

## 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

Sunday, March 13, 2011

### Attendees

Stacie Calder  
Paul Hetrick  
Bill Coblentz  
Rich Scott  
Rick Galloway  
Rich Ponak  
Beth Rice  
MaryJo Webb  
Ray Fox

Pete Hall  
Joan Ponak  
Renee Cuce  
Lisa Lewis  
Valerie Lopes

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**I. Secretary's Report: attached** Review of last meeting's minutes. Ray Fox motioned to approve the minutes, Mary Jo Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved

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

Review of the Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$59,737.03. Mary Jo did mention that she is missing 2 months worth of statements from the Venom team so the balance shown may not be accurate. Also Mary Jo had emailed Davina at the Township about the PP&L bill and why the township wasn't paying for the memorial lighting. The following checks were approved for payment:

Valerie Lopes	Lottery Expenses	\$ 52.05
Minuteman Press	Lottery Tickets	\$ 146.76
MB M&C	Uniform (Rec League, Sunday Select, VIGS) deposit	\$ 6,000.00
Richland Township	Loan Payment	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total		\$26,198.81

Paul Hetrick motioned to pay the bills & approve the report, Lisa Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**III. Picture Vendor Presentation (Renee Cuce):** (see attached email) Renee has procured Whaland Photography to do the RASA pictures. Bill wanted her to check that they will take the separate Coach/child pictures on picture day. Whaland did say they would do candids at opening day but could not do it on Home Run Derby day since they would need all their photographers for team pictures. Bill will try to get ahold of John Schnitzler, a father of one of our girls. John has his own photography business and will take candids and post them on his website for people to view and purchase. He will then give RASA a disc with the pictures for us to use on our website. Renee will have the photo order forms organized and ready for team handout on Opening Day.

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

**Registration (Stacie Calder):** We are currently at 292 girls (20 more than last year) with 3 Tball teams, 5 rookie teams, 6 minors teams, 4 majors teams, 3 U14 VIGS teams, 2 U18 VIGS teams. The draft was Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> and there are 3 Tball teams (sadly no one else stepped up to coach and it is too late now as the uniforms have already been ordered), 5 Rookies, 6 Minors, 4 Majors, 3 VIGS U14, 2 VIGS U18.

**Equipment (Stacie Calder):** Stacie realized that while she ordered and repaired the equipment (face masks on helmets) she did not have time to organize it for handout and will not have time until Sunday due to other commitments. Mary Jo, Ray, Bill, Pete, and Lisa offered to meet Saturday at 1 to organize the teams. Equipment handout will be Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The following times will be assigned to the divisions: 12 PM TBall/Rookies, 1 PM Minors, 2 PM Majors, 3 PM VIGS. Stacie will hand out the times and directions to the equipment shed at the coach's meeting Wednesday night.

**Field Prep (Bill Coblantz):** Bill was able to obtain a donation for the lime for lining the fields. A member of the Freemansberg softball organization has a connection where we were able to obtain 100 bags of lime for only \$100.

Bill met with Steve Fuscellaro the other day and took exact measurements for the batter's box PVC lining jigs. Steve took home all the extra PVC piping to make some extra liners.

Ted Mitchell can start spreading the field mix after Monday. Bill talked to the Township and they will deliver the field mix Monday and Tuesday. Bill had drove the tractor on the fields to rough them up so the field mix will mix in better.

Bill also will order 2 new large rakes, a new drag (6'x6'-\$263), a couple of small push brooms, and small rakes. A motion was made by Ray Fox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Ponak to approve the purchase. The motion passed.

It was requested to have more equipment out for the Woman's league this year. Bill will make sure the equipment is left for the league.

Bill also said the tractor was fixed and working better than ever. There was no bill yet but all the teeth were replaced on the tractor this year which should add about \$250 over last year.

**Sponsorship Update (Renee Cuce):** Renee has 14 team sponsors so far and is going to make personal phone calls over the next 2 weeks to get the remaining 11 sponsors. The sponsor list will need to be to the printer the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Billboards (Ray Fox):** (see attached report for updates) All updates are on the attached report.

**Director of Coaching (Dave Dolly & Rick Galloway):** Rick has to leave early but did give Bill a report. Everything is set for the coach's meeting Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the High School cafeteria. Rick plans to go over the coach's folder which contain: Little League Pledge, Division Rules, Coach's & Player's Code of Conduct, warm up drills. Rick felt the draft went well on Sunday and Dave Dolly is planning on doing polls and surveys throughout the year to help improve how RASA works.

**Uniforms (Stacie Calder, Vickie O'Neill, Michelle Grida):** All the uniforms were ordered and Stacie would be dropping off the check to the printer on Monday morning. The uniforms should be in the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>. Stacie will make sure Michelle gets a copy of the team uniform break downs so she can double check the order when it arrives.

