

# RM Minutes

May 7, 2008

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## ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

### Attendance:

Ralph Lary	Elaine Koubek	Mike Froehlich
Kevin Brooks	David Breslaw	Mark Yantsos
Cindi Brooks	Bob Maxey	Brenda Dunham
Bob Tendrich	Cheryl Hoover	Lisa Hill
Patty College	Nicole Sosik	Ryan Fleming
Chuck Mansius	Arnold Lee	Chris Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved.

**New Business:** A motion was made and approved at last month's meeting to purchase awards for the girl's basketball team. It was reported at this meeting as new business that the purchase amount of those awards was \$351.00.

### Athletic Director's Report – Bob Maxey

- Thanks to all volunteers who worked the Mike Curtis Golf Tournament, held May 5 at Hampshire Greens Golf Course. Two suggestions were made regarding next year's tournament - organize a committee to develop logistical procedures that will help in running the tournament and consider holding the tournament on a non-school day so more RM staff can participate.
- All spring sports teams are currently beginning playoffs.
- The RM basketball summer camp registrations are going well – there are currently 25 campers signed up and the goal is 50. A suggestion was made to distribute more brochures and the Boosters will be printing up additional copies.
- During the month of May, all county athletic departments are to submit reports on spending throughout the year and budgets will be scrutinized.
- A meeting was held with Triton Company, which provides sanitation of indoor/outdoor athletic facilities. The RM weight room has been targeted by the AD as an area that will be the focus of this service. The company states that their sanitation methods minimize bacteria for up to 3 years. A decision will be made on whether to use their services and will be reported to the Boosters at their next meeting.
- There have been discussions with the RM Band Director for a Marching Band festival in October 2008 on the new RM field. Information will be sent out to

- other county schools in the coming months. The concession stand at the festival will be run by the RM Booster Club.
- Preliminary work on the RM Hall of Fame has begun. Installation of approximately 40 plaques and photos will begin in August/September along the wall in the gym lobby. The criteria for inclusion in the Hall of Fame is currently being developed by a nominating committee.
  - There will be an end-of-year sports awards night scheduled for May 28. The guest speaker will be former RM student/athlete and former NFL player Mike Curtis. There will be a number of new awards given out and dessert will be served in the café.
  - A 'Town Hall Meeting' with the Athletic Director is tentatively scheduled from 6:30 – 7:30 pm on June 4 (prior to the next Booster meeting). The purpose is to have a question & answer session on topics that are of interest to RM parents, students, and community members.
  - The company installing the artificial turf has been out inspecting the fields. Progress on the fields is approximately 6 weeks behind.
  - There will be a spring sports awards ceremony in June, prior to graduation so the seniors can participate. An announcement will be made shortly.

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

- The financials were reviewed.
- The gross revenue for the April mulch sale still needs to be determined.
- Requests were made, seconded and unanimously approved for the following expenditures:
  - Wrestling Team: \$1090.29 (warm-ups)
  - Poms: \$500 (uniforms)
  - Boys Lacrosse: \$2,775.00 (equipment)
  - Girls Lacrosse: \$862.00 (equipment)
  - Boys Tennis: \$144.00 (balls)
  - Co-ed Volleyball: \$215.95 (shorts)
  - Softball: \$262.60 (equipment)
- A request was made for assistance in funding the 2nd alumni basketball game scheduled for May 30 to help pay for security, jerseys, and other related items. It was agreed that the Booster Club will staff and receive profits from concession sales. A motion was made and unanimously approved that the Booster Club would contribute \$500.00 to the tournament and the Booster officers would have the option of approving additional funds if needed, not to exceed \$500. Another motion was made and unanimously approved that once the gross receipts from the game were determined, the basketball team would be reimbursed first for their expenditures, followed by the Booster Club. If there were any remaining funds, the Booster club would receive 60% and the basketball team would receive 40% of the amount.

#### **Committee Updates:**

- Merchandise: Extra golf pullovers from the Mike Curtis golf tournament will be added to the merchandise page on the Booster website at a price of \$45.00 each. RM slides (shoes) are also being considered as a new item for the fall. Currently a few of the individual teams have them, but it was suggested that they

would be a popular item to other students/athletes. The Boosters will look into costs and ordering information.

- Team Parents: An info sheet on how team parents can get involved was emailed to all those parents that provided contact information at the Winter Potluck Dinner.
- Membership: The Booster Club currently has 134 members - 30 have joined since March 1, 2008. The decision was made to continue the \$15.00 supporting membership into the fall. Also, a committee will be formed to discuss ideas about membership recruitment and retention, headed by chair Chris Kelly.
- Website: The current volunteer web coordinator, Brenda Dunham will be ending her tenure at the end of the school year. The Booster Club suggested to Brenda that she submit a proposal to the club to extend her services on a paid basis into the next school year. Also, it was suggested that the home page of the website include a message from all the new officers, not just the President.
- Scholarships: Four student-athletes received scholarships from the Booster Club: Jared Center, Tyler Jackson, Molly Sweeney and Jocelyn Pickering. The scholarship committee reported that there were many outstanding candidates. Some suggestions for next year's process are as follows: 1) remove the portion of the application that deals with parental involvement, since the awards are on the merits of the athletes, not their parents; 2) downplay the emphasis on academic excellence, which can keep some athletes from applying for the scholarships; 3) have coaches play a stronger role to encourage applicants from their teams; 4) possibly increase the scholarship amounts; and 4) establish the scholarship committee earlier in the school year.
- Mulch: Mulch sale on April 5 was successful and well organized. Using Paypal for payments on the website worked very well. Some suggestions for next year include renting larger trucks and adjusting the volunteer schedules for athletes so more of them are available in the late afternoon. We also hope to get more coaches involved.
- Fundraising: The first Annual Mike Curtis Golf Tournament was a success, with 83 golfers and 28 sponsors. Some of the positives included the golf course and staff, the alumni participation, the food, the silent auction and the volunteers. Some things to work on for next year include pulling together a planning committee earlier, delegating logistics to more people, and securing more and larger sponsors. At the time of the booster meeting, total profit from the event was not available, but will be reported at the next meeting.
- Nominations: A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers put forth for the 2008-2009 RM Booster Club. The officers are:
  - President – Kevin Brooks
  - Vice President(s) – Lisa Hill and Elaine Koubek
  - Treasurer – Donna Fuqua
  - Secretary – Cindi Brooks
  - Membership Chair – Chris Kelly

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the Media Center  
(Town Hall Q&A with the Athletic Director scheduled from 6:30 – 7:30 pm)**