



RHS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING November 21, 2016

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
 - 2) Welcome & Introductions
 - 3) Review and approve October minutes
 - 4) Treasurer report
 - Volleyball received a direct allocation.
 - 5) Principal report
 - 6) Activities Director report
 - 7) Old Business
- a. President's Bowl Committee Update- BB Tournament *Rich Brenneman*
- Basketball Tourney was successful!
 - \$18,000- \$5,000 more than last year, with 20 more teams playing
- 8) New Business
- a. Booster Club Spirit Committee Update *Collin Moriarty*
- **RR NATION=** Basketball, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Show Choir
 - **MEET THE RIDERS =** Basketball, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Show Choir, Teddies
 - Tuesday, November 29 at 5:30 Wrestling vs. West Central in the main gym
 - Friday, December 9, at 7 p.m., Girls Basketball vs. OG in the main gym
- b. Communication *Corinne Lee*
- Twitter 676 followers & Facebook 426 likes- send to Corinne at 605-310-1295
- c. Membership Committee *Lisa Schultz*
- Membership update-
 - \$27,045 217 2015-16
 - \$28,130 242 2016-17
 - Winner from Winter Sports Night drawing winner
 - Sharon Grove
- d. Social Committee *Kris Denevan for Carrie West*
- Bull Moose Party Update- t-shirt order
 - Shirt orders will be available until December 2
 - Any funds earned from this will go to the Spirit Committee.
 - December 9th – The Sand Bar
 - January 14th - Shenanigans
- e. Celebration Committee *Lori Bierwagen*
- Early Signing Day- 10 athletes signed
- f. RHS Student Event *Gina Benz*
- 5 Stampede players at RHS
 - 20 Jr. Stampede at RHS
 - Signed to colleges- players come to us from all over the country.
 - Roosevelt Night at the Stampede Game- Friday, January 13th
 - Tickets usually \$19 at door- \$16 ahead of time- Stampede will charge us \$8/ticket.
- g. Fundraising opportunities *Kris Denevan*
- Sky Zone
 - Moe's Southwest Grill
 - Fun contests for teams- taco eating, drumline, etc. They donate 50% of proceeds toward your group for these fun things. Contact Kris if interested for your group.

h. Booster Funded Initiatives

- Academic Lunch
- Freshman Orientation
- Parent/Teacher Conference Meals
- Ideas:
 - A/C in weightroom
 - Water bottle filling stations at water fountains throughout the school.
 - Something to benefit all students.
 - Voting next month on ideas.

i. Featured Parent Rep- Volleyball

- Picnic
 - Team players introduced
 - Amazing Race- all were included freshman to senior
 - Team dinners
 - Parents organized spirit wear
 - Bag lunches for traveling.
 - Jimmy John's for all home games.
 - Team yard signs
 - Decorated the school
 - Gift bags for the girls
 - Snack bags for the girls
 - Parents who own businesses?
 - Coldstone- parent from the VB team
 - Fan bus
 - 200 shirts
- 9) Activity Rep reports- online submission

Bull Moose Club- Social Committee- Carrie West

Activity Report: We recently had our 2nd Bull Moose Party gathering on Saturday, November 5 at TC's. There were probably 25-30 people in attendance. TC's reserved an area and provided free boneless wings to the group.

The next scheduled dates are Friday, December 9 at 9:00 at the Sand Bar following the first girls basketball game and Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 at Shenanigan's. The January date is the same night as Winter Formal.

We will set up more dates after the Thanksgiving break.

Boys Basketball- Carrie West

Activity Report: Boys basketball tryouts start on Monday, November 28. They will make cuts after practice on Wednesday, November 30. First team meal and team building will be on Saturday, December 3.

Coaches this year are:

Head Coach - Mitch Begeman
Asst and J/V Coach - Luke Hannemann
Sophomore Coach - Chris Buckmiller
Freshman Coach - Trey Waltner
Volunteer - Zach Fenceroy and Michael Tveidt

Potluck Banquet will be Monday, December 5 at 7:00 in the RHS Commons.

Team pictures are on Wednesday, December 7.

First games are on Saturday, December 10 at Lincoln High School.

