

# Minutes

November 4, 2009

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## RM ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

### Attendance:

Kevin Brooks	Barbara Cano	Liz Stoff
Cindi Brooks	Alan White	Cheryl Hoover
Brenda Dunham	Marla Brannan	Susan Burchett
Helen Blankfeld	Cary Dimmick	Kris Dighe
Chris Kelly	Bob Tendrich	Edward Magled
Ed Spear	Mary Ann Bliss	Cathy Muha
Paul Lofgren	Monique Barber	
Lisa Hill	Chuck Mansius	
Dolores Barnes	Elaine Knobloch	
Lisa Fumai	Rhonda Gaynor	

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

The Booster officers made introductions. Booster President Kevin Brooks welcomed new attendees and new members.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 7, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

### President's Message – Kevin Brooks

Kevin was encouraged by the participation and involvement of a number of new parents into the club. He mentioned the unveiling of RM's Rocket scheduled for the upcoming homecoming game on November 6 and pointed out that Standard Supply company has agreed to donate the steel support for the Rocket. A program is being designed for the unveiling and will be distributed to all game attendees. The Boosters will also be voting on a new Vice President at this meeting.

### Athletic Director's Report – Bob Maxey

Mr. Maxey gave an update on upcoming events, project updates, financial information and other items of interest.

- Mr. Maxey thanked all the volunteer parents and Booster Club members who helped announce games for the fall season.
- A listing of the fall team records was made available. Overall, the fall teams (including JV and Varsity) totaled 87 wins, 66 defeats and 4 ties. Mr. Maxey stated that our teams are moving in the right direction and noted that the 4A division is very competitive and difficult in many sports.

- Fall gate revenue decreased by an estimated \$6,000 from 2008. There are still two football games left in the year so that number may change. To increase gate revenue, school spirit needs to be revitalized. Lack of attendance at games and student apathy has an affect on the school, the athletic department and the Booster Club.
- Tryouts for winter sports begin on Saturday, November 14 for most sports. A list of tryout dates and times was distributed.
- The athletic department is getting closer to choosing a company to install the baseball and softball scoreboards. The current lowest quote for installation by Hercules Fence is \$11,600.00. A final decision will be made by Mr. Maxey and Dr. McLeod.
- Holes have been dug for the flagpoles in the stadium and the flagpoles should be installed by October 9<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of the project was \$750.00.
- Wall mats will be covered in the gym before the winter sports season begins. In addition, a quote for updated scoreboard side panels in the gym has been received. Dry erase boards are also scheduled to be installed in team rooms. The Booster Club has already approved the athletic department's request for funds for all three projects. Approval was reported in the July 1, 2009 minutes.
- Other current projects underway or completed include a baseball net installed in center field, a walkway fence on the baseball field to protect fans and repairs and replacement of some of the school flags in the stadium. Flag repairs are scheduled for November 16.
- Future projects include batting cages to be installed by the spring and aeration of all the fields with seeding. There are currently 2 bids out for the installation of the cages.
- Recent team purchases include a baseball storage shed, a high-jump cover on the track, lacrosse goals, softball uniforms and wrestling team uniforms.
- The state regional boy's soccer finals will be held at RM, as well as the girl's soccer semi-finals. Both are good opportunities for the Booster Club to operate the concession stand.
- The fall sports awards ceremony will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Booster Club will provide refreshments at the end of the ceremony for athletes and family members. This year, pins will be given out along with letters.
- The winter sports potluck dinner will be held on Monday, November 23 at 7:00 pm.
- Mr. Maxey estimated that approximately 126 season tickets were sold so far this year between Black & Gold and individual memberships, for an estimated \$8,820. This amount will be paid to the athletic department by the Boosters and the Booster treasurer will make sure that it has been done.

## Treasurer's Report – Ryan Fleming

The reporting treasurer was absent from the meeting and was unable to provide financial documents at this time. They will be available at the December meeting.

