



Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting
March 5, 2008



In attendance: Pam Angelis, Sheila Carmines, Charlie Coffman, Pam Denion, Ann English, Paul Fahrner, KayLisa Gilmer (student), Carol Kennedy, Lennie Melvin, Donna Nichols, Richard Nichols, Duke Owen, Phyllis Taylor, Stan Thomas, John Vlahakis, Susan Weinstein

February minutes: approved as written.

CONCESSIONS: Lennie Melvin

- Indoor snack bar finished with the final basketball game last Saturday (except for March Madness, March 14).
- Have 4 people to work snack bar for March Madness and could use 1 more.
- Started cleaning outdoor snack bar; Susan and Lennie worked on countertops, still needs mopping and grill should be cleaned if someone would volunteer. Damaged grill is still there but can be thrown away. Lennie has been on looking for a new grill with wheels and will post if she needs help with cleaning the outdoor snack bar.
- Lennie is creating lists on what to do, how to do, contacts, etc., for snack bar successor.

SPIRIT WEAR: Susan Weinstein

- Flannel pants are still out there somewhere in the shipping universe; were ordered Dec. 13 and Susan has heard that they have cleared customs, but have not been delivered. Susan has heard that most vendors who order overseas run into the same problem.
- Susan will need to do an inventory soon.
- An RHS Tee shirt will be donated to a winner at March madness.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Duke Owen

- Fairly on track with February 2007.
- Duke presented a breakdown of snack bar and spirit wear income for each winter sports event, which was only off the previous year's totals by 2.43% (down % not \$).
- Safeway has sent another check (not quite sure how we get the second check of \$219 – we know it's not a corporate match); generally we receive the money from the "jugs" and then the second check shows up later.
- 3-Brothers donation shows in February's statement.
- Income and expense for February are pretty much a wash, which is par for the course.
- Had 6 wrestling and 21 basketball dates; ended down 2% but are similar numbers to 2007.
- Spring revenue sheet will include 11 lacrosse dates, which is more than last year due to JV (there will be 1 triple header of JV boys, varsity boys and varsity girls on April 9).
- Will have three snack-bar days a week, every week, in April.
- There are 9 baseball dates – should we do anything for snack bar for baseball?
- There are 9 other events – powder-puff football, March madness, 2 home varsity track meets, and 3 City of Rockville track meets, then Wood promotion and RHS orientation. City track meets are a "gold mine" for the snack bar – dates to be provided to Lennie.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Dr. Munk not in attendance – No report given

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Paul Fahrner

- Winter sports are finished with the exception of Dana Shorb who qualified for state wrestling championship.

- Varsity girls' basketball went 14-7 and played well in 2 playoff games.
- Spring teams are practicing and it will have enough players for new JV lacrosse teams.
- In the process of finding a cheerleading and pom coach for next year – have had one response for cheerleading, and a partial for poms. The new pom coach may need help.
- New lacrosse nets have been received and are at Maryvale ready for practice.
- Believes that all coaches are coming back for fall sports except cheerleading and Pom.
- Varsity Banquet: date is June 2 at the Golden Bull from 6:00-9:00pm (it is difficult to find a date in late May).
 - Sheila York has a disk with fall and winter team photos.
 - Mr. Fahrner will get back to Mr. Daddone regarding the athletic contribution that he indicated would be that he'll take care of the slide show of sports for the banquet.
- Question: when teams use buses, do those funds come out of athletic dept. funds? Advantage to kids of having parents driving is that they don't have to leave school as early; there is a liability issue with giving funds to kids for gas for transportation. When using MCPS transportation, kids have to leave at 1:30pm, or after 4:00pm since busses do athletic trips and then school runs. 5:00pm games are the most difficult. It costs about \$880 for a private coach. The department gets partial reimbursement for that but it is very expensive to hire private coaches.
- There is an MCPS transportation permission form that needs to be signed by athlete parents for players to ride with other parents driving to games.
- Meet the coaches night went well with a healthy turnout for most sports, except baseball had a slow turnout; large lacrosse turnout; softball turnout was good, and tennis had a really good turnout and will have to make cuts for the first time. Track is about normal and RHS is still trying to build that program. Volleyball had a good turnout. Senior night can be any game and doesn't have to be the last "eligible" game of the season. Coaches have been told that they must hold a separate parent meeting.
- AD Fahrner thanked the Booster Club members for the help given with the gym dedication. The reception went very well and the dedication sign is now up.
 - Division champion banners are up but Varsity girl's soccer will have to be redone since they won in Fall 2007.
 - Girls' swim team won the divisional meet but didn't win the division so banner doesn't have to be redone (this has to do with way the points are allocated during the season – first they gave the trophy for boys and girls and then took the boys back due to a scorekeeping error, and an error on a diver being listed as RHS who was actually from another school).
 - Swimming had great numbers and a great season.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE/MODEL RAM REPORT: John Vlahakis

- John has sent out a letter recruiting spring sport parent reps.
- Kathy Cordero – softball rep, Phyllis Taylor - varsity girls' lax, Cheryl Trefzger may be varsity boys lacrosse (note – following the BC meeting we were notified that Colleen Coffman will be the varsity boys' lax parent rep), John Vlahakis - tennis rep (subsequent to March meeting: JV girls lax parent rep will be Pam Denion).
- John sent info to AD Fahrner regarding winter sports model ram nominees and he expects to receive nominations in next 10 days or so. No nomination expected for field hockey – Amanda Gordon hasn't responded to that email from Paul. Peter Kirk and Sharon Orndorf – track reps. Baseball? Volleyball? Just started forming those teams.
- John asked for list of coaches and he will contact them to get parent rep names.