We have chosen Thursday, January 26 versus O'Gorman as our Meet the Rider night game for elementary students. It will coincide with All In for RHS students as well.

Band- Kristi Irsfeld

Activity Report: Marching Band is officially completed with their indoor show and awards having taken place on November 3. With the end of Marching Band comes the beginning of the Honor Band 'season' with students auditioning and being recommended for various Honor Bands around the area. The first was the Augustana Honor Band which featured members of the RHS band in the following bands:

Honor Band: Hannah Fortin, Keegan Smith, CJ Irsfeld, Matthew Morgan, and Cadence Helleson.

Gold Band: Macie Class, Cade Nathan, Alex Odland, Sam Konzem, Isaac Baumberger

Blue Band: Madison Skinner

The next band is the East Central Honor Band at SDSU, taking place on Monday, November 28.

Our Winter Concert is on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. This concert features all of our band students. We would love to see you there!

Boys Soccer- Michele Cork

Activity Report: We are very proud of the boys and how they have grown on and off the field. The JV team went undefeated for the 2nd year in a row. The varsity made it to the quarter finals of the playoffs.

4 All-Conference Team (Natinael Ayelew, Brady Cork, Dennis Juarez, and Henry Huarez)

All State Team: 2nd team - Brady Cork and Honorable mention Dennis Juarez and Natinael Ayelew

All State Academic: Jordan Oberg, Ryan Peters, and Taylor Moyer

We are already preparing for next year. There are multiple opportunities for our players to improve; all of these are free, no cost, and provided by RHS. Weightlifting, Indoor soccer (futsal), College Preparation Classes (playing at the college level), and study sessions.

Wrestling- Kyle Svendsen

Activity Report: Nov. 29th we have a dual against West Central at RHS. This will be our Rider Charge night as well as the very first event of the season. Practice started November 14.

Meet the Riders and RR activities planned for Tuesday, November 29 at 5:30 PM.

Rider Invite scheduled for Saturday, December 3.

Volleyball- Kathy Ragels

Activity Report: The Volleyball team finished their season on Saturday November 19 by playing in the State AA Championship game against the Harrisburg Tigers. The girls fought a great fight and played with all their hearts losing to the Tigers in 5 sets. The Riders ended the Season 22-10. It was a great year.

Competitive Cheer- Michelle Krier

Activity Report: The competitive cheer season concluded with the state tournament last month. Unfortunately the team was unable to bring home another state title but had an amazing season concluded with their trip to state. The girls had great bonding time while in Aberdeen. The team and their families thank the wonderful coaches, Diedre Nissen and Kayla Meyerhoff, for their dedication and leadership. Many awards were given at the end of the season banquet and best wishes given to the seniors in their future endeavors. Tryouts for the 2017 season will be in the spring!

Competitive Dance- Michelle Krier

Activity Report: The competitive dance season concluded with the state tournament last month. The team went first with Hip Hop and started off a stellar day, bringing home third place overall. Hip Hop placed 2nd, Pom 3rd, and Jazz 4th. The team had great bonding time while in Aberdeen. The team and their families thank the wonderful coaches, Melissa Sherman and Briana Nelsen, for their dedication and leadership. Many awards, laughs, and tears were had at the end of the season banquet and best wishes given to the seniors in their future endeavors. Tryouts for the 2017 season will be in the spring! Many of the competitive team are now on the Teddy's performance dance team.

Sideline Cheer- Michelle Krier

Activity Report: Varsity Football sideline has concluded and we now look forward to cheering for the basketball teams. Sideline squads exist for boys varsity, girls varsity, junior varsity, and sophomore teams. Regular practices are resuming as the season start dates get closer. All are excited for a fun year.

Teddy's dance- Michelle Krier

Activity Report: Teddys held tryouts that concluded on Nov 5th and coaches were excited to announce both a Gold and Cardinal squad. The teams are working hard on getting routines together and will have a great and fun year.

Girls Golf- Pat Waltman

Activity Report: Girls Golf is in off season. The girls are participating in hitting practice at Golf Addiction in preparation for the spring season.

Girls Basketball- Tracy Mitzel

Activity Report: Tryouts start November 28. First game is December 9. Potluck on December 8.

