

Round Rock High School Baseball Boosters

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting RRHS Baseball Boosters
September 13, 2023
6:00PM

Location of Meeting:

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

Present at Meeting: Bob Slocum (President), Jeff Andrewartha (VP), Katie Broaddus (VP), Jordan Kazmann (Treasurer), Coach Carter

Executive Board Absent from meeting: Erin Appl (Secretary)

The regular meeting of the RRHS Baseball Boosters was called to order at 6:01PM on September 13th, 2023, at the Dragon Baseball Portable by Bob Slocum. Motion by Jeff Andrewartha, seconded by Allison Froelich.

I. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Kurt Landry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Tawny Goddard seconded. The motion passed.

II. Opening Remarks

President Bob Slocum welcomed parents to the Baseball Booster Club Meeting. He introduced himself and the Executive Board.

Bob explained that everything we see on and around the field comes from the booster club. The budget for the program is not big. We have two of our biggest fundraisers in progress right now. The Homecoming Parade is coming up on 9/27/23, and the Homecoming Dance is on 9/30/23. We need volunteers to make these things happen. Volunteering is how we help to fund all the great things that happen within the baseball program.

This Saturday, 9/16/23 at 8am, is our first workday. We will meet outside the portable. We usually have a great turnout and can finish by noon or so. The more volunteers, the better, especially if you have specific skills that will be helpful. We will send out more information including a list of the projects. We need volunteers to bring edgers, trimmers, any sprinkler repair equipment, shovels, drills, screwdrivers, hammers, bolt/chain cutters.

Casino Night is just 11 weeks away.

We are going to create some subcommittees to help with fundraising and events. Please volunteer for any or all that you can, and short-term commitments are ok. These subcommittees will be initially focused on Homecoming and Casino Night.

III. Treasurer Report

Treasurer, Jordan Kazmann presented the Treasurer Report.

Not a lot went on financially in August. We sold about \$1200 in merchandise in August with more sales in September that are not yet shown on this August report. We had \$1380 in income overall in August. Expenses included some merchandise expenses, some office supplies, \$1500 to last year's senior scholarship recipients, \$1245 in training equipment, \$184 for maintenance, \$100 for shorts for players in the baseball class, and some Homecoming expenses. Our final balance at the end of August was \$20,176.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Merchandise - Amy Kiemsteadt shared that about \$1600 in merchandise has been sold. We sold out of t-shirts and placed a small test order of camouflage hats that are selling well. We are ordering new hats for the players for the season.
2. Fundraising – Stacey Andrewartha shared information about upcoming fundraising and events. Every fundraiser has a specific purpose and goes right back to the program and the boys. Homecoming is going to fund the right field fence, so we can get it done before the season starts. Our other priority is paying off the balance on the PDC (Player Development Center). Next will be purchasing a Conex box to replace the shed, as it is falling apart and is dangerous to remove carts from. Coach Carter is talking to the school about the holes in the net behind home plate to try to get the district to cover at least part of the cost. Estimated cost is \$50,000.

Anyone interested in helping with fundraising, please come to a Fundraising meeting on Mon 9/18 at 6:00pm - will post location on GroupMe. Or reach out to Lindsay Mikulencack. Help is needed with all aspects, even if you want to stay behind the scenes.

- Homecoming parade - Wed 9/20/23

We will have 2 trailers - 1 for Seniors, and 1 for Juniors and Sophomores. Katie is the contact for trailer decoration, and seniors (led by Tawny, Amy, Nicole) are decorating their own float. Look for communications about helping with decorations. Todd Baca asked about the timing for trailers - will need to be parked by the portable around 2pm, so decorating can start 2:30-

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Candy donations- please see the SignUp Genius for drop locations. Please drop off no later than Tuesday 9/26, so we have time to purchase candy if we don't have enough.

Concessions- Last year we went big with concessions in several places during the parade, and it was too much. This year, we will have 2 gators selling drinks and food along the parade route. People will start lining the streets right after school. We will also run concessions in the main concession stand in the stadium and will sell drinks. We need volunteers to help with concessions.

Parade help - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA9AD2BA4FEC52-hoco#/>

- Homecoming dance - Sat 9/27/23

Today was the first day to sell dance tickets to the rest of the school. Sales did very well today, and there is a limited supply of tickets left. We will sell remaining tickets on 9/20/23 at 7:45am by the football ticket booth. Baseball families, please let Lindsay know asap if you need additional tickets, as the tickets will be sold out on 9/20.

