

Rio Americano Athletic Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes
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October 5, 2021

1. Call to order – 7:05pm

2. Dan Gibbs 2nd the Meeting Minutes from September

3. Roll Call – Board and Team Representatives

Members Present: Mike Merri, Sarah Ellis, Carrie Wheeler Engh, Dan Gibbs, Carla Curcuro, Mindy Salvetti, Nicole Swanson, Cathy Carry, Dianne Tully, Julie Gephart, Lisel John, Lori Center, Reginald Brown, Trevor Boler, Cliff Kelly, Betsy Hargett, Blaze (Girl's Golf), Vicki Grenz, Malaya Cabrera, and Melinda Ott

4. Message from our Principal – Cliff Kelly

1. Homecoming Activities next week – Principal Kelly is working with Student Government regarding a Homecoming Dance now, or in the spring.
2. Homecoming caravan to Del Campo in cars, including classes decorating the halls.
3. Question proposed from Reginald Brown regarding paying for Athletic Trainers at the Rio sporting events. Principal Kelly will be looking into what the district, and school site can provide.
4. Question proposed from Mindy Salvetti regarding facilities including bleachers, lights, etc. Principal Kelly has spoken to the District regarding these additional items. Most likely this is something that will not happen this year, but perhaps in future years.
5. Questions proposed from Nicole Swanson regarding available fields at Rio, and the safety of the current fields at Rio. Principal Kelly is aware of the field conditions at Rio.
6. RAAB would be willing to provide self-help to support the Rio sports programs.
7. Thank you for attending the RAAB meeting this evening.

5. Squad Updates:

a. President – Mike Merri

1. Welcome to our October Meeting
2. Shoutout to baseball, and cross country for RAAB membership
3. Volunteer Opportunities 2021 – 2022

-Dinner & Auction organizing committee, Golf Tournament organizing committee , RAAB Parent Rep, 4th of July Fireworks Booth (co-chair), and Executive Board position.

b. Membership - Carrie Wheeler Engh – 290 Members as of 10/5/21

1. This is up 92% from last month.

c. Finance - Sarah Ellis – Financial update provided by Sarah Ellis

1. \$330,832 Cash, Restricted \$143, 039, Unrestricted \$187,793
2. Thank you Michele Payne and Susie Brood for helping with deposits and payments.
3. Reimbursement form has been updated and is available online – please complete the entire form, and include all documentation.
4. Budget Change Request Form – please submit if you need to change your budget for the year.
5. Concern expressed regarding upcoming fundraising for this year, and funds that need to be raised to support Rio sports moving forward.

d. Communications - Mindy Salvetti

1. RAAB News – every other Friday, 10/15. 10/29. 11/5, and 11/19
2. Athlete/Team Recognition Chair – contact Ya-yin Isle, visle@sbcglobal.net
3. Riosports.org – send team sports pictures

e. V.P of Fundraising – Carla Curcuro

1. Banner sponsorship
2. Jamba Juice Cards – BOGO! \$10.00
3. Restaurant Nights – Skip's Kitchen on September 21st – great success, \$575.00
4. Annual Golf Tournament – May 13, 2022 – the GREAT Stephanie Merri will be chairing this again 😊
5. 4th of July Fireworks Booth (in need of a co-chair)
6. Dinner & Auction Event (in review) – March 12, 2022

e. Compliance - Nicole Swanson

- f. Community Relations - Dan Gibbs – Update on the Brick Project – projected start date 10/23

4. Athletic Director Update – Winter Sports need to start having interest meetings for the start of the winter season, November start date for winter sports

1. Rio coaching needs – Boys Wrestling, Track and Field, Boys Lacrosse
2. Are there guidelines regarding the end of the season events? Indoor events masks are mandatory for Rio events. A suggestion was made to have these events off-campus.
3. Sports will be having senior nights for the fall season.

5. Old Business (10 min) – We need a parent, or a group of parents to chair the Fireworks Booth.

6. New Business (10 min) – Discussed ways to help get freshman parents involved in RAAB.

7. Q&A (5 min +)

Closing Comments – If you know someone with a local business that can help, please let us know. We are looking for more people and volunteers to help. We would appreciate any help.

Please feel free to reach out to Mike Merri, President of RAAB, his contact information is mmerri02@gmail.com.

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8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meeting – November 15, 2021