

Regina Athletic Booster Club Meeting
Wednesday April 26th, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Location: High School Media Center

Prayer/Attendance: Sean Beard, John Crane (Zoom), Annie Gavin, Dan Hartzler, Betsy Hoffman, Taylor Hotek, Sarah McLaughlin, Chase Stafford, Caren Tracy (Zoom), and Hilary Wilken (Zoom).

Reports:

AD-Taylor Hotek:

Spring sports are about halfway complete. Boys soccer is 7-1, girls soccer is 5-2, no Drake qualifiers but PR's are improving, boys golf expect Mike Takas to do well again, and girls golf is going well. Construction going on down at softball, they are leveling the field and building new dugouts. Cages are still not complete. Sarah McLaughlin was going to follow up with Ryan Wade who was the head contact of that project to see where we are at time wise. High school boys' basketball coach is open. We have 6 candidates and interviews will start May 15th. Strength and conditioning coach is open. Will also do interviews May 15th for that position.

Treasurer-Jamie Zahasky:

Sean Beard spoke on Jamie's behalf. Not all fish fry expenses have been booked yet. Based on estimates from Amy Mills we should profit about \$18,500. We committed \$2,000 for baseball for the pitching mound and \$8,000 for the softball dugouts since we had money left over from the spring/summer expense money.

President-Sean Beard:

We are moving the bank account for the boosters to MidWest One. This way we can do night deposits after the concessions and fish frys. Will work with Jamie on getting cash controls written up for our club. Chase Stafford is also going to help us with where to put our money to get the most of it while it is sitting in the bank. We hope to continue to put \$40k away each year to help with some of the big expenses that are coming.

Reached out to the new head of school to see if she would like to come meet the board. She did say she would like to once she gets things wrapped up and starts to get grounded here.

Budget meeting with our executive team and Kady Hall for next year on June 2nd. Hope to have the draft for our meeting on June 14th.

Wish list item for next year turning the equipment shed into more of a clubhouse. This would get football and soccer players out of the elements at halftime. Put in some insulation, drywall, chairs, white boards, ect. Then we would get a small shed for the equipment. Working on getting bids for the clubhouse, shed, ticket shed, and concession stand.

Old Business:

Review/approval of minutes from March 7th, 2023: Any questions or comments?

Sean Beard made a motion to approve, Ed Wallace second, all in favor, motion carries.

Spirit Store:

New merch is in and selling well so far. Thought about maybe opening one spring event but not sure we can swing it this year.

Basketball Slam:

Finished making just under \$1000. Next year going to team up with basketball teams to get them to help sell tickets.

Fish Fry:

What a fun year! We had great volunteers this year. Amy Mills and Brett Hoffman did a fantastic job and we ended up around \$18,500. Goal for next year is \$20-\$25k. Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to go over things. Thank you for the booster board support! We will need to do some preventative maintenance on the fryers after school is out. We are going to do some sort of donation to the kitchen for letting us use during the season. They were very pleased with the condition of the kitchen each Monday.

Hall of Fame:

Committee will be meeting on May 9th to discuss and narrow down selections for 2023. They are a little back logged with the COVID years and doing a single nomination. We normally do 3-5 each year. We are looking at doing 5 for the next two years to get caught back up. The ceremony will just take a bit longer. We are going back to it being the first game of the year, last year we did it at homecoming because it was for Coach D. The committee is John Crane, Andy Gahan, Katie White, and Ed Wallace. Jan Beaver is going to mentor them this year as she has done it for years.

Concessions:

Volunteer system is still an issue and having to chase people to get them filled. Taylor is going to have parents sign a one page document stating that they need to volunteer two shifts per season, along with some other policies that they need to know if they miss the parent meeting.

Had an open discussion about making a master calendar with dates that clubs, committees, elementary grades help fill and the rest of the dates for parents with athletes or stewardship. Finding suggestions from other schools on how to fill the spots. Executive team is going to meet with Taylor in the next couple of weeks to get this figured out. An idea that has been tossed around is having a core volunteer that monitors the Sign-Up Genius and calendar for the boosters to ensure it is taken care of. We need to have the system in place before the next school year.

