

RHAM Sports Booster Meeting Minutes - January 4, 2016

Attendees:

Beth Fitzgerald, Janice McMahon, Mary Cochefski, Ann Marie Sokol, Alexandra Smith, Jean Glode, Cathy Gerke, Dan Barry

Treasurers' report - currently the Booster account has \$11,509 in funds

- Boosters were reimbursed from lacrosse program
- Boosters agreed to cover costs of new pink pom-poms for the cheer squad. To be used during the month of October for breast cancer awareness (\$650)
- Boosters agreed to cover costs for Tyler Cormier t-shirts (\$450) to be worn by the basketball teams at the Tyler Cormier game January 2, 2016

Secretary's report

- December minutes approved

Membership

- In the middle of membership drive for the winter season
- Currently girls basketball has the largest percentage of members
- Overall 80 members total
- Excellent headway for membership by attending first home basketball games for girls and boys
- Alex Smith to attend Jan 8 boys game for membership
- Ideas discussed for registering members earlier in the school year

New Business

Color Run

- Date is June 11
- Cathy Gerke to help
- Possibly look for sponsorships from local businesses
- And look into the idea of having teams

Athlete of the Week

- Beth emailed request from coaches first week of January, and athlete TBD
- Ideas are to include a picture of the athlete in the RI vereast
- T-shirts to continue to be given out at sports banquets so that the athletes are recognized in front of their peers
- Need to continue to optimize social media, perhaps have photo contests, mystery photos, etc to get students involved

Wine tasting

- Alex Smith, Jean Glode and Jenn Boehler to look into dates and determine location
- Alex reaching out to Sara Tarca and Alison Heneghan for past files/information for organizing the event
- Event to take place in April
- Dan Barry, RHAM Varsity coach, volunteered to help with the wine, as he is a wine distributor and has experience with these types of events

Funeral donation

- A \$150 donation will be sent to the Pancreatic Cancer Research foundation in memory of Beth Pitrone, parent of Joe Pitrone (sophomore)

Old Business

Building permit - Beth still working on overhang of shed

MS Sports Banquet

- Next dates: 2/4/16 and 6/2/16

HS Sports Banquet

- Next dates are 3/16/16 and 6/1/16

Concessions

- DECA volunteers to work on a plan for the Spring - sports schedule out Feb 5, 2016
- Need to maximize the concessions when there are multiple events happening at the same time in order to have a larger amount of fans
- Track meets, baseball games, tennis matches, lacrosse games will all be great events this spring to prepare for
- Would Vinny be able to grill during the Spring season?

Discussion with Lions

- Not scheduled yet, Beth to attend and introduce idea of joint fundraising

Next Meeting February 1, 2016

RHAM Sports Booster Meeting Minutes - February 1, 2016

Attendees:

Beth Fitzgerald, Janice McMahon, Ann Marie Sokol,
Alexandra Smith, Jean Glode, Barb Missal

Treasurers' report - currently the Booster account has \$12,501.80 in funds

- A thank you was received from the cheer squad for the pom poms.
- A thank you was received from basketball coach Dan Barry for the Tyler Cormier t-shirts.
- Group approved to spend \$100 in 2015/2016 yearbook

Secretary's report

- January minutes approved

Membership

- Boys basketball was the winner of the team membership drive with 70.6%
- 87 members total

New Business

Color Run

- Date now is June 11, although that could be after graduation and could affect attendance.
- Need to re-visit date and see if we have more snow days that would allow the run to held before graduation
- Need to confirm volunteers to organize the event

Athlete of the Week

- Michael Calderoni

Wine tasting

- Most likely event will be at Blackledge April 30.
- Dan Barry to help organize the vendor portion of the event
- Sub committee met February 1 and have started planning and getting organized

Powder Puff game

- Beth to contact Bacon Academy and let them know RHAM will participate in the Powder Puff fundraiser next November.

Funeral donation

- A \$200 donation will be sent to the appropriate bank for Julia and Matt Turo, each will receive \$100 for their education funds

Old Business

Building permit - Beth still working on overhang of shed

MS Sports Banquet

- Next dates: 2/9/16 and 6/2/16

HS Sports Banquet

- Next dates are 3/16/16 and 6/1/16

Concessions

REVIEW again at March meeting

- DECA volunteers to work on a plan for the Spring - sports schedule out Feb 5, 2016
- Need to maximize the concessions when there are multiple events happening at the same time in order to have a larger amount of fans
- Track meets, baseball games, tennis matches, lacrosse games will all be great events this spring to prepare for
- Would Vinny be able to grill during the Spring season?

Next Meeting March 7, 2016

RHAM Sports Booster Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2016

Attendees:

Beth Fitzgerald, Ann Marie Sokol, Mary Cochefski
Alexandra Smith, Barb Missal

Treasurers' report - currently the Booster account has \$12,195.33 in funds

- Group approved to spend \$100 in 2015/2016 yearbook
- Group approved mini grant of \$325 for BCR hockey bus to Danbury game

Secretary's report

- February minutes approved

Membership

- 87 members total with \$3,007
- Membership will remain slow until the Fall when students and families can purchase for the next school year.

