

## 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."*

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## RASA MINUTES

January 20, 2011

### Attendees

Stacie Calder

Paul Hetrick

Bill Coblentz

Peter Hall

John Pepkowski

Rick Galloway

Renee Cuce

Roy Godard (TNT)

Joel Masiko (Sweet Fundraising)

Tom Brady (U16 RASA Venom)

John Beaupre (U16 RASA Venom)

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**I. Secretary's Report:** Review of last meeting's minutes. John Pepkowski motioned to approve the minutes, Paul Hetrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved

### **II. Treasurer's Report:**

Mary Jo Webb was unable to attend the meeting so there was no Treasurer's Report. It was noted that the balance in the account was mainly registration monies.

**III. Fundraising Presentation:** (Original sales/info packet can be found in the official RASA copy of the minutes) Joel Masiko of Sweet! Fundraising Solutions gave a presentation in hopes of RASA holding a cake/cookie dough Fundraiser. He explained that the prizes were accumulative and they were awarded for every 10 items sold. the prizes this year are a cloth back-pack and a t-shirt. Joel suggested the fundraiser run from the 1<sup>st</sup> week of practice to about 3 weeks later. There is a 100 item minimum to make the profits shown on the information sheet. If less than 100 items are sold the profit would be \$0.50 less per item. It was suggested that this fundraiser would be good for a travel team or for a specific project, such as the bathroom fund. A packet was taken to give to Val Lopes the Fundraising Chair.

### **IV. Old Business:**

**Registration (Stacie Calder):** Stacie placed an ad in the Penny Power and it has been running. There are approximately 150 girls registered which is more than at the same time last year.

Stacie asked for volunteers to make phone calls to remind people it is time to register and to let them know about the new walk-in registration on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Dairy Queen. Bill volunteered to call the 2010 Majors, Paul will call the 2010 Tball, Renee the 2010 rookies, Kelly Hall the 2010 Minors, and Stacie will call the 2010 VIGS. Stacie will email everyone a list of non-registered past players.

Stacie wanted to know if Michelle Grida was going to do the Uniforms again this year. Bill has been in contact with Michelle and she said she is busy but can do them if Vickie can help.

**Equipment (Stacie Calder):** SEE ATTACHED EQUIPMENT/SOFTBALL ORDER SHEET

The Longstreth order approved at the 1/9/11 meeting has been placed. Stacie also got a quote on softballs for the Spring league. The cost for the softballs would be \$1446.63 from Longstreth. The order should be placed by 2/15 for a 3/15 delivery. Roy Godard of TNT offered to donate the 12" RIF and 12" standard softballs. That would be a \$617.70 savings. Also scorebooks will be needed. Paul & Roy thought they could be gotten for free from either Little League or Dave Souder of ASA. Stacie will look into these two options.

**Picture Vendor (Renee Cuce):** Bill had requested references from the photographer that had presented at the 1/9/11 meeting but he had never received them. Renee Cuce had received the references and didn't realize Bill was waiting for them. She will get a copy to Bill. Renee has arranged for a 2<sup>nd</sup> photographer to present at the 2/24/11 meeting.

**Sponsorship Update (Vickie O'Neill):** SEE ATTACHED SAMPLE LETTER. Vickie sent out over 60 letters to past and potential sponsors. Redner's had sent a reply to the letter stating that while they couldn't sponsor a team or buy a billboard they would gladly support any fundraising activities such as bake sales at the store, hoagie sales, save-a-tape programs etc. (see attached email & letter)

**Venom (John Beaupre):** John Beaupre and Tom Brady were at the meeting to give a Venom update.

- Stacie Calder & Pete Hall asked John to forward any photos or info to them so they could be posted on the RASA website
- Venom is currently practicing at Legends in Phillipsburg. They were able to get the facility for 13 weeks for only \$1000.
- Venom will gladly help with the Special Olympics on Sundays and any other clinics RASA is able to schedule. (Tuesdays and Thursdays are not good for Venom and if the clinics could be scheduled before March 6<sup>th</sup>-that is when school ball starts)
- Venom will help at opening work day.
- Venom will keep the June date for their tournament and they are ok with paying the \$600 for all 6 fields. John wanted to know if they would receive the \$600 back if the tournament was cancelled due to rain or if he can't fill the date.
- John wanted to make sure RASA knew that he is an environmental engineer and there is a Venom parent that is an engineer and they will gladly help with the Permanent Bathroom permit process, engineering plans, or Township presentation at no charge.

