

Regina Athletic Booster Club Meeting
Wednesday January 13th, 2021
6:00 PM

Attendance: Phil Arendt, Sean Beard, Jan Beaver, Myrna Boyle, Ed Hinkel, Molly Joss, Ann Larew, Rick Larew, Erin Litton, Amy Mills, Brandon Mills, Jim Poynton, Zach Ries, Leigha Rios, Bryce Smeins, Chase Stafford, Todd Streb, Jason Wagner, Ed Wallace, Beth Wick.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, bless us as we come together in Your Name. Send us the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts to guide us in our discussions for the good of all. Father, we ask this grace through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Reports:

AD-Bryce Smiens: It has been a day to day adventure, and probably the theme of the next month. Boys basketball had been in quarantine and now girls' basketball. Some of the junior high. Been a crutch of what we have been doing. Phil has had everyone in the weight room. Marv Cook wants to thank us for all we do for football. The summer sports schedule is almost done. For softball we have not offered anyone the job yet.

Treasurer-Myrna Boyle: Not a lot to report, \$23,360.24 in the bank, \$2,000 cash on hand. The spirit store and Facebook streaming are making money right now, otherwise not much money coming in. There is the write off on there of the loan forgiveness. The Booster Club has a PO Box that cost \$91.00 a year. There does not seem to have much need for this so if it is ok with everyone, will close this box and direct mail to go to our box in the High School office. Let any vendors know the change of address. Motion to close made by Erin Litton, second by Beth Wick, all approve.

*Update financials: Ed Wallace, hand delivered a check of \$2,300 from the T-shirt Mill/Brian Miller representing the profits from the sale of the RCross/D apparel. Additional financial information from Myrna Boyle, a most recent \$900.00 donation was received from Brian Miller.

Ed Wallace wanted to clarify he met with Diane Demarco last year at her home and a helmet from Mr. Vincent and Marv was delivered to her that had the RCross/D decal on it. The profits from this decal came from Brian Miller in the notes above.

President-Sean Beard: I have had some good conversations sitting down with the past presidents over the years to see what has worked and what has not. I spoke with Ann Romanowski and she gave the idea that gift wrapping at the spirit store at Christmas time was well received. Also want to sit down with Bonnie McFarland and Pete Damiano.

Coaches:

Zach Ries/Wrestling: There are three weeks left in the regular season, sectionals are coming and waiting on information for state. Things are staying good, staying healthy. We have one wrestler out from exposure from a family member, otherwise keeping all facilities clean. Still need to check out hotels for state.

Rick Larew/Boys Soccer: I started coaching soccer here in 1999. I look forward to an exciting year. Soccer is a fragile thing. The program is built on hard work. The team is built on comradery. We lost a3ll of last year when the state shut things down the first day of practice. The kids do many sports so we didn't see kids at the open gyms over the summer and have had no contact with them, so hopefully we can get things going. There are only six weeks for games, trying to put together a schedule but it is tough. Working with Bryce and we are just starting to get into open gyms. Some things about soccer 1) All coaches are volunteers, there is no slush fund. 2) The kids who play soccer also play multi sports, maybe only one just play soccer. 3) There are rumors for additional funds, these are some ideas for it. Behind the baseball field where we practice, there are problems with the field. The open space gets beat up, driven on and ruts etc. Would like consideration to fence in the soccer practice area. We went to St. Pats for several years for practice, but transportation was an issue, needed to come back to Regina for practice.

Ann Larew/Girls Soccer: Have been girls soccer coach for five years. Everyone struggles for numbers and girls do other sports at the same time. Have some new talent and very good, have everything in place and a program that is going. I encourage every girl who plays soccer to do other sports. Ask for other girls' coaches and parents to be involved in girls' soccer.

Ed Hinkel/Football: Don't have much, just hope Marv comes back next year.

Brandon Mills/Volleyball: There is a lot of interest in playing in the younger kids. Having them in the open gyms, Yvonne Cook is helping. 6th grade up to the juniors have a 6th grade team two 8th grade teams, a 14U and then the Varsity. Working on the schedule, grateful for a good turnout. The key to more successful programs is a good feeder system.

Business:

Minutes from November 11th, 2020: Review and approval. Motion to approve made by Myrna Boyle, second by Sean Beard. All are in favor.

Fish Fry/Molly Joss: Need to speak with Amy Kron and Mr. Plummer and see what we can do right now, if the kitchen can be used. What is the Diocesan rule and gathering/holding them? Sean states we need to have plan in place, so everything will not be a last-minute decision.

This is a rundown of last lent season. We had 1-2 fish fry's before shutdown occurred. Then went to a modified approach, and then decided not to hold, a lot of senior citizen population. There are three ways we can do them:

- Super Conservative: Pre-orders, find out what people want, pickup only with no volunteers.
- To go only: Come and place order, go through and leave. Will have some volunteers but may have a back log.
- Do the normal fish fry format of dine in and carry out and do things to reduce risk. Use all disposable items, which will require an additional cost, pre-package side items and minimize how many people volunteer at a time. Do more shifts, do one hour at a time, focus on how many people we really need. Reach out to key volunteers who have been around a long time to do coordinating and make leadership roles.

The concern for having the fish fry's in the regular format, is not wanting to run the risk as many senior citizens attend, and as Ann states working with the elderly herself, they do not always understand the risk for themselves. Vaccinations for 75 and above will not roll out till February.

