

Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting
August 1, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

In attendance: Eileen Boyd, Ann English (President), Paul Fahrner (RHS Athletic Director), Brenda Hartman, Howard Hartman, Lennie Melvin, Donna Nichols, Richard Nichols, Duke Owen, Selene Robinson, Donna Shelly, Phyllis Taylor, Susan Weinstein

Minutes of July presented – accepted on motion with 2 slight corrections; minutes have been amended and reposted to web site.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Duke Owen)

- July income – brought in over just over \$3,000 and took in \$1,600 in membership (3 corporate renewals, 200 in regular membership, Safeway jug money, may trickle in a little more)
- Expenses – roughly \$200 for thank you gifts and postage for health evaluations mailing
- For year – about \$4,500 (most of July and August events are expense-free and bring in money with little going out)
- 2007-08 budget not finalized as yet, placeholders put in budget.
- Budget meeting to be held 3rd week of August, with results put before the Executive Committee so a full budget can be voted on at the first BC meeting of the new school year – Sept. 5
- August Budget:
 - Cash on hand 1st of mo \$ 3,023.35
 - Receipts 1,669.12
 - Disbursements -259.70
 - Cash on hand end of Aug. \$4,432.77

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT (Paul Fahrner)

- Getting ready to get ready for new school year
- Thanked Booster Club for previous year's contributions
- Cheerleading mats and sideline mats already purchased for football (designed so the squads don't harm the field for soccer and other sports)
- Money is being spent on maintenance for both fields (stadium and upper)
- Field hockey games being added stadium field play for the first time
- Mr. Fahrner will try to get a master stadium schedule
- Football team leaves Monday, August 6 for Frostburg for camp
- Still can't find volleyball V and JV girls coaches – have several calls out
- Boys volleyball is played in spring so still time to find a coach

Just hired Robert Stohlman

- (sp?) for girls' tennis coach, is enthusiastic and raring to go
- All fall sports OK except volleyball – still some spring coaches needed
- Mr. Fahrner reported that principal Munk wants all school sport web sites to go through the RHS web site, and wants the football site to go through RHS as well rather than

current system where it goes through the football club site [Doug White handles this and there's no outside control of blogs, etc., hence the need for it go through a RHS site] [Note: if it is on an MCPS server, then someone needs to have rights – Mr. Fahrner to find out from Dr. Munk what she wants, and when Doug White gets back, Fahrner can do updates if he can access and have rights – need some responsibility and guidelines; BC has “self-guidelines” but if Dr. Munk wants this on MCPS servers, it's impractical for BC updating. Duke will follow-up (with Howard Hartman) and Paul Fahrner)]

- Mr. Fahrner will mention to coaches at his coaches meeting that it would be nice if coaches join Booster Club at special \$10 rate
- John Vlahakis to be at coaches meeting 8/13 at 5:30 pm just prior to parent meet the coaches meeting, and hand out BC membership form, discuss parent rep program and \$10 coach BC membership fee – will take place in staff dining room
- 9/7 first game; all home dates set and Lennie needs dates for snack bar planning
- 9/20 – home vs. Einstein; 10/5 home vs. Wheaton; 10/26 home vs. Northpoint – Outback Bowl (homecoming); 11/2 home vs. Poolesville [Senior night] (negotiating with RM for Fri. Sept. 14 home game vs. Sat. 9/15 away at RM) – NOTE: RM declined to change game
- Ann asked Paul to come to each monthly BC meeting, but if he can't make a monthly meeting, to forward a report; Mr. Fahrner indicated that either he or assistant AD Faron Riggs would be at each meeting

ACTION ITEM:

AD Fahrner to determine sports web site server location specifically for football club site

MEMBERSHIP (Donna Nichols)

- Need help on freshman orientation night – 8/23 – 7:00pm auditorium
- Susan will have spiritwear
- New corporate forms are out and sent to Duke for web site
- Potential corporate sponsor PostNet has received form
- Need help on back to school night 8/30
- Sandy Spring bank and Dr. Richard Mattson (orthodontist) membership renewals not received yet (if Dr. Mattson renewal not received by 14th of Aug, Susan will ask)
- Meet the fall coaches night will be 8/13; agenda is Paul speaks, Ann speaks and BC members can hand out membership forms to team parents

HEALTH EVALUATIONS (Sheila York & Pam Angelis not present – report sent in advance via email)

- Sent out a spread sheet
- Pam will finalize volunteer schedule and send to all involved
- Need more docs and/or PAs;
- Duke to contact David Miller
- Ann asked everyone to check with family doctors
- Ramsnet was asked – no response
- Howard will put something out on his web site
- Try to have pre-screening area
- Will need people to come and help with registration

CONCESSIONS (Lennie Melvin)

- No concessions going on now so nothing new to report
- Needs a day to clean and stock
- If Coca Cola is pulling out, will someone else put in a fridge?
- Paul has contact information of new group coming in and will share info with Lennie (question: will they supply coolers/fridge?) If Coca Cola doesn't take cooler back, still would need repair on 2 of the 3 soda coolers. Lennie to follow up
- If we buy all the sodas, we can't get the 20oz bottles and can't store them without proper refrigerators
- Need: pretzel warmer (budget item – about \$800 guestimate)

ACTION ITEMS:

Lennie Melvin to determine status of coca cola cooler
Clean and stock outside snack bar
Contact new drink vendor to order/check on cooler

SPIRIT WEAR (Susan Weinstein)

- Got a few quotes
 - Fleece blankets about \$9 each plus set up fee
 - lanyards, under \$2.00
 - foam fingers about \$2 or less
 - flip flops can get for \$14 each if we order 460
 - asked for window sticker and received estimate for bumper sticker – need new estimate
 - magnetic stickers – no price
 - women's t shirt \$13.20 for 24 – more we go, cheaper it gets (tailored, lycra crop sleeve shirt)
 - ladies polo, again under \$15 – all plus set up and printing fee
 - Needs about 2 weeks to order and stock.
- need to know how much money we have and how much can be spent on spirit wear items at this time

Inventory on flannels and sweatshirts OK.