**TNT (Roy Godard):** (see attached agreement) Roy presented an agreement to the board requesting that TNT be granted the status of "House" team at RASA and reserve tournament dates for 5 years. Bill informed Roy that there were not enough board members to discuss the issue.

**V. New Business:**

**Director of Coaching (Dave Dolly & Rick Galloway):** Rick was at the meeting and asked if RASA could get space for coaches' clinics again. Maybe even gym space so the coaches could actually run some of the drills. Bill noted that all the gym space was being used by the Sunday Select teams or Donna for pitching lessons. Bill would like to schedule 2 clinics for the rec players the last week of February 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. Maybe these clinics could be done in conjunction. Rick also asked if anyone knew where the coaches' packets from last year were or if anyone had a copy of the packets.

**Richland Township Liaison (Paul Hetrick):** The Township asked that RASA please move the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Pete Hall changed the date on the website as we were in the meeting.

**Adult League (Renee Cuce):** Renee had talked to Rich Ponak about getting the bank account for the women's league changed over to her and Valerie Lopes. Rich said they didn't have to do all that. Rich

will still help out. Renee wasn't sure if that was allowed. Bill told Renee to talk to Rich again (with Val) and decide what everyone was comfortable with and who would handle which responsibilities.

**ASA Membership:** Paul Hetrick wanted to know if anyone had renewed RASA's membership in ASA. Paul said the ASA covers the VIGS program. Someone will need to contact Dave Souder, District Commissioner. Stacie Calder will take care of this when she asks about the score books.

**Dragon Softball 2011 Clinics:** Bill had received a flyer about a softball clinic another club is running. Bill asked Pete to put it on the website so our players can take advantage of the opportunities if they want to.

**Adjournment:**

Renee Cuce motioned to adjourn at 8:30 and Peter Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meeting – 2/13/11 at the Township Building

Longstreth Order 1/20/11

50 Facemasks with mounting hardware (on order)	\$9.95 each	\$497.50
50 Chin straps	\$1.95 each	\$ 97.50
12 Sets of Throw Down Bases	\$5.95 each	\$ 71.40
Mesh softball bags	\$5.50 each	\$ 66.00
18 T inserts (on order)	\$4.95 each	\$ 89.10
Total		\$821.50

We are tax exempt, getting team rates, will pick-up. Katelynn Chandler knows about this order! Will call Stacie Calder to arrange pick-up.

Future Softball Order Quote (way overestimated!)

T-ball: 9" Juggs LiteLite (about 5 dozen) (will have to order)	\$21.95 per dozen	\$109.74
Rookies & Minors: 11" Incrediballs (about 16 dozen)	\$44.95 per dozen	\$719.19
U10 Sunday Select: 11" RIF	We do not need to order any-we have an over abundance in the equipment shed.	
Majors & U12 Sunday Select: 12" RIF (about 8 dozen)	\$24.00 per dozen	\$288.00
VIGS: 12" standard .47 core (about 6 dozen) (Rawlings ASA approved)	\$54.95 per dozen	\$329.70
Total		\$1,446.63

Everything that is in stock (as of 1/20/11) can be picked up immediately. Anything on order will take about 3-4 weeks. This order should be placed by 2/1/11. I am getting estimates from CoPlay Sports & SVSports.

We should also order scorebooks (25). Coplay quoted a price of \$2 each