We need chaperones! This is a large event, and we can't do it with just a handful of people. Last year, we only had 5 chaperones from the beginning to the end of the dance. We have several shifts- please sign up to help. We must have adults there to keep the kids safe. We have not had any big problems with the kids in recent years.

Decorating will happen the morning of the dance. Please sign up if you would like to help.

Donations of cookies and water (small 8oz bottles only, please) need to be dropped off either by 9/27 at 1900 Flint Rock Dr (please text first to make sure we're home before dropping off cookies!) or brought to the dance hall 9-9:30am on 9/30. You can also donate money through venmo, so we can buy cookies/water (please note "HoCo food" in your donation).

Dance help - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA9AD2BA4FEC52-hoco1#/>

- Casino Night - Friday 12/1/23

Casino Night is at a different location this year- Fern Bluff Community Center. We need help with silent auction items. Please ask companies to donate gift cards or whatever you can get. We can make them into baskets. We need to ask asap, because companies stop giving out donations toward the end of the year. In past years, we asked each grade level to come up with 3 baskets, which is a strain on baseball families. No donation is too small. We will promote the donating businesses at the event via flyers/brochures. If they want to sponsor the event, we can put them on our website. Sponsorship levels: <https://dragonbaseball.net/become-a-sponsor/>
Sponsorship recognition on our website: <https://dragonbaseball.net/our-sponsors/>

Erin will have the link up by the end of next week to buy tickets. Tickets are \$75 each and include dinner and bingo cards or poker chips. It's lots of fun! We need to get people there for the event to be successful, so please bring friends, family, and others in the community so it's not more financial burden on the baseball parents.

We will need donations of beer/wine as well.

- Online fundraiser - moved from October to January (Monday after teams are announced) to space it out from other sports
 - Spring Raffle - March
3. Sponsorships - Shane Mikulencak will be our contact for sponsorships this year. We need to get out in the community and bring in as many sponsors as we can to help with our big projects. Sponsorship levels: <https://dragonbaseball.net/become-a-sponsor/>
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V. Consideration of Open Business

1. Coach's Wish List Items - Bob reported that the list is being updated. Recent purchases have included blade sensors, tires for mowers, chutes for pitching machines, and a radar mount inside the PDC.

VI. Coach Carter Report

Thank you all for coming! The a/c broke in the PDC. It is under warranty, we got it fixed, and you could hang meat in there now. Everything's going well. We've (the class) been on the field 3-4 days each week depending on weather. There is a new UIL/district policy that we cannot be outside if there is lightning or >92F (accounting for heat and humidity). So we are adjusting on the fly. The kids are working hard. They care about each other, push each other, and are holding each other accountable while having fun. We'll be on the field through the end of September, then we'll get into the baserunning piece. We have some kids who can really run but don't run the bases great and need more knowledge. We tell the boys that speed kills, and we use that to our advantage. The Homecoming parade is coming up. I had to sign a waiver saying that any mess we make will be cleaned up, so balloons, etc along the parade route. There will be candy everywhere. Homecoming is a fun time for the kids. I appreciate the parents helping to get everything together. For the workday this weekend, there's nothing major on the list, but this will help with getting things off the coaches' list. I talked to Coach Cheatham recently. A portion of the athletic budget was taken away this year. Coach Cheatham is working on redesigning it with an emphasis on getting fields in better shape and making the district take that piece over. We will be meeting soon about that portion - weed control, grass control, etc. Every year we bandaid issues, and they never get better. They are working on junior high football fields being better maintained right now, and they are in much better shape than they were before. It's a process. We will put together a portal this Fall (online opportunity to purchase equipment) that will be available to the whole school and will be on social media. It will be directly through BSN, Cardinal, or Team Express. Our contract with UnderArmour is expiring this year. We have to use UA uniforms right now but could change next year. We are due for a new jersey this year. We will invest in the freshmen this year, because those jerseys are like tents as they usually aren't as large as the seniors. Football season is extremely busy - there is a bye next week.

VIII. Next Meeting - Wed 10/4/23 at 6:00pm in the baseball portable.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Alsobrooks, seconded by Kurt Landry.

Minutes submitted by: Katie Broaddus
Vice President

Minutes approved by: Bob Slocum
President