

# Minutes

September 7, 2011

## RM Athletic Boosters

### Attendance:

Nancee Simerson  
Diane Yokum  
Brian Sadur  
Monica Tarzy  
Brenda Dunham  
Steve Chatlin  
John Lynch  
Mike Burnham  
Tracey Chatlin  
Tom Diemer

Anne Frederick  
Melonee Noll  
Charlene McClelland  
Kris Dighe  
Kristin Dighe  
MaryAnn Bliss  
Phil Page  
Elaine Knoblock  
Linda Brenner  
Ginger Martin

Dave Sault  
Barbara Cano  
Dolores Barns  
Rhanda Gayner  
Bob Tendrich  
Jerry Kashatus  
Susan Silverberg  
Bill Burchett

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

**Approval of the Minutes:** August 3, 2011 minutes were approved.

### President's Message – Bill Burchett

- RM Booster Club was one of the schools mentioned in the September/October 2011 issue of the *Bethesda Magazine*. Please use the magazine to help explain what the Booster Club does and encourage a friend to get involved.
- Recognized Elaine Knoblock for her induction into the Montgomery County, PA Hall of Fame for her many achievements in and around Field Hockey and Lacrosse.
- Anyone with Ideas for the club should bring them up under New Business section of the meeting or send an e-mail later.

### Athletic Director's Report – Jon Freda

- RM Fall season is "off to a good start".
- Coaching Update:
  - Dan Whitlow is the Girls Tennis Coach.
  - New Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach is Geoff Prin. Geoff is a teacher at Julius West.
  - The new EMT/Trainer is Sean Andrews.
  - The new flags were out for the first home football game.
  - The score boards are up but we are waiting for MCPS to hang the signs on them.
  - Posters are in and were posted and will be distributed this week to cluster schools this week.

### Treasury Report – Bill Burchett

- Date on the Budget Draft should be 2011–2012 not 2010-2011.
- It was noted by a member that the Expenditure and Income columns should equal. Should give the difference a category to make them equal.
- The question was asked if it was OK for the club to "Recognize" the Hockey Club.

- Mr. Duke Beatty, Head of all Montgomery County Athletic Departments, said in a meeting with AD's that schools should be careful about hockey and other club sports as they do not have V status and the MCPS protections that come with that,
- These clubs should not use Richard Montgomery in their names. They can use Rockets but not RM.
- It was decided to have another discussion at another time.

## **Committee Updates/Discussion Items – All**

### Merchandise

- Spirit Shack opened last week. Stayed open longer and a lot of staff came by.
- New this year: flip flops, stadium seats, yoga pants, women's sweatshirts.
- As of the meeting time, they had made \$1700. Last year at this time they had made \$1100.
- It was suggested and approved that they would sell the mugs at the concession stand and give free coffee and hot chocolate at games.

### Web Site Update – Brenda Dunham

- Team photos almost done
- Coach contacts updated
- All forms are now online and up to date
- Fall schedules are up to date
- Banner page was updated
- Bylaws updated
- Major changes were made to the champions page. All past school track records were added.
- Spirit Shack page is up to date.

### Outreach/Events

- The fall potluck dinner was the biggest one we ever had with around 500 people in attendance.
- The date for the awards ceremony will be decided later.
- Cluster outreach is done.
- Homecoming is September 30<sup>th</sup> and the homecoming dance is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Parent volunteers are needed for the dance.

### Dinner Nights

- The first dinner night will be on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- California Tortilla and Ben & Jerry's will donate 25% of sales to the Booster Club. Participants must bring the form with them.

### Concession Report

- New grill is working out well.
- Many new people volunteered at the first game. This is a good thing.
- They sold out of coke and food.
- Gaithersburg is sharing our field and concession stand for their home games.
  - They have labeled all their things and have their own coolers.
  - They will use our grill and pay \$100 dollars toward the use and share propane replacement.
  - Please remind teams to be mindful of their stuff.
- It was suggested that we might include pretzels for sale.

### Membership

- As of the meeting time there are 80 members.
  - 13 Black and Gold Family Memberships
  - 31 Black and Gold Individual Memberships
  - 2 MCPS Staff Memberships
  - 34 Regular Memberships
  - Net \$6100

### Banners

- A lot of repeats on banners but still more work to do.
- New banners for Woodley Gardens Veterinary Hospital, Fitness First, Silver Diner, Long & Foster.
- \$5980 income right now.
- If you go to any of these businesses or use their services, please remember to thank them for the banners and their support of the RM Booster Club.

### **Old Business**

- Fall spirit event suggestions: Cow Patties, Fire Truck to dump golf balls on a grid, corn hole, bingo. Event needs a chair to organize.
- No further decisions were made. Hopefully next month.
- Dodgeball will be in the spring again.
- The SGA will organize a spirit bus to the Poolesville game with support from the Booster Club. They will charge \$2 per student to ride. They are covering the \$3 admission fee. They will have give-a-ways on the ride also.

### **New Business**

- Website Contract Renewal. The motion was passed to renew it without changes.
- Jon F. was given a few metal signs that say "Keep off the Grass". A motion was passed that he can spend up to \$750 for the purchase of signs and posts for additional signs.
- A member asked "How do we get game/match scores in the Washington Post?" It is the coach's responsibility or a parent volunteer to do so. All they have to do is sign up with the Post to get a login.
- Would it be possible to get copies of the RM fight song made for the games? The football coach had taught it to the team and it would be nice to have everyone sing it. It was suggested that the words at least be put up on the website.
- Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country team who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Girls Cross Country team who came in 4<sup>th</sup> place in their latest meet.

### **Meeting Adjourned**