Communications

- Barb to submit the following information to the Rivereast: Save the Date for the Sports Booster Wine and Beer Tasting, April 30 at Blackledge CC

New Business

Color Run

- Group decided to table discussion of this event until next Fall. Too many conflicts with organizing it for the spring of 2016

Athlete of the Week

- Sydney Masna

Wine tasting

- Event will be at Blackledge April 30.
- Group working on donations of wine for the raffles
- Looking to complete marketing materials by early April
- Front row graduation tickets will also be donated for the raffle

Powder Puff game

- Beth to contact Bacon Academy and let them know RHAM will participate in the Powder Puff fundraiser next November.
- Need to confirm a date

Old Business

Building permit - Beth still working on overhang of shed

MS Sports Banquet

- Next dates is 6/2/16

HS Sports Banquet

- Next dates is 3/16/16 and 6/1/16, Leos to help at the banquet

Concessions

REVIEW again at April meeting - need to have a leader for this project

- DECA volunteers to work on a plan for the Spring - sports schedule out Feb 5, 2016
- Need to maximize the concessions when there are multiple events happening at the same time in order to have a larger amount of fans
- Track meets, baseball games, tennis matches, lacrosse games will all be great events this spring to prepare for

Next Meeting April 4, 2016

RHAM Sports Booster Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2016

Attendees:

Beth Fitzgerald, Janice McMahon, Mary Cochefski,
Alexandra Smith, Barb Missal, Dan Barry

Treasurers' report - currently the Booster account has \$10,800 in funds

Secretary's report

- April minutes were not written, nothing to approve

Membership

- Baseball wins \$200 this season for 26% membership
- Will be selling apparel at 6th grade social, June 3 - Alex S to help

Communications

- Barb to include scholarship essay deadline in Rivereast

New Business

Scholarship

- Ann Marie to distribute scholarship essays for review
- Two scholarships will be available this year of \$1,000 each
- Essay deadline is May 23

Board Officers

- Officers will need to be determined next meeting. Beth to remain as President, Mary C Treasurer and Alex to remain as Secretary.
- Need to vote for VP and Membership

Scoreboard installed at the softball field

Athlete of the Week

Several athletes were chosen in the month of May

- Bridget Lalonde
- Michelle Guppy
- Kristi Van Meter

Honoring past members to those who have volunteered for RHAM Sports

- After much discussion, group decided a plaque would be appropriate to honor those RHAM Sports Booster volunteers or community member who have really made an impact on RHAM Sports.

Wine tasting

- Event was successful, over \$5,000 raised
- Overall, attendees enjoyed the Blackledge location as well as the food, music, and ambience
- Committee to have a debrief next week to come up with new ideas for next year.
- Do we want to offer the event every year or every 18 months?

Important Dates

MS Sports Banquet 6/2/16

HS Sports Banquet 6/1/16
Leos to help at the banquets

Next Meeting June , 2016

RHAM Sports Booster Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2016

Attendees:

Beth Fitzgerald, Mary Cochefski,
Alexandra Smith, Barb Missal, Dan Barry

Guests: Luke Slater

Treasurers' report - currently the Booster account has \$14,910.60 in funds

Secretary's report

- No report to approve

Membership

Carol Furey will be Membership Coordinator

- Beth sold many memberships at the first home football game 9/10
- Memberships will be sold at both the Middle and High School Open Houses (9/16 and 9/22)
- Apparel will be sold as well - Alex S to coordinate HS
- Group discussed the option of offering student passes and agreed to keep the family passes the same. There really isn't a need for student passes as the family pass is sufficient.

Athlete of the Week

- James Poticarry, freshman on the cross country team

Tag Sale

- Beth introduced to the group revisiting an older fundraiser, the sporting goods tag sale.
- Families purchase a booth/parking spot and sell their goods.
- Could be advertised as a ski swap as well.
- All leftover goods brought to Play it Again Sports
- No decision made to pursue this

Hebron Harvest Fair

- Because many sports teams are now working at the Fair to earn money for their teams, the group agreed that it should meet with the Lions prior to the Fair and organize all volunteers. This way the Sports Boosters would be the main group and would then disperse funds that are raised appropriately to each team that is involved.
- Boosters should approach the Lions in March/April 2017 to create a plan

Farmers Insurance Sponsorship

- \$2,000 sponsorship that will be presented at three different games this year.
- Games will be football, basketball, and baseball

3 v 3 Basketball Tournament

- Due to sports playoffs later this fall conflicting with student participation, the group decided to move the date to March 24/25 2017
- Mike Buruano will help organize

Old Business

Scholarship

- Suggested that we limit the length of essays for next May

Wine Tasting

- Group agreed that the event could run every 18 months.
- Next date November 2017

Important Dates

Next Meeting - October 3, 2016

High School Sports Banquets

12/7

3/21/17

6/1/17

Pre-season meetings

11/30

3/5/17

Middle School Banquets

11/3 @ 6:30

2/7/17 @ 6:30

6/1/17 @ 6:30

RHAM Sports Booster Meeting Minutes - October 3, 2016

Attendees:

