

Reps in attendance:

Pam Cohen – G lax & dance  
Robin Corthell – gymnastics  
Doug Isler – B Soccer  
David Watson – B lax  
Tom Harman – G XC  
Amy Kelsey – G Swim  
Krissy Grey – G Soccer & Cheer  
Jeff Brown – Softball  
Erin Paxinos – trainer  
Monty McAlpine – wrestling  
Theresa Evans – Tennis  
Greg Gordon – Boys water polo  
Greg Davis – baseball  
Matt Katinas – AD  
Karen Appel – Guest speaker

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

February minutes approved.

Team reports:

B soccer – season started with friendlies 2xweek

B lax – lost 1<sup>st</sup> game but looking good. Enough boys for full varsity & JV. Would like info on SNAP fundraisers?

Baseball - games rained out but batting cage action is good!

Cheer – tryouts for next year are coming up

Softball – 25 girls and all new coaching staff. High hopes for a promising season.

Tennis – have only had a few practices due to rain. Have gotten creative with practices inside the school.

Wrestling – 4 wrestlers and 1 alternate went to state. 3 of 4 did not place, however 1 boy took 3<sup>rd</sup> which we think is the highest in RHS history.

G lax – season started with a win over Garfield. Enough girls for a full varsity & JV team.

Dance – took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Districts and qualified to move on to State 3/23-25 in Yakima.

AD Report:

With spring sports starting earlier and classes being missed due to competitions, it is time to empower students to manage their time and advocate for themselves to stay on top of assignments. Matt is here to help advocate if students need help. The attendance office has rosters and sport schedules, so absences due to sporting events should be excused.

Matt is planning to hold a “Signing Day” event again this spring for all athletes who are planning to continue to compete at any level in college. Most likely sometime in May.

RHS has a Special Olympics athlete – Virginia Wade – who will be highlighted on KOMO news sometime on Friday. Virginia is a freshman who is a downhill skier and a gymnast.

Guest Speaker: Karen Appel is a clinical psychologist and RHS parent to two boys. She would like to give back to the RHS athletic community by hosting two discussion sessions. Please see attached handout. Matt is willing to help schedule with the school should we wish to move forward. Boosters to discuss at April meeting.

#### Fundraiser Recap:

Still working on the final numbers but looks like the Boosters netted around \$25K.

Thoughts for next year:

Positive feedback on the venue – everyone enjoyed it

Hold auction first and Inductee ceremony last

Prepare a “call to action” to inform audience and motivate them to our cause

Involve more coaches and kids

Challenges to address: how to increase attendance? Thoughts that donations across the sports is trending down, perhaps the RAB needs a set “goal” to target, a raffle helps spread the drive to a broader audience than just parents.

Pam would like the Boosters to think about what our “goal” as a club should be. Do we need to reevaluate our needs? Do teams want to rely on the Event as a main source of income for teams or should it be a source for the General Booster fund only? There was much positive discussion about raffles. Pam asked the group to come prepared with raffle prize ideas and ticket prices to the next meeting. Pam will prepare a summary of what raffles we have done in the past and the results. With good consensus, we could prepare to have a raffle ready to roll out in the fall season with a drawing in the spring to be able to effectively market to each sport season.

#### Swag

Big sellers at every fundraiser have been the barware and hats. Krissy asked and Matt approved that we could sell our remaining inventory of baseball hats and barware at the Incoming Freshman night in June. We will set up a table and have information about the Booster Club available.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.