

MISSION STATEMENT

"To guide and assist our youth in their pursuit of personal growth and the meaning of sportsmanship through athletic excellence, that will improve the lives of all that are involved."

RASA MINUTES

January 9, 2011

Attendees

Ray Fox
Valerie Lopes
Rich Scott
Stacie Caldor
Paul Hetrick
Bill Coblenz
Sylvia Lujan-Harmon
Eric Harmon
Peter Hall
Rich Ponak
Mary Jo Webb

I. Secretary's Report: Review of last meeting's minutes. Mary Jo Webb motioned to approve the minutes, Paul Hetrick 2nd, all approved

II. Treasurer's Report:

It was noted that on the Deposits line of the Treasurer's report the computer program had added all the amounts across (including subtotals) but not down in the Total column. Mary Jo will look into why the program is not adding correctly. (The amounts were correct, just the totals were added incorrectly)

There was an outstanding invoice for the topfill that a check had needed to be cut for between meetings to make payment. Ray Fox had accepted delivery of the topfill and had noted that the COD tickets included tax. The truck driver said he did not need payment and Bill Coblenz contacted Martin Stone to get a corrected amount. Ray returned the voided check to Mary Jo Webb and a new check was cut for the correct amount. Also there is approximately \$4,300.00 in the Women's league account that Rich Ponak transferred to the RASA account at the meeting. Also Rich Scott gave a payment for Sal's signs and Ray Fox gave Mary Jo checks for Sunday Select team. These deposits will be reflected on the next Treasurer's report.

Ray Fox motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay the outstanding invoices, Paul Hetrick 2nd, all approved.

III. Photographer Presentation:

Frank Sargeant of Photo Pro Creations gave a presentation in hopes of obtaining the Spring Rec pictures contract. He explained the company is family owned and has been doing the pictures for Harleysville softball for the past 3 years. He said his company guarantees satisfaction; the girls may get retakes or received their money back. In addition to regular Rec Team pictures he will also take the All-Star game pictures and Opening day pictures for the website. Bill asked for references and Frank said he would get a copy to Bill. Frank left his brochure with all products and prices. Sponsor plaques and coach pictures are included at no extra cost to RASA. He will also take special Coach Family pictures, again at no extra cost.

IV. Old Business:

Special Olympics (Rich Ponak): The Special Olympics people have asked that a RASA member be appointed to be a liason between RASA and Special Olympics. The liason will be responsible for reserving fields, coordinating volunteers for Special Olympics and making sure any communication gets

to the board or to the Webmaster for posting on the website. The Special Olympics will play Sundays at 5:30 on fields 1-4, they will be flexible with the Tournament schedule. A page will be added to the website for Special Olympics and all the forms, volunteer requests, and links will be posted there.

It was motioned that a Special Olympics Coordinator will be added as a Board Member. Rich Ponak and Ray Fox will send the description to Stacie Calder for the website. Mary Jo Webb made the motion and Ray Fox 2nd, all approved. Rich and Joan Ponak will fill this position.

Equipment (Stacie Calder): Stacie had gotten price quotes from 4 companies in regards to the face masks for the donated helmets. The best quote was from Longstreth. Stacie also requested to order Throw-down bases for all teams. It is a basic training tool that quite a few coaches asked for, also they are needed for T-ball and the ones we have are falling apart. Stacie noted we should set our coached up to succeed, not ask them to volunteer and then go spend their own money if they want equipment. The following order was approved for purchase:

50 Rawlings Face Masks

18 Tee inserts

12 sets of Throw down bases

12 mesh bags for softballs.

It was motioned by Paul Hetrick and 2nd by Mary Jo Webb, all approved. Rich Scott had said that Katelynn Chandler at Longstreth said they would buy an outfield sign if we bought enough equipment. Stacie will make sure they get the sign contract when she places the order. Ray Fox also noted Stacie should check into the turn-around time for ordering softballs for the Spring Rec league. Stacie asked for a key to the clubhouse so she can have access to the helmets that are stored there.

Field Maintenance Equipment (Bill Coblentz): Bill said that the topfill had been delivered and Ted Mitchell has offered to spread it again for free. It was voted to offer the Mitchells a free registration since they will have 3 girls playing this year. The township will bring the topfill over once the ground is frozen and there is no snow.

Bill noted that the following equipment will have to be ordered for the Spring Season.

*6 New nail down mounds: the new rules are for the older girls to pitch from 43 feet. The permanent pitching mounds will be moved back to 43 feet and the 40 feet & 35 feet mounds will be nail down mounds. This will eliminate the need to move the mounds during tournaments.

*Rakes, Brooms, 6 foot drag

*Lawn and Golf will pick up the tractor and service it before the spring season. It usually cost between \$600-\$700.

*The netting all looks good but some of the sun shades will have to be replaced. It was noted that the Township was responsible for the sun shades. Paul thought the Township had authorized \$2000 for this expense.

It was also noted that John Pepkowski had donated a Golf Cart to RASA this past year.