ACTION ITEM: Get coaches names/contact information and parent rep contact information for all spring sports

PTSA REPORT: Phyllis Taylor

- I Drive Smart presentation will be on March 18
- Ann reported that Selene Robinson is looking for someone to take over the PTSA Café; Phyllis Taylor explained the idea of trying to have teachers take over the café with students as “distributive education” to have it be a “real life lab” where students would learn inventory, sales, banking, customer service, etc., and perhaps various classes could run the Café for 3 months at a time. CWE (Cooperative Work Experience) – Mark Maradei in charge. If anyone knows a way to help with the Café, please contact Stan Thomas, PTSA President.
- Ann made the point that if the PTSA café is not there on game days – specifically baseball – there may be more of a need for BC snack bar to be open.

FORM: Carol Kennedy

- Phil Barnes posted on RamsNet; had variety show last week – music dept puts that on.
- Next FORM meeting is Monday, March 10 at 7:30pm in instrumental room; they have a continuing discussion on how to spend their money between now and end of year.
- April trip to Boston has been cancelled but instead there will be a local performance opportunity on weekend of April 17-18. Details will be addressed at the meeting on 3/10.

MEMBERSHIP: Donna Nichols

- After mulch sale will bulk up to get ready for new membership drive and will need a shadow, forms revamped, membership meeting, etc.
- Paul Fahrner brought up the fact that there are calendars with corporate names – the corporations send the calendars to Paul and he distributes them and they give athletic dept. about \$200. Perhaps BC should contact all of them and have them join.
- Donna will follow up with additional local places to join:
 - Golden Bull where banquet(s) are held
 - That’s Amore where individual team banquets are
 - Gelico’s (have used catering for team banquet)
- Paul Fahrner indicated that he knows the manager at Clyde’s and could contact him about BC membership.

ACTION ITEM: Work on updating forms; contact local restaurants for 2008 membership

VOLUNTEERS: Pam Angelis

Not much volunteering going on until spring teams are fully formed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- KayLisa, RHS senior discussed an upcoming Rampage and yearbook fundraiser scheduled for either May 16 or 17: movie night on the RHS field: 30’ screen, \$3 student and \$5 parent, would BC would open the snack bar. Lennie said that would be fine – Rampage and yearbook would get the gate and BC gets snack bar income. TV production club will put on commercials, bands will be there, and could possibly call Carmen’s for ices. 7:00pm the bands begin and movie would start after dark.

MULCH SALE: Duke Owen

- Flyers are in the mail – 2000+ copies were mailed, 300 Spanish versions. Approximately 3000-3500 flyers to be in backpacks at 5 feeder schools, e.g., Wood, Barnsley, etc.
- Pat Donnelly has organized signs and they are up in area.
- Online order form is available, works, \$2.00 online credit fee, or mail check.
- As of March 5 have \$750 from 6-7 orders. So far all but 1 has ordered LeafGro.

- Carol Kennedy wrote a RamsNet attachment to send out asking for vehicles, volunteers, orders, etc. Will add a comment that people don't have to commit to the entire day
- Have a small core group in the planning and all are psyched and ready to go.
- Carol has done a great job getting FORM involved
- Donna contacted the SSL coordinator at school, and forms are run off and ready to go.
- We should have an adult sign-in since the county is asking for volunteer hours.
- Final planning meeting will be March 27
- Hope to have onsite HOT99.5 radio station.
- Lennie will locate signs to put out on the lot.
- Flyers went out to RHS families who've graduated who may still purchase mulch.
- Susan has kids in her classes who need hours - will recruit as many of them as possible.

ACTION ITEM: Paul recommended that John contact all fall and winter parent reps so they can contact their teams to get their participation.

BANQUET BOOKLET: Pam Angelis

- Sheila has the pictures and all the files and will work with Pam to start putting different ad formats together.
- Donna will give Pam all artwork for BC corporate sponsors because they each get a ½ page ad in the booklet.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Sheila Carmines

- Donna and Sheila met on Sunday and have at least 1 candidate for each position except for snack bar coordinator.
- Other officer roles that are open they have at least 1 for each that has expressed interest and will get them here for April meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Suggestion to change April date to Thursday the 3rd due to 1st lacrosse home game. Phyllis Taylor to check with Bennie Green and Pat Gamage to see if Staff Lounge is available, and if not here, can we have the career center and she will let Ann know to publicize.

ACTION ITEM: Contact Bennie Green/Pat Gamage ASAP - Phyllis

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Ann English

- BC has been asked to account for volunteer hours –try to reconstruct from July through March (include time at & preparing for meetings, driving to games, snack bar, etc.)

April meeting cupholder will be Pam Denion.

Executive Committee scheduled for March 12 deemed not necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Taylor, Secretary