**Fundraising (Valerie Lopes):** Val will have all the penny jars and raffle tickets for the coach's meeting Wednesday. Val is also looking for a large lot to run a car wash fundraiser. Pep Boys is willing to let RASA have it there. Val asked if anyone knew about the the empty lot on South 309, before Kmart. Stacie had just finished running her Girl Scout troops' Drive Thru Cookie Booth there and explained her co-leader, LeighAnn Staudenmeier had asked the Township to find out who owned it so they could ask permission to use the lot. The Township replied to them that they could use the lot, they never found out who owned the lot. Val wondered if there was water there, Stacie did not think there was-she knew the

electric did not work. Beth Rice felt there was water since the Boy Scouts sell flowers there and they always have water.

## **V. New Business:**

**Special Events-Opening Day(Valerie Lopes) and Home Run Derby (HRD):** Valerie Lopes explained the schedule for Opening Day. Teams should arrive by 10:30, ceremony 11-12, games at 12:30 & 3. MaryJo Webb volunteered to chair HRD. Stacie and Pete will look for any information from last year to forward to Mary Jo.

**AED (Ray Fox):** The free AED through BJ's will not be happening. Ray did some other shopping around and found an AED for \$1,167.99 but it does not include the sign, wall mount, cabinet, and child adapter. The accessories would cost around \$484 bring the total cost to \$1,651.99. The Cadillac of AEDs costs about \$1,800 that includes everything including a 911 service that notifies people where the nearest AED is and notifies the emergency services. The best deal seems to be DeFibTech which includes everything and costs \$1,364.00. Lisa Lewis made a motion and Renee Cuce 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the purchase of the AED. The motion passed. Mary Jo will look into theft insurance for the AED and it will be decided at a later date if the AED will be installed outside or inside and who will take care of checking the battery. Ray will see if he can get his church to order one at the same time to get a discount for both organizationa.

**Special Olympics (Rich Ponak):** Rich just wanted to make sure that the fields were reserved for Special Olympics. Pete has already reserved the fields. Rich would also like to get the kids t-shirts and asked if RASA could front the money that he would repay from his adult tournament. This will be discussed later as more details are collected. Rich also found out that if you are not going to be a coach/every week volunteer you do not need to have the volunteer form filled out.

**Coach's First Aid/CPR Clinic (Ray Fox): see attached** It was decided that since there was no insurance discount for offering a first aid clinic and since a free clinic at BuxMont Indoor Sports Center was offered to all RASA members through an email blasts and a posting on the website, no clinic would be done this year. (Option 3)

**Privacy Policy (Pete Hall): see attached** Pete explained that RASA does not have a specific privacy policy other than the general policy provided by the web provider. Pete feels it would be a good idea to have a specific policy for RASA explaining that all information collected is private and will not be sold or shared. It will help protect RASA and it will encourage people to take the surveys and polls. Pete will add some details to the draft policy he had for approval at the next meeting.

**ASA Membership:** Bill talked to Frank Wekiman of ASA and he explained that it would cost RASA \$17 per team to join ASA and we would get ASA rule books and scorebooks for each team. There would be no other benefits. If we chose to enter a team in the ASA Rec League Tournament it would cost us \$250. The only teams that follow the ASA rules are the VIGS teams. It was felt there was not benefit in joining the ASA. John Gluck, head of Umpires can get us ASA rule books and Stacie will purchase score books for the teams.

**Scheduling (Beth Rice):** Beth Rice wanted to confirm the number of teams and the number of games each team will play. The season will last 6 weeks (April 16<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>) with the week of May 30<sup>th</sup> being used for make-up games and the week of June 6<sup>th</sup> being used for playoffs. All six fields were to be used this year (we need to use field 6 more this year) The Tball teams will play 10 games, Rookies 12 games, Minors 10 games, Majors 12 games. Fridays would be used for make-up games, interleague play and possibly Sunday Select games. It was noted that while having a certain division play on certain

nights can be easier to plan it is difficult for the girls that have year round commitments. It would be better to have a random schedule so that the same girls aren't missing the same night every week.

Beth also uses an outside scheduling program, not the program on the RASA website. Pete gave Beth the exact format the schedule must be exported in so that he can import it into the RASA website. Pete requested the schedule by the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> so he can make sure everything is put into the system and so he can reserve all the correct fields.

**Interleague Play (Kurt Eisner):** Even though Kurt no longer has any girls playing for RASA he has offered to organize the interleague play again this year. Kurt created a spreadsheet showing the current teams and games needed. It was noted that the visiting teams must be made aware of the rules of the home team and those rules will be followed for the night games. Bill will get the schedule to Beth and Pete.

