



Rockville High School Booster Club
Booster Club c/o RHS -- 2100 Baltimore Road -- Rockville, MD 20851

November 7, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Meeting was chaired by Vice President Lennie Melvin since President English was unable to attend.

In Attendance: Pam Angelis, Ellen Boyd, Sheila Carmines, Charlie Coffman, Paul Fahrner, Brenda Hartman, Howard Hartman, Coach Mark Maradei, Lennie Melvin, Donna Nichols, Richard Nichols, Duke Owen, Selene Robinson, Donna Shelly, Phyllis Taylor, Stan Thomas, John Vlahakis, Susan Weinstein – guest appearance by Ellen Johnsey

Minutes of the October meeting were presented and accepted on motion with 2 minor corrections to the PTSA and FORM reports.

SNACK BAR – Lennie Melvin

- Done for fall unless home football playoff game
- Doing OK – refer to treasurer's report
- As soon as everything's officially done will make plans to move everything inside for winter sports. 1st indoor basketball is Dec. 5, 1st wrestling match is Dec. 12

SPIRIT WEAR – Susan Weinstein

- Going well, few new orders
- 2 new surprises – white women's polos and black hoodies
- Floors were done in the inside snack bar area so we can move indoors anytime
- Will coordinate with Lennie to make the move indoors

TREASURER'S REPORT – Duke Owen

Eventful Fall Season for 2007:

- 1,600-1,700 per game football and one fewer football game at home this year
- Outback did about 1/2 of average due to weather
- Ran consistent to last year for JV football and soccer
- Field hockey was all new profit since they were not on the stadium field last year
- Outdoor/indoor event revenue was a little over 22,000 this year – last year brought in about 34,000 through fall – so about 2/3 of last year was brought in this year. Though this looks like a big hit, last year we had more dates, better weather and a big Rockville Football League event. To balance the decreased income we did spend less as a result. These numbers incorporate Snack Bar, Spirit Wear, 50/50 raffle, and events such as back-to-school night and freshman orientation.

Monthly financial report:

- Income: corporate members above – have 9, anticipated 4
 - bout \$31,000 total income for fall so far
 - Spirit wear running about 20% profit margin so far; snack bar 100% profit margin
- Outlay – nothing remarkable, spent to run snack bar and spirit wear, rented 2 tents for outback bowl

- Total expenses about 12,000 so essentially have netted about 19,000 for the Fall which is pretty good – is ahead of the last 2 years (18,000 in 2005 and 16,000 in 2006) – we’re going to call it even for the first third of the year.

OUTBACK BOWL – Donna Nichols and Susan Weinstein

We had it, it poured but spirits were high. A number of people attended and purchased food and left and didn’t even stay for the game due to the inclement weather, which showed great school/Ram spirit.

MEMBERSHIP – Donna Nichols

- Donna approached some new members who said on forms they’d work snack bar and they came through and did indeed work the snack bar.
- We need to try to do a better job of calling those who sign up to volunteer on the membership form and see that they follow through.
- A couple of new memberships have dribbled in
- Donna Shelly will have Booster Club membership forms for Nov. 13 “meet the coaches” meeting
- Ann to be there and speak

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT - Paul Fahrner

- Finishing up fall season – one regular season football game
- Sending something out to coaches for highlights of the season
- Successful fall season
 - Cross country - everyone did personal best at last meet
- If football wins on Nov. 9th will have a playoff game next week
- Getting ready for winter sports but no JV wrestling coach yet. However, Robert Yi said he can probably handle it since not many kids on the team.
- Need help to secure lacrosse coaches – no varsity and no JV
 - Have ad on PlayHer sports
 - Referred to Potomac chapter of US lacrosse
 - In touch with Patrick Howley and with Janis Maloney (previous varsity coaches)
- Have ordered a new wrestling mat and shooting machine for basketball team so they’re spending the money from BC
- Still waiting for cheerleading mat
- Meet coaches is November 13 – 7:00pm, main gym
- Paul Fahrner added that there’s a good possibility – going through a process now – that RHS will be naming the main gym – suggestion has been put in for a former coach at RHS – 1st basketball coach at RHS Jim Conner who passed away last year – some former players have petitioned the school
- Rampage could interview Paul about the gym, and all the “named” stadiums to educate the students, e.g., Joseph B. Good Stadium – who is that, why so honored, why baseball field Manuel Field, etc.
- Banners in gym for girls’ varsity division champion – banners that came down for last year’s golf and soccer teams were sent out to be updated and then will have girls’ divisional championship added when they’re returned.
- AD Fahrner thanked all Booster Club volunteers for outback night and introduced Coach Maradei, RHS varsity football coach.

