

Regina Athletic Booster Club Meeting
Wednesday September 8th,2021 at 6:00 PM
Location: Regina High School Media Center

Prayer/Attendance: Sean Beard, Mark Bigler, Myrna Boyle, Ed Hinkel, Betsy Hoffman, Taylor Hotek, Angela Kessler, Sarah McLaughlin, Amy Mills, Brandon Mills, Zach Ries, Erin Litton, Jane Molony, Leigha Rios, Todd Streb, Ed Wallace, Hilary Wilkne

Reports:

AD-Taylor Hotek: Fall sports are off to a good start (Football 3-0, Cross Country Boys 9th at meet, Cross Country Girls 5th). Mid Prairie forfeit this Friday game for football. Wants to rethink the way we do volunteers for concessions, gate, ect. The Sign Up Genius isn't working. Idea of assigning families and up to them to find replacement. Wanting to get the yard signs for the different sports. Betsy Hoffman to get bids. Proceeds will go to the Booster Club and not individual sport teams. Hiring basketball coach hopefully this week.

Treasurer-Myrna Boyle: Golf tournament income is in, just short of \$31k. The biggest expense to Pleasant Valley has been paid and some other expenses totaling \$7k. We have \$62k in the bank account. Concession stands are doing very well. Neptune sponsorship should stay with the boosters since we paid for the equipment. We need more clarity on the Stripe. It is all going into one account and we can't differentiate on the ACH from the bank. Spirit store received theirs with no communication.

President-Sean Beard: Approved spirit store to order a few items to have on hand. Brought the topics under new business below: signs, fish fry, concession stands, softball cage, and Pancheros Patio.

Coaches:

Volleyball-Brandon Mills and Hilary Wilken. Volleyball is going well. Have 40-50 girls out right now. The made a poster this year and got sponsors, ended up making \$1,500.

Wrestling-Zach Ries. Opening the room next Wednesday. Going to do a flyer to the office by September 10th to get open practice for more kids. Youth program will be starting in November.

Softball-Angela Kessler. The batting cages are a big issue: unsafe, can only use tennis balls to pitch in there, and you can't live pitch in there. Her dream is to have concrete under the cages but will take dirt. (Gave the guy from Tiffin to bid). The field needs to be leveled. Softball will pay for the field to be leveled if boosters pay for the batting cages.

Both projects need to be done by May. Has a list of other things she would like on the Google Drive. River Products is giving donation to other projects, looking into having them do some for the cages. Also looking into the concrete company to do the batting cages at the same time as the project behind the facility.

Brought up that softball team works at Blaze tournament. Is that going to still be allowed? (Sean to check with Taylor and/or Joy)

Can teams ask parents for donations still? (Sean check with Taylor and/Joy)

Old Business:

Review/approval of minutes from August 11, 2021: Any questions or comments? None, Sean made a motion to approve, Sarah second, all in favor, motion carries.

Vice President is still vacant and needs to be filled, request for nominations next meeting.

New Business:

Big Athletics-Mark Bigler:

- Earned bid to be our provider for our gear and uniforms.
- Will send out a list of the pricing discounts for different products. Prices we will see won't include the logo. They vary with the different brands. (Under Armour and Adidas to name a couple). As boosters we can order things at the same cost that isn't branded.
- He is accessible, only 55 minutes away and will get back to us quickly. He likes to come to the activities of the schools he works with, so he will be around.
- Think to do things early. Supplies are taking a lot of time to get done and shipped. Start working on the next year at the end of the season.
- To keep cost down use the same design and the number of colors down.
- Likes to do the brochure type of ordering. Also, can do an online store.
- School is getting some free product. Taylor has the details for that.
- He is also a motivational speaker. He would be willing to do a FREE session on drunk driving.

Hall of Fame:

Need to get a more formal process for nominations. In the past Ed Wallace, Andy Gahan, and Alissa Jarrett were the committee. Jane Molony is going to reach out to Jan Beaver on what has been done in the past as well. We need to have a volunteer to work the patio the night of the Hall of Fame.

This year try to pull it off for October 8th and have Coach DiMarco honored. Ed Wallace is going to get ahold of Dianna to see if this would work for the family. In the event this does work we would need to get it out in the Regal Weekly ASAP.

Chili Supper:

Brett and Dick Hoffman are willing to donate their time and supplies to bring back the chili supper. Previously it was on the Thursday before homecoming but when the coronation and parade stopped, so did the chili supper. Homecoming is too soon to pull it off this year. Proposed date was to do it before Turkey BINGO on November 21, 2021.

Dick is going to get with Joy on if she is comfortable doing it this year with COVID. We proposed to do the tickets like Regal Eats, so they know how many and if it gets canceled it is easy to donate the money back to Regina. Would like to do it with homecoming week in the upcoming years. Money would go to the boosters.

Signs at Outdoor Sports Fields

Sean and Betsy walked all the sports fields on Labor Day to see the condition of the signs. Signs are not consistent throughout the sports fields: some are dated, some are peeling, some have the wrong logos, some you can't read, and some are duplicated. Sean is having multiple vendors meet him out to show them what we would like to have a bid on and find out their suggestions as well. We want something that will last and can be updated at the end of each season without having to replace the whole sign.

Once the signs are approved, we will get with each of the coaches to find out what they feel is the best place for their signs on their fields. Proposed that the football and soccer championships to on the posts by the score board. Jane did reach out to the Fisher family, and they are okay with us updating the sign. Suggested to make Coach Brown's bench more predominate part of the track area.

Fish Fry:

Molly is stepping down as the coordinator, so we need to get that position filled. Amy Mills suggested that we do 2-3 couples as more of a committee and they would only serve on the committee for two years. We would make sure that there was a tenured couple on with new committee members.

Sean's father in-law runs the fish fry at St. Pat's in Cedar Rapids. It makes \$25k a year. We would like to us him as a consultant to see what we can do to make money. The board felt there are too many options and that we can scale back.

Sean is going to discuss with Joy if she is comfortable having it this year.

Concession Stand Volunteers:

Amy spoke about how they are not getting enough volunteers. We need to figure out how to get people involved and build community. This was discussed multiple times at the meeting. Sean proposed: figure out how many games need covered, make a parent ambassador for each grade to communicate, assign a certain number of games to each grade, and have a reserves

list for the parents needing stewardship hours (or giving them their own games). Amy would consider staying on if she didn't have to do the volunteer piece.

Erin Litton brought up the way the City High does it with students and paying them to fill in or work at the games. She is going to get more details.

Sean will discuss more with Taylor and Joy.

Softball Cages:

Sean would like to fix the softball cages. They are in horrible conditions. We need to get quotes and get this for them. He would like for us to cover some if not all the cost. There was talk that there possibly is a parent that would like to make a sizable donation for this.

Panchero's Patio:

Panchero's donates the chips and queso for the games; in addition to helping build the patio. There is no contract with them for the name of the patio.

Matt Swift at Black Stone wants to do something with us. Suggestions from the group was to focus on the student section: Blackstone Bleachers or Bleacher Bunch. Sarah McLaughlin is going to work with Sean on this.

No other business, Sean makes a motion to adjourn Todd second, all approve.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Hoffman