**Field Maintenance during Tournaments :** Bill Coblenz has committed to doing the field maintenance during tournaments. He has some teenagers line-up to help for a small wage.

**Back Ground Checks (Lisa Lewis):** Lisa noted that the company that our Little League division uses requires a social security number. It says it is only required upon request but she wanted to make sure that everyone knows it is required. Pete will send an email blast to all the coaches and Rick will make sure everyone puts a social security number on the form at the coach's meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Pete Hall motioned to adjourn at 8:30 and Rich Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meeting – 3/24/11 at Veteran's Park Clubhouse 7 PM

Billboard Report as of 3/10/11 **Comments in Red from the 3/13/2011 meeting**

First email reminder to every volunteer was on 1/11

Second email reminder to every volunteer was on 2/4

Initial report written for board meeting on 2/13/11

Next report was 2/27

**NOTE: NO REPORT MEANS THAT THE CONTRACT IS UP FOR RENEWAL AND NO SIGN WILL GO UP UNTIL THAT HAPPENS.**

Sylvia/Eric - Link Beverages - no response

Holiday Inn Quakertown – no response

Hampton Inn Quakertown – no response

Comfort Inn Quakertown – no response

USSSA – no response

Renee – Hatfield Quality Meats – received contract and \$300 for 3 year renewal and new Sign, Sign being made, when done – bill them

Baum, Smith and Clemens, LLP – for 3 years PD.

Quaker Cooling LLC – their sign is good through 2011

Friendlys – Plaque was delivered – no response

TGI - ?

Stacey – Upper Bucks Orthodontics, PC – wants new sign Pd. \$510 Balance - \$450 (5 yrs)

New sign being made – then bill them

Alcamo Restaurant – no new sign, will sponsor a team for \$250, want their sign

Grida and Richlandtown Inn – approached and said NO

Working on new ones -WaWA,-emailed contract to regional office waiting to hear back 7/Eleven,

Chick Filet-gave info to Lori Helm, Ray suggested going in and asking to talk to Butlers (the owners)

APEX – will do sign – need contract and logo info

Rich – First Savings Bank – wants new sign – need contract and logo info-5 year contract

Carney Plumbing, Heating, Cooling – no response-New Contract

O.R.E. Rentals – to offer 1 year free if renews-leaning towards no

Sal's Pizza Randa – 3 payments made, one more left-final payment on Monday

Working on new one – Moyer Shoes

Paul – ENV Services – will donate \$200-\$300 for VIGs girls to play – put up sign-paid \$250 to sponsor a team and MJ needs to bill them \$300 for registration fees , RASA will keep sign up as thank you for registration donation.

McCoole's Red Lion Inn – Paul will see her, Pd. \$250 to sponsor a team

John's Plain and Fancy – no response

Premier Signs and Graphics – paid 3 year rental

Wegmans – they are sending money

John – Peps Poultry – John wants old sign, has it.

Peps Ice Cream Parlor II – John getting sign made, free rent space

Vickie- Harleysville National Bank – changed names, is thinking about it, will follow up

Val – Angelo Law Office – no response

Kwik Goal, Ltd. – no response

Earl Bowl Lanes – no response

Frank's Trattoria - considering

Ray – TNT Gold – PD. \$1160 for 5 years, \$800 for sign, \$250 for a team sponsor, \$110 left over will use for financial needs registrant.

Trinity Lutheran Church – PD. \$750 for 4 years

Dairy Queen – payment received, no contract – I will follow up

QNB – PD. \$200 for 1 year and will pay \$250 to sponsor U12 SS

Marvic Supply - PD. \$200 for 1 year

McLaughlin Physical Therapy – has paperwork will do

Dr. Newcomer – approached and said NO

Keisel and Gowda Dental – sign being made. PD \$300, bill for the rest when sign is done.

Feeney Nursery – approached and said NO

Bux-Mont Awards wants to barter - \$500 this year toward trophies, \$200 next yr, \$200 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year. We pay for sign at \$300 = total of \$600 for space over 3 years. BOD approved this

On 2/27. New sign being made.

Others – Guy Coby – PD through 2011

Mary Jo Webb – PD through 2011

Dominick's – PD through 2011

YMCA – free through 2012

RASA Venom – PD for sign in 2010 and space was free, BOD needs to decide on 2011

Bill Coblenz to see if they want it back up.

RASA should put up its' own sign. Veterans Park Home of RASA Softball with our

logo.- approved to pay for a sign that will hang on one of the backstops near the snack stand

Special Olympics-Rich Ponak-asked if we would hang the sign for free if Special Olympics paid to manufacture the sign-approved to let Special Olympics hang a sign for free.