Coach Maradei attended the meeting to say a few words:

- Thanks for Outback night
- Appreciates all the Booster Club does for RHS from supporting athletic dept to other school activities
- Homecoming game was a very, very difficult evening and the Coach apologized for not being on field and part of the post-game presentation but felt he needed to get the kids off the field and take care of the players who he felt needed him more than the Booster Club or fans or Outback’s Doug Plain or the

other team. His leaving the field was not meant to offend anyone. The coach reiterated that whatever the Booster Club needs from the football team to help the RHS athletic program be stronger they're willing to do and are happy to be supportive of the mulch sale and other school activities. Coach Maradei also encouraged parents who are part of football program to join the Booster Club and participate in club activities – but he indicated that he can't twist their arms and make them participate. The coach indicated that the Booster Club should let him know if there are other ways players and coaches and parents can be of assistance.

- Regarding the Magruder/Blake knifing – It was a non-dressed player who was on the sidelines who cut another student from the opposing team during the handshake portion of the game on that night. The student was from Sherwood and was placed at Blake. The coach stressed that it was an isolated incident and the student kid has been removed from the team, and was in police custody. The RHS kids have been told and counseled about it and any concerns are being addressed.

PARENT REP – John Vlahakis

- Sending another note for recruiting parent reps for winter sports and at meet coaches night he will identify openings for parent reps
 - Model Ram awards – John has a form that will be forwarded to fall coaches to nominate a student for the Model Ram Award NOW while it's still fresh in their minds – AD Fahrner indicated that if John can get the forms to him ASAP, he'll request them back from the coaches within a week. Anyone with contact with the coaches should indicate that the forms should be turned in to Fahrner so he'll know who has, and hasn't, nominated a student. The coaches can let Paul know if they choose not to nominate anyone.
 - Parent reps need to let someone know who – and how many – will be at games working the snack bar.
 - Parent reps need to sign up people to work the snack bar – and make sure there's an early person and a late person to help set-up and help clean up – first name and phone number would be very helpful.
- NOTE: it takes less time to set up for indoor snack bar than for the outdoor.

Action Items:

1. Send note for winter reps
2. Send form to Fahrner to distribute to fall team coaches for model ram nominees

PTSA – Stan Thomas

- Mr. Green filled in for Dr. Munk and did well
- PTSA co-sponsored the financial aid workshop – had an excellent presenter and refreshments
- There will be another practice SAT scheduled for Dec. 8
- There are no volunteers for Maryland PTSA meeting weekend of Nov. 17
- PTSA café doing well
- PTSA treasury is healthy
- Home safe pledge is over 130 people (includes 36 who signed-up electronically)
- PTSA membership running just about or a little above this time last year
- Discussed a monthly newsletter to assure more timely information about what's going on at the school – could be shorter newsletter, but go out more frequently

FORM – Donna Shelly

- Marching band did go to Brunswick Parade but no word on prize
- Had end of season party last Sunday even though one more game to go
- Wreath sale underway – deadline is Nov. 19
- 2 nights for winter concert this year because too much for 1 night – Dec. 4 & 6
- RHS musicians are still going to Boston – there will be a lot of security before kids get on bus
- There are 8th graders in the marching band so several Wood Middle School kids included on this trip