Varsity Group Contract:

The contract is not up until June of 2026.

New Business:

State Champ T-Shirts:

Annie has had a couple of previous state champs ask about purchasing the t-shirts. She is going to look into if we can do a one off with Underground Printing. We don't want to do as a fundraiser but if a one off every once in a while, we may entertain. Annie will get details and get back to us.

Side discussion to talk about later. Taylor at previous schools did a hall of fame/honorary type of program: coach, athlete, team, and supporter were awarded. Also talked about bringing back teams that were State Champs in different years.

Standard Donations to Clubs:

Discussed the possibility of donating to different Regina clubs and standardizing the amount. Ed Wallace proposed doing a set amount for anytime we do a donation and a certain number each year not to exceed a dollar amount. When the executive team meets for the budget it will be further discussed.

Bi-Law Changes:

Sean talked with the former foundation president about their structure and how there is a succession plan for the president. We would like to mirror how they are structured.

Executive board would be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. We will add a President Elect the second year of the President's term. President will then become an at large member for one year. The President Elect will take over for the President at the start of the following year. Board executives can't be in executive position for more than 2 terms. President max term is 5 years because of the elect.

At large board membership. Has been hard having people drop off throughout the year to get replacements and find synergy within the group. Proposing to add to the bi-laws that it is a two year term minimum and that notice will be given in February/March for June.

The secretary description in the bi-laws need to be updated.

The group agreed to these revisions but would like to see them in the bi-laws before we vote on them. This will also need to go to the Board of Education for final approval. Hoping to get all of this done before the end of our fiscal year June 2023.

New Member

Caren Tracy as a new member of the booster club.

Sean Beard made a motion to approve, Sarah McLaughlin second, all in favor, motion carries.

App for Communication

We will start to use the Group Me app for our Booster chain since we have a board member that doesn't have an iPhone and we can't title the chain. Betsy will set it up and invite everyone.

NSF

We had a check bounce at the fish fry this year. We don't have a policy for this situation. It seems to be a one off and we will let it go. If we start to see more bounced checks we will revisit at a later date.

Concession Committee Leads

Molly Peterson isn't sure if she can commit the way she did for fall of 2023. She would like to get feelers out to start to find someone now. Hilary Wilken informed us that she will not be able to do concession committee at all starting fall of 2023 with changing her work schedule. Annie asked if they could get together and get us their pain points. We also asked them to get us the process from opening to closing,

so we can see if we need to change things or add more people to avoid burn out. Hilary mentioned tracking her hours, she was at 130 this year.

Hilary let us know that Kelly Heating and Cooling donated a new food warmer for the concession stand.

Ekin Nutrition

Taylor and some of the coaches met with Ekin Nutrition. There is a donor that is going to buy the bulk of the machinery for the system. This is a tool to help athletes with their nutrition. Taylor feels this will educate kids on nutrition, teach them how to fuel their bodies for workouts/games, and to separate us from the competition. He is asking for the boosters to cover the \$2,900 annual fee. He believes it is a one-year contract. The student athlete would also have a monthly subscription fee. Taylor would also like all coaches to see the program. We asked for more feedback from schools using it before deciding.

Pancheros Patio

Taylor wanted to revisit what we are doing with patio this football season. Sarah McLaughlin is going to get with Matt Swift from Blackstone and see what he would like to do with this. We did say that the first game of the year would be for the Hall of Fame recipients and the homecoming game will be for the Alumni Award recipients. That will leave us two to reserve. Once we hear back from Sarah about what Blackstone wants to do then we figure out the rest.

iPad and Hot Spot

We will need another iPad for football season, so we can have 3 going there at once. At the end of the fish fry we could have used another as well.

The internet in the concession stand outside could be slow with credit card payments at games.

Sean Beard made a motion to approve, Betsy Hoffman second, all in favor, motion carries.

No other business, Sean Beard makes a motion to adjourn, Sarah McLaughlin second, all approve, motion carries.