



## RM Boosters Meeting Minutes April 3, 2014

**Present: Bill Burchett, Darlene Din, Brenda Dunham, Jon Freda, Jeanine Gould-Kostka, Josh Klotz, Paul Lofgren, Bob Neale, Mylene Ouimette, Mary Rochon, Steve Schuck, Lance Simon, Susan and Andrew Silverberg, Lorin and Keith Umbel, Annette Rauh**

**1. Call to Order**

At 7:06

**2. Approval of March Minutes**

Motion to approve March minutes was made and accepted.

**3. Booster President's Message – Bill Burchett**

Bill commented on the great volunteer spirit at mulch sale, and outside concessions.

**4. Athletic Director's Report**

Jon reported that he was talking to Dr. McLeod about incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders, concern about weather, and rescheduling of games and practices, especially JV teams are affected. Coaches are trying their best. Jon wondered whether he should address the issue with the parents. Mylene encouraged him to do so, because she had heard field hockey girls complaining about first practices on turf and field. Baseball parents should also be updated on baseball field condition and plan. Baseball field will be slip seeded and turned over to school on Monday, April 28 for the last 2 home games. Dugout fencing should be complete, but the roof might take longer. Jon wants to make sure that the fields have been released and the dugouts are complete before ribbon cutting. Ribbon cutting ceremony for donors was encouraged.

Most of the teams are doing well. Softball and lacrosse girls have only lost one game each, and Boys Volleyball is undefeated. Wrestling: Fitzpatrick was 4<sup>th</sup> in state championship and David Silverberg placed 5th. Boys swimming: Mrs. Wheeler is All-Gazette and All-Met Washington Post Swimming Coach of the Year. Gazette has article about Boys baseball.

**5. Treasurer's Report - Darlene Din**

Statements reflect mulch sale numbers. Gross profit is \$28,000 for mulch sale. Spreading income is up and sale is down a bit compared to previous year. Bank account increased from mulch sale.

**6. Committee Debriefs / Discussion Items:**

- Merchandise Update – Charlene McClelland/Susan Silverberg: Sales have slowed. Our committee needs people for the upcoming year so that they can be trained in our final year. We are starting to reorder for fall season. Your input is appreciated. We will ask for budget next meeting.
- Website– Brenda Dunham: Updates are on website. I am busy taking spring photos and have taken photos of half of the teams. Baseball team picture had to be taken inside.
- Events/Outreach – Mylene: Spring potluck went well. We are preparing a letter to reach out to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Brenda suggested to use History page of website,
- Dinner fundraisers - Doug Campbell; Boosters received a \$175 check from Paisano's fundraiser. California Tortilla might do a fundraiser because they changed their menu.

- Concessions – Keith Umbel; Transition to outside is accomplished. Equipment is moved and grill is assembled and was tested on mulch sale day. Lacrosse is running its own concessions.
- Membership – Barb Kunstman: Bill reported on membership roster: 26 families signed up as Black & Gold families (\$3,900); 19 members signed up as Black & Gold individuals (\$2,850); 90 members (3,640); 3 teacher members (\$85).
- Mike Curtis Open Golf Tournament – Paul Whaley; Susan: We are low on golfers, so please spread the word. We are looking for donations for silent auction. Jon is sending out appeal to coaches and team parents will gather gifts from each team.
- Scholarship Committee – Catherine Parrish; Doug Watson, Brandon Lane, Laura Goetz, Kathy Carr are members of the committee. Information went out in Dr. McLeod's email blast, and will go out again later in April. On Monday, April 28 is the application deadline. The top 12 applicants will be interviewed and on May, 4, the scholarships will be awarded.
- Mulch Sale Report – Robert Longest: he received a big applause because of how well run it was. Paul Lofgren commended the organization of the sale. As organized as of date, more cannot be sold unless there is more automation on ordering and input end. 9300 bags were delivered and all were sold. We had to turn away day-of buyers. 400 more bags need to be spread. College Gardens neighborhood is top buyer. Pallets need to be picked up. Montgomery County recycling center gave Robert two names for pallet pick up companies but they are in Baltimore and don't want to come down for this small job. Robert is looking at other companies. As a last resort, we have to take them to the dump ourselves. Bill said last year a Montgomery County company came to pick them up. To improve: Advertisement per email often lands in junk folder. Constant Contact might be helpful or Vertical Response. A couple deliveries were missed. Next year, Easter and Spring break will be early, which we will need to take into consideration when planning. Trucks need to be reserved early enough.

## 7. Old Business

- Fencing and Dugouts: 14 years ago, Mr. Neale set up a dugout fund with \$1,800 to commemorate his son who died at 19 years of age. It was decided to wait with dugouts until new school was built. His donation will go towards dugouts. Mr. Neale was present and he was thanked for his donation. Mr. Neale thanked the three people who kept working on realizing the plan: Bill, Andrew, and Brenda. Andrew Silverberg presented on dugouts: Fencing will make it possible to lock the entire fields. **Dugout budget** was set at \$32,000. Costs were: concrete pads, \$12,623; materials, \$465; concrete material, \$2,500. That leaves \$16,412 for fencing. The dugout fence cost \$13,637. Remaining balance: \$2,775. **Perimeter Fence**: \$13,667 was budgeted, cost was \$10,965. Remaining balance: \$2,702. Funds to cover upcoming costs amount \$17,277 (breakdown: \$5,477 the two remaining balances, \$1,800 donation by Mr. Neale and the \$10,000 approved on April 3, see below.) Home Depot contribution was pledged 2 years ago and we hope to still receive the money. We need to re-contact Barrons Lumber (former RM alum) to make sure the discount offer is still good. Labor to get roof up \$4,000 to \$5,000. There are 4 dugouts. Bill makes motion to allocate up to \$10,000 for material before May 1 in case dugouts move that fast. Motion accepted.
- Dodgeball: 22 teams competed and Boosters made \$825 between teams and gate fees. Karen Morgan is willing to do it next year as well.
- 501c3 and by-laws update- Steve: Application is being prepared. Boosters will update by-laws as part of application for 501c3 status. The proposed by-laws are on website for review. At the May meeting, Boosters general membership will vote on them unless there are major changes suggested. Proposed by-laws were given to present members. Changes are highlighted in yellow. Proposed is: Board of Boosters will consist of Officers and Chairs of Committees. Elected officers will start on June 1 instead of July 1. Parent Brian Sadur is handling the legal work for the Boosters.

- Nominating Committee Emily Serway and Susan Kaminsky.

**8. New Business/ Open Discussion Items**

Booster Bash takes place around June 1 for officers committee chairs, volunteers, coaches and Jon. We are looking for host.

**No suggestions from present members.**

**9. Adjournment at 8:21.**