

Rams Club Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2026 **Time:** 7:00 PM

Meeting Cadence: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Football Concessions

- Only 3 home football games and 2 flag football games this season; concessions are the Rams Club's primary fundraising source. Given only 3 home games, the club will run football concessions directly this fall rather than opening them to individual teams.
- Flag football will have a limited menu of options.
- Each concession stand (home and visitor side) needs 4 volunteers, covering: order taker, runner, and food preparer. The team is also responsible for cleanup.
- Food and supplies will be provided by the Rams Club.
- A volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent out via email and posted on the website.
- **Proposed trade-off:** During basketball season (more home games), teams (e.g., cheer, JV, girls/boys basketball, tennis, golf) may sign up to bring 3–4 volunteers in exchange for 10% of sales.
- **Team participation policy:** If an individual sports team wants to help run a concession stand, they must use the Rams Club's existing menu (no modifications) and will receive 10% of that game's concession sales. Teams that sign up but fail to show volunteers will be removed from the list for the remainder of the season.

Homecoming – Tailgating & Parking

- Homecoming is October 16th.
- Currently ~20 tailgate/parking spots available near the field (originally ~25, minus 3–5 for additional handicap spots).
- Discussion on whether to open tailgate spots beyond current Rams Club members to alumni, family, and community members to generate additional funds.
- Consideration of pricing options (e.g., current top membership tier vs. a standalone tailgate fee, such as \$25–\$30) to allow non-members to purchase a tailgate spot without requiring full membership.
- Notes: two cars can fit per spot; tents and grills are allowed. Should be announced well in advance, not 1–2 weeks before the event.

BBQ Fundraiser

- Proposed as a major fundraiser.
- Uses a pre-sale ticket model: tickets sold in advance.
- Discussed using a volunteer's commercial smoker/grill.
- Estimated volunteer need: to be finalized once pre-sale ticket numbers are known.

- **Action items (2-week timeline):**
 - Begin ticket pre-sales
 - Confirm a chairperson/committee for the BBQ event (Mr. Osborne to coordinate)
 - Finalize sourcing (chickens, pork) and cost overhead.

All-Sports Banquet

- **Date:** To be finalized – club to confirm a Saturday date (avoiding Memorial Day weekend).
- **Location:** Voted to move forward with **Johnson C. Smith University- Grimes Lounge** (more cost-effective than the country club option; accessible without requiring bus transportation).
- **Capacity:** Venue seats a maximum of 200.
- **Attendance policy:** Complimentary seats will be limited to the athlete plus 2 parents/guardians. Additional guests beyond that must pay a cover cost. RSVP will be required to manage headcount and catering.
- **Action items:**
 - Reestablish/confirm a Banquet Committee
 - Send "Save the Date" communication early, once the date and venue are locked in
 - Communicate banquet details (date, fee structure, RSVP process) to all coaches and parents well in advance — prior years saw teams unaware of the banquet due to inconsistent communication from coaches
- Many parents and even some coaches are unaware of what the Rams Club does, how funds are used, or that a Rams Club social media/Instagram page exists.
- Concern raised that fundraising participation is uneven across sports — higher-visibility programs (football, basketball, cheer) are more engaged than lower-visibility ones (tennis, golf, cross country), leading to perception issues among parents about fairness.
- **Action items:**
 - Develop a written mission statement / FAQ document outlining what the Rams Club does and how funds are used, to be distributed by coaches at team/parent meetings and posted on the website and social media
 - Increase intentional, consistent communication (text, social media, school channels) well ahead of events rather than last-minute
 - Encourage all coaches to communicate Rams Club information directly to their teams and parents

Parent Athletic Advisory Committee (PACC)

- New district-driven initiative: will operate alongside the Rams Club to help develop engagement strategies and close communication gaps.
- Three parents have already been identified to join this committee.

Membership

- Currently only 2 coaches are Rams Club members.
- Discussion of encouraging (or requiring) all coaches to become Rams Club members to model engagement for their teams and parents.
- Click the link to join: <https://huhsramsclub.org/join-today>
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- Follow us on Instagram at @huhsramsclub