Registration (Stacie Calder): Bill Coblentz had noticed an ad in the Daily Intel for the DAA spring registration. Paul Hetrick noted that there were ads in the Penny Power for other area sports leagues. Stacie Calder will put an ad in the Penny Power. It should be at no charge since RASA is a non-profit.

It was noted that the weather has been rather harsh lately and many of the RASA registration signs have blown over. Stacie asked everyone to check on any signs they put up to make sure they are still standing and in good condition.

Stacie noted that there are only 44 girls sign-up for the spring league. There are two walk-in registrations coming up and Stacie would like to add a 3rd since registration has been extended several

weeks. She is looking at February 5th at Dairy Queen. Stacie will contact Chris at DQ to make sure this is ok. Stacie had everything with her for the Saturday registration since she will be unable to make it but Ray, Mary Jo, and Bill will all be there. Mary Jo or Bill will go to the clubhouse and pick up the old uniforms that are stored there to help with sizing. Ray will then bring everything to the Wednesday registration. After Wednesday's sign-up, Stacie will be able to have a list of girls that have not registered yet. She will give out the lists for RASA board members to make phone calls reminded the girls to sign-up.

It was also noted that there is nothing on the registration forms about allowing photos of the girls to be posted on the website or used for publicity. It will be added to the 2012 registration forms.

Spring Rec League (Open): No update at this time

Web Page Updates (Open): Stacie Calder had temporarily taken over the website but was asking that Peter Hall be appointed to the Webmaster position. Pete is a computer person by trade and also runs the website for Neidig Elementary's parent group. Mary Jo Webb motioned to appoint Peter Hall and Paul Hetrick 2nd, all approved.

Pete has sat with Stacie and they set up access for the Executive Board to send emails, place events on the calendar and post messages on the home page. They also have the master password should anything happen to Stacie or Peter.

Peter has also set up a new RASA email account at rasa.sball@gmail.com. This email will replace the Comcast email which was on Gary Overholtzer's personal account. If anyone wants to send an email blast they can email it to Pete at phall69@verizon.net or to the RASA email account.

Director of Coaching (Open): Ray Fox has been in contact with Dave Dolly and Rick Galloway and they have agreed to be directors of coaching.

Sponsorship (Vivki O'Neill)/Advertising Signs (Ray Fox): Vicki has written up a letter and will get it sent out this week to all the local businesses. The letter explains the various sponsoring opportunities at RASA.

Ray Fox also asked that people please contact the businesses they took sign renewals for. If every business renews we could make our \$40,000 payment to the Township and not have to use any of the Rec League money. It was also agreed that Vicki will keep the sign contracts since she is the Sponsorship Chair. Ray agreed to take the contracts to Vicki.

Fundraising (Valerie Lopes): Valerie would like a message posted on the RASA homepage and an email blast sent out letting everyone know how much was raised with the Penny Drive. \$1300 was raised and \$1000 was given to Quakertown Cares and \$300 to the Food Pantry. Ray Fox asked if any pictures were taken of Valerie presenting the checks. If no pictures were taken would they agree to do a "retake" so we can post the pictures on the website.

Ray also gave Valerie a contact for a fundraising company (brochure sales) that had contacted him. (sweetfundraisingsolutions.com) It was discussed that the board felt they would rather do bake sales at WalMart and car washes than brochure sales (pizza, pies, etc)

V. New Business:

Tournaments (Sylvia Lujan-Harmon): Sylvia had a list of approved dates for tournaments. The only dates she had questions about were the Venom dates on 6/19-6/20 and 10/15-10/16, John from the Venom team wants the tournament dates for free but Sylvia has people that are willing to pay for those

dates. It was agreed to let them have fields 1-4 the weekend of 9/17-9/18 for \$600. They would not be allowed to have the other dates since we have paying customers for those dates.

Next it was brought up that both Roy Godard and Jeff Kittle would like a longer commitment on their dates. It was decided that they could have a 3 year commitment as long as they agreed to review the fee every year.

Sylvia had several changes she wanted to make to the contract and she will email Stacie a copy for the minutes when she had the corrected contract complete. The new fee for a weekend tournament is \$1800. That includes RASA prepping the fields Friday and Saturday nights and Trash Removal Saturday and Sunday.

Sylvia and Eric will not be working the tournaments this year. They are going to be working for Jeff Kittle, Sylvia will be the Tournament Director and Eric will be Field Prep. This will be to RASA's advantage since Sylvia will be learning how to run a tournament. Sylvia will then help RASA run their own tournaments. Sylvia and Eric both said they will still be around to help out and to train anyone that takes over. We will need to find replacements for Sylvia and Eric ASAP so they can be trained. Also a pay rate has to be established.

Richland Township Liason (Paul Hetrick): Paul noted that someone from the Township building had been in the clubhouse and asked when we were going to clean it up since it was so messy. We wanted to know how the Township got in, and why they went in. It was noted that the clubhouse was cleaned in November at closing day and it was crowded due to the fact that everything was stored in there for the winter.

Adjournment:

Ray Fox motioned to adjourn at 9:30 and Mary Jo Webb 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – 1/20/11 at the Township Building