On behalf of the Booster Club, Lennie expressed appreciation to the FORM parents who have been working at the snack bar during the fall season – they're showing up and it's appreciated

VOLUNTEERS – Pam Angelis

- There are fewer events and they will be smaller for winter sports; snack bar will need 2-3 people for every basketball event; 1-2 for wrestling; no snack bar for volleyball
- John to get parent rep names to Pam

OLD BUSINESS

- 50/50 – took in about \$800
- Letter jackets – Donna suggested asking parent reps if they are interested in taking on this job
 - Who gets letter jackets? Any one who pays the approx. \$250
 - If we can get more than 12 we get a discount – if a parent will get a sample and bring to meet the coaches night and see if there will be interest in ordering; Donna has order form
 - Sheila Carmines will call the Athletic house – and get a sample and get it –
 - RHS jackets need to be special ordered because of the colors, find out lead time,
 - Pictures should be posted on Booster Club web site – and put something out on RamsNet and Booster Club list serve as well to determine interest.

MULCH SALE – Duke Owen & Richard Nichols

- Mulch sale committee meeting to be Nov. 28, Wednesday, 7:00pm – at Duke's house
- Staff lounge for future meetings if that is more convenient
- Need volunteers; will email request to help to people who put it on Booster Club member form
- First thing will be looking into truck rental - perhaps football truck drivers could volunteer to drive their own, or rentals. Last year all small orders (under 100 bags) were finished earlier in the day. Want more vehicles moving when more kids are active before they get bored and tired and go home.
- Second thing is looking into electronic orders and/or taking credit card via PayPal and add the charge to each bag of mulch (3% may equal 30cents per transaction); about 500 total orders, 200 were day of sale. Could take credit card orders up to a week before as we've done in past for pre-orders.
- Put a disclaimer on the web site that if you're outside the delivery zone you will have to pick it up. This could be an opportunity to expand our delivery zone
- Leaf Gro is another area for expansion and will be discussed at mulch committee meeting.
- Duke will be providing snacks for this organizational meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Card received from the Grants thanking the Booster Club for their “graduation” gift of mug and gift certificate

Winter concessions –Lennie will let everyone know when making the move to indoor; no new equipment needed for inside snack bar this year

TEAM PHOTOS QUALITY – Phyllis Taylor

- Photos were blurry – feet were in focus rather than faces
- Phyllis Taylor contacted Blanton studios regarding the problem and was told that almost all the photos had this error (at least for soccer team, however players reported that friends on other teams also had blurry photos)
- Blanton representative indicated the problem was clearly a photographer error.
- Blanton representative put Taylor photos through sharpening process, sent a new photos at no charge
- Group indicated the issue should be put out on RamsNet so others could have their photos put through the sharpening process if desired.

Action Item:

Send notice to RamsNet with Blanton information

Fahrner will discuss with Blanton to see what they can do based on poor quality of photos this year, and to avoid any future problems of this nature.

HOMEcomings DANCE – Pam Angelis

- Had about 24 volunteers – lots of sodas and lots of snacks
- No one knew how to do coat check so should have liased with Lindsay before event
- Should have had tickets for coat checks from outdoor snack bar
- Snack bar ran out of ice
- Perhaps have several “outfits in waiting” for the kids who’s clothes are deemed unacceptable so they don’t have to leave the dance and go home to change or not come back at all
- Good dance – only a handful left before the end.
- Socks – had 36 pairs of “Ram” socks made up by Officer Winkler but didn’t that wasn’t enough to give away for homecoming. Perhaps we can put out a RamsNet call to parents that as we purchase socks for our kids, people can pick up a “spare” pair to donate and we can collect through the year and have for homecoming give-aways.

OTHER – from October meeting

Shadows still needed – Duke (treasurer) and Lennie (snack bar) make suggestions to Ann

Suggestion: as much as possible, we should have fall athletes recognized at winter events which immediately follow their season, and winter athletes recognized at spring events, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm

Phyllis Taylor
12/3/07