Beth Fitzgerald, Mary Cochefski,
Alexandra Smith, Barb Missal, Carol Furey
Dan Barry, Vinny Colonna

Treasurers' report - currently the Booster account has \$17,986.60 in funds

Secretary's report

- September minutes approved, no changes

Membership

- Carol provided a spreadsheet of all members
- All members were emailed their \$5 coupon to use toward purchasing apparel
- Vinny sold memberships at the volleyball game vs Glastonbury

Communications

- Barb to submit to the next issue of the Rivereast the Athlete of the Week, and possibly a photo with permission.
- Also announce the membership drive

Kick for the Cure

- Varsity/JV boys and girls teams will play October 21 as a fundraiser, under the lights
- Fundraiser for Coaches against Cancer, in honor of Coach Fromme
- Boosters agreed to contribute \$500 to the lights for the evening
- Boosters also voted to create and giveaway t-shirts. No more than \$500 to be spent.
- T-shirts will be close in design to those being worn by the players, but with Sports Booster sponsorship included
- Dan and Beth to contact their t-shirt contacts.
- Mary and Alex will sell merchandise

Athlete of the Week

- Cal Redman, sophomore, football

Farmers Insurance Sponsorship

- \$2,000 sponsorship that will be presented at three different games this year.
- Games will be football, basketball, and baseball

Harlem Wizard Basketball

- Hebron PTA hosting this event, and Boosters agreed to purchase a half page ad, \$50, in the program
- PTA will create the ad
- Boosters can have a table to sell apparel at the event
- Event date is November 22 at 6:30

State Championship Awards

- For those teams that are state champions, Boosters agreed to donate to that team the equivalent of \$25 per rostered player.
- Then the team can decide how to use those funds.

Sports Banquets

- Girl scouts and Leos will be approached for help in set up before the banquets and cleaning afterwards

Sports Booster Web Site

- Barb provided printed copies of the web site with suggested changes
- Group to review the pages and give Barb any suggestions for additional changes
- Edits to be made include: updating where our funds have been given, update how we fundraise, remove mention of raising money for fields, include Booster minutes, remove Fields Fund page, remove gift cards mention, include current dates for banquets

Important Dates

Next Meeting - November 7, 2016

High School Sports Banquets

12/7

3/21/17

6/1/17

Pre-season meetings

11/30

3/5/17

Middle School Banquets

11/3 @ 6:30

2/7/17 @ 6:30

6/1/17 @ 6:30

RHAM Sports Booster Meeting Minutes - December 5, 2016

Attendees:

Beth Fitzgerald, Mary Cochefski,
Alexandra Smith, Barb Missal, Carol Furey

Guests: Vinny Colonna - Parent
Luke Slayter - Eagle Scout
Ellen Gifford - wrestling liaison

Treasurers' report - currently the Booster account has \$17,446.60 in funds

Secretary's report

- November minutes - no recorded minutes to approve as Alex Smith could not attend November meeting

Membership

- Volleyball team won the fall membership drive
- Board members will attend first home games for Girls and Boys basketball to help sell Sports Booster memberships
- Winter membership drive through January 31st
- First Girls basketball home game December 15; Boys December 22

Communications

- Barb to submit to final wrap up for 2016 in Rivereast

New Business:

Eagle Scout Report

- Luke Slayter updated the group on his restoration project of the baseball dugouts
- Based on photos that he shared, Luke did an outstanding job of repairing benches, painting dugout walls and general updating of both home and away dugouts.

Wrestling Team Request

- Every year the wrestling team competes at an away tournament and the team is looking for funds to help defray expenses associated with an overnight trip.
- Sports Boosters is in agreement that we can assist and need to determine a donation amount

State Championship awards

- Cross Country and Volleyball teams will receive funds from Sports Boosters for their State Championship titles

Social Media

- Beth and Vinny will continue to cover all sports for Instagram and Facebook

Farmers Insurance Sponsorship

- Farmers insurance will attend a Girls basketball game to present a check.

Fan T-Shirts

- Beth Fitzgerald presented the idea of a Fan t-shirt for students to purchase and wear as admission to all sport events
- Students can purchase the t-shirt for \$20 (\$16 to print per shirt)
- Shirts valid for one year only
- To be sold at upcoming fall sports banquet

Sports Banquets

- Girl scouts and Leos will be approached for help in set up before the banquets and cleaning afterwards
- Fan t-shirts to be sold as well as general sports booster merchandise

Wizards update:

- A few items were sold. Many younger families in attendance but not necessarily looking to purchase RHAM gear just yet for their kids

Cyr family

- Group agreed to donate 5 RHAM sweatshirts to the Cyr family due to losing all their clothing in a house fire last September

Important Dates

Next Meeting - January 9, 2017

High School Sports Banquets

3/21/17

6/1/17

Pre-season meetings

3/5/17

Middle School Banquets

2/7/17 @ 6:30

6/1/17 @ 6:30