### Committee Updates/ Discussion Items:

- Membership – Chris Kelly reported that a few new members have joined since the last meeting. The next big push for members will come at the winter sports pot-luck dinner in December.
- Merchandise: Lisa Fumai reported that sales of spirit-wear merchandise are going well. The school store has been open at all home football games and the second and fourth Fridays every month in the school. Sales will now move to the home basketball games and indoor sporting events. She noted that there is a discount for RM alumni. Also, spirit-wear items will be stored in the back room of the indoor concession stand for ease to make them easier to access. At the time of the November meeting, sales have reached almost \$7,000.00.
- Events and Outreach: Dolores Barnes reported that the fall teams sports awards ceremony is the 19<sup>th</sup> of November and that coaches have been contacted to encourage their athletes to attend. Volunteers are needed from the Boosters to help with serving cake and refreshments after the game. Also, coaches are being contacted regarding the upcoming winter sports potluck dinner and told what to have their team bring to the event. Dolores noted that Alan White has done a great job with outreach to incoming football players at Julius West by organizing the event in conjunction with the JV football game. Through his efforts, the students were able to learn more about the team and RM athletics as well as enjoy the game.
- Website: Brenda Dunham reported that all fall team photos have been delivered and the winter sports schedule is ready to be posted on the Booster website. She also would like to receive information from the athletic department or someone in the Boosters regarding any RM athletes who may be chosen for all-county sports teams.
- Concessions: Mary Ann Bliss reported that the concessions committee met and discussed the future of concessions – what works, what can be improved upon and suggestions for the future. Once all events are over for the fall, a group will go in and clean up the outdoor stand, organize it and label all the equipment. Also, a detailed set of instructions for each piece of equipment will be created, as well as a concessions manual. Discussion was held about how to get parent volunteers to work in the stand. Also, there is a need to keep better track of inventory and to make sure there always is someone in charge during every event, so the volunteers in the stand have someone to go to for guidance when situations occur or there are questions. Volunteers must work together well, communicate better, and have respect for others who are working.

- **Banner Program:** The class of 2010 purchased a banner with funds donated by parents of seniors and the banner has been hanging in the student section of the stadium. It will be moved indoors in the gym for the winter season.
- **Alumni Tailgate:** Lisa Hill reported that there are currently 16 people signed up for the Alumni tailgate. If the installation of the Rocket is complete by that time, it may bring more people to the event. Lisa ordered extra food in the case of walk-in attendees. She also reminded the group that alumni will get a discount for merchandise at the Spirit Shack.

### **Old Business:**

**Rocket Installation:** The Rocket installation is proceeding and the Boosters hope that the construction company will meet the November 6 Homecoming Game deadline.

**Election of Booster Vice-President:** Nominations were made for the Booster Vice-President position which was made available by the resignation of Elaine Koubek. The majority of votes indicated the desire to elect co-vice Presidents, who would oversee a number of areas and would also be able to fill in for each other as needed at events. The new co-Vice Presidents for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year are Mary Ann Bliss and Alan White.

### **New Business:**

**Gold Cards:** Discussion was held on the process of distributing and collecting money for the Gold Cards made available through the athletic department at the start of each season. The process ran smoothly with some teams but was a problem with other teams. Some felt that there needs to be an easier procedure, and better communications with the parents about selling the cards. Many students did not explain the fundraiser adequately to their parents and there were a number of miscommunications.

**Insurance Policy on the Rocket:** A question was raised concerning whether there should be an insurance policy on the Rocket to protect it against damage. Discussion was held and it was pointed out that because the Rocket is on school property and will be within the confines of the stadium which is protected by a locked fence, there is no need at this point in time to look in to separate insurance.

**Football Program Outreach:** Alan White reported that in an effort to build the RM football program, efforts will be made to introduce middle school and elementary school students to the program. The first of these will be an upcoming JV football game which will include donated food to middle school students from Julius West, a tour of the facilities at RM and free entrance to the game. The goal is to get at least 40 kids in attendance. Alan will continue to work out outreach to champion the RM athletic programs to the younger kids.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm.**