Girls Tennis- Terry Grove

Activity Report: Girls Tennis is out of season at this time. We had our awards banquet on November 1, 2016. Everyone had a great time and we wished our two seniors Isabella Eveleth Jensen and Jordyn Fossell good luck on their next adventures in life. Go Riders!

Student council- Michele Jensen

Activity Report: Exciting things are happening with the student council! Kids have started volunteering on Sunday afternoons with adults with disabilities, many of the same adults we play baseball with in the summer at Miracle Field. We will be packing meals for Kids Against Hunger on Dec. 3. We will be hosting the Staff Kids' Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 10, and hosting our annual RHS Cares week Dec. 5-9. Each day of RHS Cares Week, ad rooms are encouraged to participate by supporting a worthy cause. The ones chosen by the council this year are Make-a-Wish Foundation, Project Warm Up, Toy drive for the Sanford Castle, Refugee Christmas, and a winter clothing drive for students at RHS. We are also getting ready for elections at the end of January, and winter formal on Feb. 11, 2017.

Weightlifting- Billy Solberg

Activity Report: Coach Nordin and Coach Peterson had a meeting on Thursday, November 17 with students interested in Weightlifting. There were about 20+ students that attended the meeting. Coach Nordin will have a more accurate count when practice starts on November 28.

Weightlifting will be working on a raffle to be done in the next few weeks to raise money for equipment that Coach Nordin and Coach Peterson would like for practices and competitions. Currently in the planning stages of the most effective way to raise the money.

Baseball- Judy Aldrich

Activity Report: Registration starts in December. Our first practice for pitchers and catchers will be February 14.

We are having a silent auction from 1 - 5 p.m. on January 7, 2017 at Shenanigan's to fund raise for our Spring baseball trip. Come join us!

Girls Soccer- Pat Waltman

Activity Report: Girls are in the off season. They are looking forward to planning activities after the start of the new year.

Boys Golf- Kim Erickson

Activity Report: Off season.

Debate- Lora Moriarty

Activity Report: The debate team is off to a very successful start of the season.

At the Sweetstakes Tournament at Roosevelt on November 5th, David Wells and Austin Redwing won Novice Policy with a perfect 5-0 record. Anders Svenningsen and Max Miller helped them by taking out the last undefeated team and finishing with a 4-1 record. Whereas in Varsity Policy, Skylar McCaulley, Alex Cook, Caroline Moriarty, and Carla Graciano finished 4th and 5th respectively with 3-1 records. Reshma Muvvala and Brina Sturm took 5th in Novice Public Forum with a record of 4-1.

At the Mitchell tournament on November 19th, Skylar McCaulley and Alex Cook were champions in Varsity Policy and David Wells and Anders Svenningsen were champions in Novice Policy. Jueun Nam, Engie Wong, Carla Graciano, and Gabe Josko also went 3-1 and took 2nd and 5th place respectively. The Policy squad as a whole had a combined record of 13-3

In Novice Lincoln Douglas, Amy Pham took 3rd, Jack Allard took 4th, and Prescott Haber took 5th place!

In Novice Public Forum, Reshma Muvvala and Brina Sturm went 4-1 and took 5th place!

Drama- Randy Hanzen

Activity Report: The RHS Theatre Dept. is currently preparing for the presentation of the Theatre II class's production of "THE DINING ROOM". Performances of the play are Dec. 13, 15, 16, and 17 at 7:00 pm. The show will be in the RHS Little Theatre and ticket prices remain \$5.00.

Chorus- Mike Brenna

Activity Report: The Show Choir Haunted House was a big success with approximately 600+ people attending!

All-State Chorus participants performed at the Denny on Oct 29th to a packed house - great job!

The Choral Department presented their Fall Concert on Nov 8th to a full RHS Auditorium crowd. 8th grade chorus students also attended and performed a mass piece with the high school students at the end of the concert.

First Ladies will be performing at the State Capitol in Pierre on Dec 10th from 3:30 to 4:30.

Show Choir Preview Night will be held at WHS on the evening of Dec 19th for both Capitol Harmony and Executive Suite.

4th Annual Executive Showcase will be held on Saturday January 28th - only 10 weeks away! There will be numerous volunteer requests/opportunities for this all-day event, so if you are interested in helping out, please see one of the Chorus Booster Club reps.