Ideas to also think about is to outsource with someone such as a restaurant or food truck and split the profit.

Myrna stated that we did not make any money last year, lost \$5600.00, the year before lost \$3000.00 but in 2018 made \$9000.00. Molly said last year was tough, the first two orders must be placed before the first fish fry. Question of where the fish is ordered from, Kings in the Quad Cities. The key will be communicating and getting the format out. Molly will be in touch.

Weight Room Donation: Plan that Phil Arendt and Jason Dumont have been working on to overhaul the weight room. The equipment is starting to breakdown. Have been silently fundraising for the last three months and have been ramping up. We have raised \$100,000, there are 13 people that have donated or have committed to donating. He has talked to 20 people in person and 10 over the phone. Have been reaching out to the parents and they are receptive. There is \$51,000 in account. To do the whole project it will cost \$300,00 but has a lifetime warranty. There were a handful of things coming from the old weight room, but they are breaking down and safety is huge. We have lost some space and we have several kids, which is a good problem to have, but it is difficult to get things done and accommodate. The logistics of this floorplan will help make things smoother in trying to get people through in a timely manner. Sean applauds Phil and all his work he is doing.

BC Campaign: There is not much money in the booster club, so the weight room project, the drawing fit the bill. Start asking for Booster Club donations to offset. Campaign to establish a budget. Phil will need help raising some money. With a more coordinated effort promoting will get the goal to \$300,000 and help the Booster budget. Erin Litton asks how much communication has been made with the Elementary? Not much there. They will have a lot of future use with this facility. Ed Wallace promotes the safety aspect, that putting a lot of kids through the equipment, there is a need to "keep the kids safe". Ann Larew says that Phil connects with the

kids amazingly. This weight room will benefit all kids, not just athletes. Erin Litton says people want to be a part of the weightlifting community and this will be a heartstring opportunity. Sean talks about the process, and how do we get this up and running through school? Need to have conversations with Kecia. How to get it in front of people and raise the money? Get a plan in place if we can work on a \$500,000 campaign. \$300,000 for Phil and \$200,000 to Boosters.

Thoughts from Jim Poynton on purchasing and budgeting weight room. I have helped with purchasing and budgeting the Iowa weight room. Things to think about, what kind of campaign will you run, it is not a short decision, but it is a runway. What is the optics of this? Will the money be questioned by people, and will the fundraising be stopped by some? Need to get all down to detail and have everything itemized. Erin Litton said maybe we can learn some things from the Gala. If things are itemized, maybe people will know how much things are and can give donations towards specific items of interest towards the weight room.

To make note on the campaign, the weight room plan is made by Sorinex.com. The Booster Club is in support of this effort and Phil for his exceptional work and will keep the conversation going.

Quality Care Quote: Nate Kaeding purchased Quality Care, the lawncare side of it. He submitted a bid outlining everything they will do broken down by field. They do not have a lawnmower so they will be investing in a Reel mower to ensure grass is cut to standards. Services included in the proposal: mowing, fertilization, preventive fungicide, aerations, sand topdressing, slice and broadcast seeding, athletic field lining for all seasons and sports including baseball, softball, soccer, football and track as needed. Irrigation startup/shut down and monitoring. Constant monitoring of all playing surfaces. They have lowered their pricing per hour on mowing to give us some savings from what we have been paying in the past. They would ask for a minimum three-year commitment, given the investment of equipment. Quality Care is willing to donate \$5K to purchase new play clocks for the football field with Quality Care signage on each clock.

Budget for fields:

Varsity game field, \$20,769.00 baseball field, \$14,311.00, softball field, \$10,532.00, track \$16,442.00, irrigation, \$1,444.00. Total: \$63,493.00. All fields and services are itemized in proposal. Lawncare is one of the biggest expenses, we need to get the best price possible. A decision needs to be made by March, whether we go with Quality Care or stay with Krafka. Bryce will call Alex and get some breakdowns. Jan Beaver will help work with Sean on this project.

Regal Cast: Regal cast is another thing to capitalize on. When is the right time, need to get letters out to the companies that sponsor? What is the maintenance for the Huddle program? Brandon Mills will report more on Huddle, there is a camera installed, working to add sound, takes someone that knows audio. Audio will need to go through the computer to stream. Want to stream all home events, can slap a logo on stream and push sponsorships. The biggest expense will be the laptop, computer for software. May cost \$2,000 for a high-end laptop. Probably not start until next August and then goes through the school year. Talking with Mr. Foley, need to separate with Mediapolis since the sponsors get invoiced several times a year. Would need to

purchase additional hardware for outdoor sports, and all depends on the quality we want to get. Things to do by next month, would be to get a hard quote and laptop suggestions, and partner with Mr. Foley as he does audio.

New Business: What is the policy on making t-shirts orders for sports? Do they go through the Boosters/Spirit store or can each sport make their own t-shirt order through whoever they want? As individual sports are not just generic Regina, i.e. playoffs, state. There is lack of communication on this, and we do not want duplicate orders made and have backstock on items. Will follow up with Melinda Shetler on the Board to set a policy and communicate to Aubrey, Keely and coaches.

Motion to adjourn made by Ann Larew, second by Jan Beaver, all in favor.

Next Regina Athletic Booster Club meeting is Wednesday February 10th, 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Leigha Rios