



Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting  
September 3, 2008



Minutes

In attendance: Eileen Boyd, Jeff Carmines, Sheila Carmines, Ann English, Paul Fahrner, Lorena Geddes, Mark Kitsoulis, Steve Kubasik, Donna Nichols, Richard Nichols, Duke Owen, Stan Thomas, John Vlahakis, Susan Weinstein, Phyllis Taylor

Member introductions – Attendees introduced themselves and their position/involvement with Booster Club (e.g., student sport/year, etc.)

MINUTES – Phyllis Taylor

August minutes were taken by Pam Angelis – anyone with edits please let Phyllis know.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Kubasik

- Report included prior 3-year average, budget for 08-09, projected income (at mercy of our efforts), and operating expenses (at mercy of volume).
- Suggestion to review all profit margins and prices raised where chairperson believes possible.
- Budget presented as worst-case scenario for income so no surprises at end of year; mulch sale is biggest fundraiser; discussion that mulch demand may be static in this economy so will work out pricing accordingly. Budget as is would result in \$37,200 in donations to RHS organizations.
- Lines 37-44 are fixed amount donations – 44 is a new category to allow each BC officer to earmark \$250 to RHS organization of their choosing. It was decided to set dollar amounts for the smaller donations rather than stipulating percentages, but budget is comparable to what's been done last couple of years.
- What is being voted on are donation percentages lines 48-52; revenue and expenditures will be based on income; spirit wear should do well as we're well stocked for the year. Discretionary contingency lines have some "wobble room" and we may end up needing money for a specific line-item area and if a group comes in toward end of year with a donation request, and BC decides to help, it is there to allocate and if not, can decide where it would go.
- For percentage donations - 60% was where we were last year to athletics and hope to have it there again this year. Much of revenue is contingent on mulch sale revenue but we would like to try to get some other fundraisers in there e.g. Three Brothers Pizza.
- The Journalism Academy has promised a lot of help this year and if they come through as promised, they'll be in the budget as a line item donation.
- BC can give some money mid-way through the year if requested, but that is contingent on income and might have to be on an ad hoc basis.
- APP – increase in support because it was rounded up from last year. Perhaps remove from fixed donation and put in percentage support – or part in each. Decision – change APP to a fixed \$2,000 donation and if they need more they can appeal and there may/will be money from discretionary account available, change discretionary amount accordingly.
- Marching band program: stay at present commitment since parents have really stepped up to help BC events, and this year they have almost double the number of kids. Budget was accepted as amended.

## VOLUNTEERS – Mark Kitsoulas

- Snack bar OK for Friday's game opener. Mark will call and confirm people who said they'd work snack bar. Up to 10 right now; Mark Kitsoulas and Bob Taylor will do 50/50.
- Donna created volunteer lists from membership forms and has distributed to responsible parties.
- Snack bar is open for all stadium events IF there are volunteers to work the snack bar. Use the big grill for varsity football otherwise little grill can handle most other events. At least 1 volunteer for each event should be there an hour early. For football, need several an hour early. And need 1 person to stay about 30 minutes after but for football need several to stay after as well. Need someone to help with spirit wear at football games as well.

## PARENT REPRESENTATIVES – John Vlahakis

Need reps for: golf, field hockey, JV girls' volleyball, poms, girls & boys JV soccer (PT to ask coach Jenn Castillo). John has sent out notes and copied coaches.

- HOMECOMING – OUTBACK BOWL - 3 separate things – spirit wear, snack bar, outback helpers.

## CONCESSIONS – Susan Weinstein

Susan turned in bills to Treasurer for payment. Football scrimmage made \$301 dollars; \$47 dollars in the bucket for lights; refrigerator is stocked. A little shopping to do to be ready for first football game; freezer and fridge are running; ice machine is not working. Big grill has one side clogged so may have to run both grills on Friday. Have plenty of propane tanks, have pretzels, hotdogs and rolls. Need a big football box. Need 50/50 raffle money from snack bar or spirit wear to make change.

## SPIRIT WEAR – Susan Weinstein

- \$1,642 on spirit wear from back to school night.
- Duke has produced a 3-year matrix so we can track. Did order new sweat shirts this year.
- Have a box of megaphones that arrived – compliments of DarCars.
- Mark will bring clapper sticks to first game to give away – sponsored give-aways this year as much as possible so hopefully won't need to purchase give-away items.
- Spirit wear is in good shape and ready for the new year.

## MEMBERSHIP – Donna Nichols

- Last year had 129 members – lost 27 seniors, 19 new freshman families, 14 new members without freshman; we're down this year almost 50 members from same time last year.
- John will send parent reps info so they'll give to teams. Donna will send something out on ramsnet. Have a special \$10 membership so people don't have to be active.
- Corporate members: Urban Burger in, Postnet, Z-coil & Oasis Salon will continue. Ana's Arc, JKJ Electric and CEO sedan will not be renewing. BC members should ask area businesses to join as corporate sponsors. Phyllis Taylor will call Potomac Pizza.
- Corporate package will be posted on web site and anyone can get one.
- Donna looked at corporate sponsors at RM and other schools. Need volunteers to go to businesses and solicit.
- Sport & Spine – would like to join but would like to come talk to athletes about physical therapy – Paul will look into policy. Steve volunteered to call non-renewers.
- Could we give 1 season pass to each corporate BC member? Paul Fahrner is OK with this suggestion.
- Complimentary membership for Outback? BC members OK with this

**ACTION ITEM:** Paul Fahrner to investigate RHS policy on having a commercial entity (potential BC sponsor Sport & Spine) talk to athletes about good athletic warm-up, etc., injuries, PT and their services specifically – if it's not too hard sell may be OK.

#### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – Paul Fahrner

- Hired JV cheerleading and volleyball coaches before practice began
- Still need wrestling coach and will make a decision soon.
- Also need JV girls' basketball and softball but is interviewing.
- Friday's football game is Northwood's home game (their field isn't ready) – they're taking the gate but we get the concession. Paul will talk to their AD to see if they'll do the 50/50 – we'll still sit where we usually sit; scoreboard should be gladiators and rams (opposite of what we usually do); we will wear home uniforms so they can save theirs for their true home opener. We're supplying security but they'll pay for the security. Will see if they're selling spirit wear. Journalism academy will be selling their programs.
- Have already spent some of previous year's BC donation money – football and hockey teams got practice goals, have good numbers on all teams (30-something on cross country); JV football has almost 50 kids.
- Season passes and year-long passes will hopefully be ready for sale next week (\$75 for the year and \$40 for a season).
- One thing really stressing this year – from MCPS Admin. Weast to RHS Principal Munk to AD Fahrner – is sportsmanship and student behavior at football games. There will be faculty, and security and EFO's; students will be asked to leave if don't comply with expectations and if asked to leave, will not be allowed to any more home games. Infractions include bad language, yelling nasty stuff to anyone on the field or in the stands, no bringing in backpacks or bottled water or soda or anything. Right now the backpack/bag restriction is just for students – and will be differentiated by student tickets – and staff will be discrete at this point. No re-entry for students if they leave – exceptions have been made for adults and it will be discretionary based on weather. All students know about the policy and should to be prepared. BC is being asked to help spread the word on this. The announcement from the booth needs to be condensed and beefed up.
- Paul Fahrner will be the RHS administration liaison unless Dr. Munk is needed – go through him and he'll bring to her attention and bring an answer to meeting.

#### OUTBACK BOWL – Karen Phillips (Sheila Carmines for Karen Phillips)

Price last year was \$6.00 for a meal and we skipped the 50cents – should be up to \$7.00 for this year. Karen will coordinate rampage ad. Susan Weinstein called to order trophies and plaques. Question was raised if the plaques say school year or single year: answer - single year – 2008. Sheila will tell Karen. Crown Trophies can email copy to us. Donna gave Karen all information for Outback bowl and she's running ahead of the game. Donna will give her a list of outback volunteers. Date is October 16 – Thursday.

#### PTSA – Stan Thomas

School café opened; PTSA still needs a secretary.

#### MARCHING BAND – Ann English for Elizabeth Cooper Martin

FORM meets first Monday of month. They don't have many flags in color guard, but have many more people in band and they have 3-4 parades on their schedule in addition to home games and 1 away game.

#### JOURNALISM ACADEMY – Donna Nichols

- 1<sup>st</sup> year of BC funding journalism academy
- first time they did a BBQ at Best Buy; made about \$200.
- Sept. 9 is the Rampage ad deadline if we want staff help. Get in touch with Mr. Daddone.
- Sat. Sept. 13 is Journalism Academy a yard sale – would like to have BC involvement.
- Oct. 11 – RHS festival (movie, band, whatever), would like BC to consider opening the snack bar and spirit wear – JV football game at 10:00am. Donna will help coordinate opening for that night in place of Susan.

## JOURNALISM ACADEMY - continued

- Nov. 5 they'll hold "Are you smarter than a grader - ram style."
- Want to update our school showcase – give them booster club stuff – no problem with them taking over it. Ann has the key – not the same key as the rest of the cases – will coordinate with Ann. Dr. Foost is no longer at Wood and there's an acting something – but we can bring back an 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and we could have a showcase at Wood and should could advertise mulch sale at Wood in the case, and could use it to boost BC corporate sponsors when there is space in case, or in their newsletter (either print or online).
- Student asking for support for Rampage: Megan Nichols – to renew our regular ad schedule for upcoming year – ½ page ad with assistance in each issue; asking for same level of support as last year - \$900 for year. Motion passed. Donna will bring deadlines to each meeting so we know – Outback Bowl will be first ad. Payment comes out of advertising (Rampage and yearbook). Treasurer Steve Kubasik wrote the check.

VACANT POSITIONS – will be posted on ramsnet: varsity banquet, foundation chair, FORM rep, communications, community action, school improvement chair.

### New business:

1. Susan – needs someone as backup for the snack bar, especially Monday & Tuesdays. Can get a key and give the code. Prefer "inner core" because that's access to indoor and outdoor. Early games – 3:30 not an issue but 5:00 and later games are an issue – Susan will try to clear Monday nights. Closing is clean machines, unplug machines, close cash box and lock doors – Susan can arm the alarm later in the evening if necessary. If someone is identified for this, contact Susan.
2. How's The Rock looking? Overgrown at all? Paul doesn't know – needs weed wacking? Put some mums by it? Skull on the ground for each victory? Memorials are there and shouldn't be right next to the rock.  
ACTION ITEM: Paul Fahrner will take a look to see if maintenance is needed.
3. Sheila Carmines will put out the weekly sports schedule – home and away – on Ramsnet. Sheila asked for Paul to contact her immediately regarding game cancellations and she'll take care of getting the word out on Ramsnet. Phyllis to send the Tri-Fold schedule to Sheila.

### PHYSICALS:

Doubled income for sports physicals. June 2009 date to be set at Oct. next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Taylor  
Secretary