Softball- Lucinda Wilson

Activity Report: The softball team held their end of the year banquet on Oct 18. Food was enjoyed with a celebration of the season. Seven seniors were acknowledged and wished the best. There were great speeches by players, parents, and coaches.

The banner presentation was held at half time of the football game on Oct 27

Orchestra- Collin Moriarty

Activity Report: RHS had 10 members honored to perform in the SD All-State Orchestra Concert on the night of October 29th.

The RHS Orchestra Chamber Group toured the University of South Dakota including the National Music Museum and shared the stage on the evening of November 16th with the USD Chamber Strings.

Track- Lori Bierwagen

Activity Report: There will be an informational meeting about winter workouts during the first week of December for anyone planning to go out for track that is not involved in a winter activity.

The first track practice will be March 6, 2017 and the first meet is March 20, 2017 @ USD in the Dakota Dome.

XC- Lori Bierwagen

Activity Report: We had the State Cross Country meet on Saturday October 24, 2016 in Huron.

The boys placed 2nd as a team.

The girls placed 10th as a team.

On Tuesday November 8, 2016 we held our end of season Cross Country Banquet and the following awards were handed out.

ACADEMIC AWARD: 3.5 GPA and participate in XC for 3 or more years

Alyssa Bierwagen, Laramie Giles, Blake Chesley

MOST IMPROVED:

Girls: Jaden Vianes, Madison Howard, Jenna Fickbohm

Boys: Colin Ferri

RUNNIN' RIDER AWARD:

Girls: Alyssa Bierwagen, Kaedyn Chamberlain, Kylie Werner

Boys: Thane Hein, Davis Johnson

MVP:

Girls: Jessalyn Ketcham

Boys: Seth Iverson

RUN KENT RUN SCHOLARSHIP:

Matt Knox

TOP 24 ALL STATE TIMES (regardless of class – AA, A and B)

Seth Iverson 3rd

Thane Hein 4th

On November 9, 2016 we had 4 athletes sign at the College Early Signing Period for Cross Country/Track.

Alyssa Bierwagen – Concordia University - Seward, NE

Kaedyn Chamberlain – Southwest Minnesota State University – Marshall, MN

Thane Hein – University of South Dakota – Vermillion, SD

Seth Iverson – University of South Dakota – Vermillion, SD

Football- NO REPORT

Activity Report:

Gymnastics- Lori Warne

Activity Report: Practice began on October 31, 2016 with 27 gymnasts working hard! The first varsity meet is Saturday, December 3rd at Washington High for a 10 team invitational beginning at 11 am. The first JV meet is Thursday, December 8th in Yankton.

We plan to have a Future Rider free clinic on Thursday, December 29th from 9 - 10:30 am for 5th graders and younger. "Work out with the Riders" for 6th - 8th graders will be from 10:30 - noon on the same day. All Future Riders will be invited to attend the home meet on Monday, January 9th with a paid adult. High school students will be invited to Pack the Stands on December 16th as we host Vermillion and West Central.

Questions? Please email Coach Warne at lori.warne@k12.sd.us

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Coach Warne & Knapp

Boys and Girls Bowling- Tina Lippert

Activity Report: Congratulations to the RHS Bowling teams who have won their first two matches against West Central and Lincoln High School.

Varsity Girls 50- 0 (WC) RHS 44-6 LHS JV Girls 50-0 (WC)

Varsity Boys 48-2 (WC) 49-1 LHS Junior Varsity 46-4 (WC)

The teams are off to a great start. Our next two matches will be Dec 1 and Dec 9 both at Sport Bowl beginning at 4pm. Hope to see you there!

Dec. 29th the girls will be unveiling their state banner they won last year with a 13-0 record and first place finish at state last February. Come and see the presentation at half time!

Oral Interp- Virginia Colgan

Activity Report: We are preparing our finalist to compete in the state competition on December 2nd and 3rd in Harrisburg.

