

Round Rock High School Baseball Boosters

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting RRHS Baseball Boosters
August 9, 2022
6:30PM

Location of Meeting:

Dragon Baseball Portable
201 Deepwood Dr.
Round Rock, TX 78681

Present at Meeting: Jeff Andrewartha (President), Bob Slocum (VP), , Erin Appl (Secretary), Coach Carter, Paul Best, Clay Goddard, Carol Ferguson, Jenny Sykora, Kirk Wooldridge, Jennifer McAlpine, Chris Schronk, Tammy Schronk, Stacey Andrewartha, Bill Appl, Curt Shane, Jennifer Staretz, David Staretz, John Watkins, Paula Watkins, Carrie Puckett, Erin Smith, Antonio DiGesauldo, Sabrina Vickers, Joe Barthelette, Caroline Rodriguez, Clint Kiemsteadt, Todd Baca

Executive Board Absent from meeting: Jaime Stickler (treasurer) and Justin DePriest (VP)

The regular meeting of the RRHS Baseball Boosters was called to order at 6:32PM on August 9, 2022, at the Dragon Baseball Portable by Jeff Andrewartha.

I. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Bob Slocum made the motion and Chris Schronk second.

II. Treasurer Report

Because the treasurer was out of town, VP Bob Slocum presented the treasure report. The treasurer report was filed as follows.

Balance as of 6/12	\$25, 625.51
Expenses as of 7/31	\$06, 860.15
Income as of 7/31	\$ 16,340.21
Total of Account as of 7/31	\$31, 105.57

III. Committee Reports

1. Merchandise – Clint Kiemsteadt provided the update. Items that had been preordered are currently being sorted. Getting items ready for Friday night football games. Also, inquired about selling gear at Meet the Dragons on Saturday, August 13th and waiting on a response. We will also be looking for volunteers to help sell gear on Friday nights.
2. Concessions – Jordan was out so Stacey Andrewartha provided the update. HEB no longer provides donations to schools for concessions due to their overwhelming request throughout the year. Still a possibility to get a small donation from Costco and Sam's. Looking for one parent from each grade to be on the concession stand committee.
3. Fundraising - Stacey Andrewartha reporting our first fundraiser will be the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 17th. The dance will be at Old Settlers Main Hall. Tickets will be

available to purchase on Wednesday, September 8th. We will offer tickets during lunch and before school in front of field house. The baseball families will be asked to donate small bottles of waters, cookie trays, individual snack bags of goldfish, chex mix and cheezits. We will need several chaperones, help with setup and cleanup. Also, baseball boosters will be offering concessions at the homecoming community pep rally on Wednesday evening September 14th. We will need lots of help. Help is needed to gather items for our silent auction for Casino night. A volunteer sign up sheet was provided for people to volunteer.

IV. Consideration of Open Business

1. Wish List Items – The items we voted to purchase in May have all arrived. The portable batting cage was the last to arrive a few weeks ago.
2. Dugouts – Coach Carter provided an update on the status of redoing our dugouts. The dugouts were placed on the January board meeting for an up/down vote. Before the meeting started our dugouts were removed by the Board President. They have yet to be placed back on the agenda. When Coach Carter inquired about the dugouts he was told it was due to lack of funding available. The new budget started on July 1, 2022. He went to the Athletic Director and requested that the dugouts be placed back on the board agenda for the September meeting. The dugouts were deemed a safety hazard in 2020 before COVID. We will need parents to send emails if our dugouts are not on the September board meeting.
3. Player Development Center (PDC) - Antonio DiGesauldo spoke to the progress thus far. We had a great workday on Saturday, August 6th, to prepare for construction to start on Monday, August 8th. Fence has been removed and concrete will be removed later this week. The building has been ordered and we are still on a 8-10 week lead time. It is a 4000 sq ft air conditioned building that will provide bullpens and cages that should be finished by the end of the year.
4. Website – Our website has been in place for the past 10-12 years using wordpress. It is out dated and more than tedious to maneuver. We received a quote for revamping and overhauling our website. We will be moving to the Wix platform. We have two options available \$2500 includes building new site and 1 hour Zoom meeting to provide instruction on how to update the site with new information.
\$3500 includes building new site and a digital user guide that can be passed down year after year.
The executive board is wanting to go with the \$3500 option as they feel it to be helpful to have a digital guide available for the parent volunteer.
Coach Carter asked if anyone knew of someone that might be able to do it cheaper. Joe Barhettelette mentioned that he might know someone. A decision will be made before or at the next meeting so we can get it up and running.
5. Live Steam – Executive Board has researched some different Live Streaming platforms for our upcoming seasons. NFHS - Pixellot is what the board is now recommending due to the quality and ease of use. We will receive a camera and installation at no cost. The camera will be mounted on the pressbox. It is a smart camera system that follows the action. They have a double play system that is a centerfield camera that will be available by the spring. The cost of that camera is \$2500. A demo was shown during the meeting. Coach Carter has moved forward with gathering the information needed to send the company. Once all paperwork has been

received it will be installed in about 3 weeks so we can become familiar with the system during the fall. This will allow ALL baseball games (Freshmen, JV and Varsity) to be live streamed. The company will provide us a link for our viewers to sign up. The monthly subscription to viewers is \$10.99/month. The booster club can sell ads to be displayed during the broadcast. This will be added to sponsorship packages.

V. Consideration of New Business

1. Homecoming – Jeff Andrewartha mentioned that Homecoming is 5 weeks away. The homecoming parade is on Wednesday, September 14th. This year seniors, juniors and sophomores that were part of the team last year and in the baseball class will be able to ride on a trailer and participate in the parade. Cami Rangnow has a truck and trailer. Clint Kiemsteadt will drive his truck and Paul Best has a trailer we can use. We will need candy donations but also if anyone knows of a company that would want to sponsor baseball stress balls to be thrown out let Jeff know.

VI. Coach Carter Report

Coach Carter Thanked the booster club for their new office. All the coaches are pleased and excited about the new items and much needed space. We appreciate the booster club providing the funding. Due to the new PDC we will be able to have hitting/pitching work in the morning allowing more practice for all. This is a huge addition to our program that only makes us better. For the upcoming season we have some challenges due to the lack of umpires available. This will effect our game schedule. We are looking at different scenarios. One being that a sub-varsity game be played before the Varsity games. Coach wasn't sure how it will all work out but wants everyone to be aware there could be some changes. School starts next week. All players need to have their RankOne completed along with their physicals. Sports physicals can be turned into to any coach or trainer before or on the first day of school. This is a must to be able to participate in the baseball class. Our fall season will be impacted due to the construction of the PDC. We will need to put up cages on the visitor side to practice during the baseball period. Not sure how the fall baseball scheduled games will look due to construction. Still working on the plan. Coach won a mobility and movement class. It is a 12-week class on yoga-like stretches for the boys. Carter has a letter for sponsorships if anyone has companies or businesses that would like to sponsor us

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Dragon Baseball Portable on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6PM at: 201 Deepwood Dr. Round Rock, TX 78681

Jeff Andrewartha made the motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Paul Best
The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Minutes submitted by: Erin Appl
Secretary

Minutes approved by: Jeff Andrewartha
President