charge and bring all supplies. This is a date change from the 16th. Cheryl Hoover will distribute flyers to the teams this week. Dolores and Cathy will coordinate efforts with Mary Ann Bliss to reach out to all Spring Sports team parents and make sure one is identified for each sport/team. Winter Sports Awards Night will be Thursday, March 18th, 7 pm in the auditorium. Dolores requested help with serving refreshments --Helen Blankfeld volunteered to assist. Dolores and Cathy confirmed that we have access to a bulletin board at JW to advertise Booster information. Will post the RM spring sports poster as soon as it comes out on the 15th, and also asked any spring sports information to be sent through them for advertisement. Suggestion was made during this time to sell RM merchandise at 8th grade JW lunch period to be coordinated through Lisa Fumai. Dolores and Cathy would also like to accompany the 8th graders on the last day of school to help the AD with Sports/Booster information presentation.



- Website: <http://www.rmboosters.org/index.html>  
Brenda Dunham negotiated a lower rate for the Booster Club's web hosting service from \$103.40 to \$69.30 for one year web hosting and renewal of both domains for one year. This renewal has been executed. Spring schedules have been posted on the Booster site. The mulch section is live and can accept online sales. Current photos provided to Chamy (webmaster for the RM website) to update the RM school team pages. Photos provided to Coach Menefee's family for his memorial service. The Booster site has new pages for "Athletic Awards" (MVP and Rocket Awards), and banner sales. Spring photo days have not yet been scheduled.
- Concessions:  
Need to prepare for spring sports. Mary Ann Bliss will update at the April meeting.
- Mulch Sale: <http://rmboosters.org/mulch.html>  
Mailing has gone out to 443 individuals who purchased mulch in the past. Working on finalizing the delivery area and flyers for each team. Will have the packets delivered to Bob Maxey by Tuesday, March 8th for coaches to pick up. Decisions regarding conversation about distribution of the team funds will be discussed and made on at a later date. Reminders have gone out on the RM listserv as well as all cluster listserves. This is our most successful fundraiser and it takes **many volunteers and a lot of work** – please volunteer and let's support our kids!

### **Old Business:**

Booster Bylaws: On-going

### **New Business:**

- Received donations totaling \$200 in honor of Coach Kevin Menefee.
- State Awards budget of \$50/student was voted and approved.
- Cathy Muha attended the MCPS Injury Prevention Seminar and will discuss the meeting when Bob Maxey is present. Also mentioned a concern about hydration/hot weather, and for the Booster Club think about purchasing two tents to have on the sidelines for stadium games - one for our team(s) and another for the opposing team(s).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm in the RM cafeteria.**