Finalists are:

Lidia Fekadu-Drama

Mia Becic-Humor

About Ajith-Storytelling

Ariana Azumatan-Non-Original Oratory

Izzy Morin & Mia Becic-Duo

Mary Martinez-Smith-Poetry

About Ajith, Lidia Fekadu, Megan Leyda & Eskeder Ayele -Reader's Theatre

We will be showcasing these finalist in a performance on November 28th in the library at 6:30. Please join us!

Boys Tennis- NO REPORT

Activity Report:

10) Featured Activities for November

a. Boys Golf – Turner

- No seniors this year.
- Finished 7th overall at State.
- Used money allocation for golf bags.
- Goal for head coach was to get as many people involved as possible.
 - Made no cuts this year- 35 players- most schools cap at 14.
 - Everyone had a golf bag
- Jack Lundin- set a 9 hole record

b. Marching Band- Hensch and CJ Irsfeld

- Wrapped up about a month ago.
- Drum Majors earned Outstanding Honors at 4 of 6 competitions. 1 of 6 was rained out and the other did not give Drum Major awards.
- Busy season- 8 hour days starting in August
- 6 Regional competitions- and wrapped up with the Super Regional Championships in St. Louis including bands from 14 states.
- Young band this year. 10 seniors out of 100 members.
- Largest incoming freshman class of freshman next year.
- Concert season is coming up, including multiple ensembles.
- All State Band auditions early spring.
- WGI- Winter Guard International
 - Auditions Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving
 - Will perform at RHS BB games, Skyforce games, middle school tour
 - 4 competitions

c. Boys Basketball- Begeman, Thane Hein and Jimmy Lauer

- Coach has enjoyed being at RHS- been here 4 years.
- Team camps in the summer.
 - Made it to championship game
- This Fall, everyone got into the gym and weight room.
 - Twice a week for gym and weight room.
- Pentagon once a week for workouts and fall league, as well.
- Start next Monday.
- 40 freshman and 35 other classmen
- Boys will work hard

- 5 seniors
 - Only travel 4 times outside of Sioux Falls this season.
 - Thank you to Booster Club for their support.
- d. Girls Basketball- Maxwell, Taiya Mitzel and Taylor Vonstroop
- 6-7 seniors on the team this year
 - Excited to get started and be in year 2 for Coach Maxwell
 - Team camps this last summer
 - Rules changed to be able to have practice over the summer- beneficial for the team.
 - Challenging schedule this year. Four opponents from Minneapolis area.
 - Thank you for the support- from RHS and Booster Club.
- 11) Drawings
- Pumpkin Pie- Sherri Pirret
 - Shenanigan's- Cindy Haiar
- 12)
- Theatre is putting on the show *The Dining Room* in the Little Theatre December 13, 15, 16, 17 at 7 p.m. for \$5
 - December 6- Winter Band Concert
 - RHS Orchestra performed with USD Orchestra
 - First Ladies will perform in Pierre on December 10
 - Chorus Winter Concert is December 19 at 7 p.m.
- 12) Future Booster Club Meetings
- a. December 19th – Little Theater
 - b. January 16th- Little Theater
 - c. February 6th- Little Theater- note date change due to President's break
- 13) Adjourn

In Attendance: Kris Denevan, Collin Moriarty, Kristi Irsfeld, Lisa Lohr, Lisa Schultz, Aimee Fisher, Pat Waltman, Tina Lippert, LeAnn Werner, Christy Dembele, Julie Johnson, Corinne Lee, Dorinda Rogers, Jodi Boerma, Becky Hanzen, Jason Thompson, Michelle Solberg, Kim Erickson, Ann Leyda, Virginia Colgan, Doug Erickson, Lucinda Wilson, Amber Sundvold, Billy Solberg, Sue Kooima, Amy Thorstenson, Gina Benz, Mike Hench, Judy Aldrich, Kris Smith, David Maxwell, Mitch Begeman, Tracy Mitzel, Karla Kalb, Deb Giblin, Shari Pierret, Mike Brenna, Michele Cork, Kathy Ragels, Jill Fenderson, Lori Bunkers, Cindy Haiar, Kelle Hansen, Cragi Peters, Paula McGowan, Michele Jensen, Tiffany Kortan, Angie Wooldige, Tim Fiegen, Rich Brenneman, Cindy Reesman

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Irsfeld, Booster Club Secretary