Question put to Susan: how much start up money do you need, and do you need any \$\$\$ now? Items ordered now won't need to be paid for immediately. Need a proposal to XC and will need to do through email; Susan to put together a proposal for BC Executive Committee.

ACTION ITEMS:

Proposal for XC meeting
Order for back-to-school night

PTSA – no meeting held, PT reported on most recent draft of PTSA newsletter and new masthead and format (will be sent with mailing from RHS with back-to-school information

- Actions: Phyllis to send Howard PTSA membership forms electronically to be put on web

FORM (Donna Shelly)

- Didn't have a formal FORM meeting

- Another brief meeting second week of August
- First FORM meeting of the new year is set for Sept. 10 (second Monday of each month)

OTHER (Ann English)

- Back to school – 8/30 – Ann will talk for 1 minute
- membership and spirit wear will be there
- volunteers needed – talk to Donna (or email)
- Ann – send Duke and Donna SBO contribution breakdown from last school year
- Freshman parent orientation, 8/23, 7:00pm
- Need membership & spirit wear
- Light jugs at Safeway – Nancy Fox to handle (per Sheila York)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Committee chairs Vicki Grant moving to NC, need an Outback Bowl Chair
 - Ann has folder on particulars
 - Suzanne has detailed notes, names of trophy place, letters, etc.
 - Susan Weinstein and Donna Nichols will co-chair this event
- Volunteer coordinator – Pam Angelis is also snack bar coordinator? She can coordinate information provided by each team's parent rep who is responsible for getting team parents to sign up for snack bar hours – including FORM parents; Pam will forward list to Lennie [need to clarify that Pam knows she's coordinating snack bar volunteers]
- Sheila & Pam should send their email addresses to Howard; Ann will send and ask for permission to link their emails; Duke indicated that it's best to link through booster email rather than put their email addresses "out there"
- Need to publicize Model Ram award from first day of fall sports practices. Should be mentioned at freshman orientation by Ann – that it is a senior award, sports candidates are submitted by coach and is not accumulated over the 4-years, not necessarily a top scholar but there is an academic criteria and that part will be cumulative. Pam to mention at freshman orientation meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Westat Research Corporation (Howard will post electronically)
Alicia Hein (sp?)

The company is looking for August – Oct. 2007 students who are graduating from learner's to provisional license to participate in a research study. Put the word out to parents, friends, etc., for student volunteers. A vehicle monitoring device will be installed for 6 months; parents need to approve, if parents are interested, call Diane Snow. Will possibly be offered to public based on study. And they'd welcome other ideas to reach families and interested kids. They have information on the MCPTSA web site. Howard will post an electronic copy of the study's parameters. Any other thoughts, contact Alicia – one idea is to contact driving schools.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Ann English)

Ann met with Dr. Munk about a few things

- Marching band – why not an SBO – can't give all the reasons why MCPS doesn't include; they do get a stipend but no money specifically for marching band activities.
- Theme for year for school is "1 world, 1 school, 1 future" – pitch to that theme, have a banner with theme, etc.

- Discussed orientations and what BC president can/should do
- Budget formulation committee (5-7 people) will meet on 8/16 at 7:00pm
- BC Executive Committee meeting on 8/22 at 7:00pm
- Next BC meeting in Sept. 5 will explain and vote on budget

Ideas for funding:

Capital improvements – pretzel-warmer – bigger (one we have now was either \$400 or \$600) – think \$600 was for popcorn machine – Lennie will look up the exact figures

Lennie will talk to the new company and if they supply coolers

- Suggestion: we could rent coolers for 2 months in fall and 2 months in spring and possibly winter
- Could possibly purchase commercial units – used – Bettar Appliance in Wheaton?

Susan – needs new spirit wear storage boxes – will come up with an idea.

Mulch sale adjunct – Selene Robinson recommends leaf mulch – MD environmental services (David Robinson) is trying to solicit leaf growth pick up from Mont county and ferment, and break it down and is sold in 1cubic foot squares. RHS is the only high school that’s responded to their solicitation; they have 20,000 bags – serves as compost to help build soil. We can negotiate our price pretty much and he’s ready to make a deal. He knows the Broadwaters (Country Boy owners) so he’s happy to cooperate. Question: will he deliver and whatever doesn’t sell he’d pick up? Could we work with him directly if we can’t find a vendor? Dickerson only sells to vendors, but will be willing to work with us directly. Selene – thinks we could work with him. Selene thinks \$1.50 a bag wholesale and we could resell for \$3/bag. Richard Nichols said the state has rules which dictate how they can sell to public or vendors, or other government entity. If another vendor hears that he sold directly to us there could be ramifications. They will deliver directly to us. Can we use Country Boy as a “straw” vendor? He’d like to unload the bags, but Selene believes a letter of intent from us would suffice for the time being. Richard Nichols to explore further with seller, and make a proposal to come to mulch chair to bring to executive committee later this month. Ann – will bring to attention of new horticulture teacher at RHS Christian Boesen.

ACTION ITEM:

Richard Nichols to explor Leaf Gro info and viability of selling at mulch sale

Will talk about distribution of money at budget meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

/Phyllis Taylor
8/26/07