

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

May 19, 2011

Attendees

Stacie Calder	Pete Hall
Paul Hetrick	Beth Rice
Bill Coblentz	John Pepkowski
Renee Cuce	Valerie Lopes
Rich Scott	Rick Galloway
Ray Fox	MaryJo Webb

I. Secretary's Report: Review of last meeting's minutes. Ray Fox motioned to approve the minutes and Rick Galloway 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Review of the Treasurer's report was reviewed. The lottery winnings have already been paid out. The following checks were approved for payment:

Josh Moyer	Ump fees (U10 Sunday Select)
Bucks County CVB*	Membership 2011-2012
Richland Township	PPL (3/15-4/13, electric)
	Allied (Trash April, May)**
	Mr. John (Port-a-Potty, April)
Bill Coblentz	Field Prep supplies
	Tournament Workers Pay***
NPVGSA	Tournament Fee (U10 Sunday Select)
Valerie Lopes	Opening Day expenses
Justyna Pepkowski	2011 Scholarship****
MBM&C	All Star shirts
VIGS	All Star Tournament Fee (U14)
	All Star Tournament Fee (U18)
USPS	PO Box Rental Fee

*RASA applies for a grant every year from this organization and receives it. Ray Fox agreed to do the grant application this year. MaryJo Webb will look into getting the application.

**Bill Coblentz requested that we look into renting an additional 2 port-a-potties on tournament weekends. He said the port-a-potties were very dirty this past weekend and they were constantly running out of toilet paper. MaryJo will look into the cost of the additional rental. It was also suggested that we ask Sylvia to put a clause in the contract that says if over a certain number of teams attend a tournament then extra units must be rented.

***Bill Coblentz has hired several high school students to help with the Tournaments on the weekends. Their duties include trash removal, field prep, monitoring the Port-a-Potties. Up to this point John Pepkowski has been paying the workers out of the snack stand funds. Bill will be cashing the check to replace the money used from the snack stand. It was agreed that going forward John Pepkowski would pay the workers every weekend and then a monthly bill will be submitted to RASA for reimbursement.

****Ray Fox will be at the Senior High School Award presentations and will represent RASA.

Pete Hall motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report. Paul Hetrick 2nd. All approved.

III. Old Business:

Spring Rec League (Stacie Calder & Pete Hall): The rain has been quite a problem for the last few weeks so to try and schedule all the rain cancellations Pete has put together a document that contains all the open fields over the next 3 weeks (see attached). He will email it to all coaches to aid in the scheduling process. All regular games are scheduled to end June 2nd. All minors and majors games must be made up by June 7th. Playoffs will begin June 8th. Pete has been working on the brackets and we have a working bracket for 4 games the first night and if it rains 5 games the first night. (see attached) Playoff games must be played all innings. This means the majors will play 7 innings and the minors will play 6 innings. There are no ties, if the game is tied at the end of the required innings then the international tie breaker rule will be used. (If a softball game is tied after required innings, each team begins each ensuing inning with a runner placed at second base. That runner is the player who was at-bat last in the previous inning.) Players must be in complete uniform (visor, shirt tucked in, shorts and socks). Paid umpires will be used for all playoff games.

Pete will send out an email to the coaches requesting they not schedule any practices until every make-up game has been scheduled. Also an email will be sent to all majors and minors players, families, and coaches giving them a schedule for the upcoming weeks. Ray Fox will contact John Gluck to schedule the umpires.

Spirit Wear (Kelly Mitchell): Kelly got quite a few orders at HRD and she put a shirt on Renee Cuce's daughter and had her ride her bike around Vet Park for advertising. Kelly asked if we could put a mailbox inside the snack stand for people to drop off orders. Pete put the order form online so people can download it any time. Bill asked if we could take pictures of the items and put them online. Pete will try to get pictures.

Background checks (Dave Dolly, Lisa Lewis): This is a zero tolerance item, all clearances need to be in. Stacie had collected a bunch the first week of games and gave them to Lisa. She did not have all the Driver's license copies yet. Stacie suggested RASA look into a copier for the clubhouse. That way driver's license copies could be made right away. Ray fox will look into getting one.

All Star Game (Stacie Calder, Pete Hall): The majors will play on May 21st at 8pm and the minors will play June 3rd at 8pm. There is a conflict with the middle schools and the June 3rd date. The coaches have all received an email blast telling them to have the girls pick the players and submit the names immediately. We have all the majors except Team #3, Mike Mangiaruga. Rick Galloway said if no one from Mike's team shows up, they will just divide the teams into 9 players each and play that way. If the current standings continue the teams will be as follows: Majors 1 & 4, Majors 2 & 3, Minors 1, 6, & 3, Minors 2, 4, & 5. Pete will email blast the coaches reminding them to submit names and that head coaches are expected to be at the game coaching. The shirts are ordered, neon orange and neon green. Hopefully they will be delivered in time, the printer was given a delivery date of June 3rd. There is no sponsor for the All Star teams. John Gluck will umpire the Majors game and there will be another umpire for the minors game.

Home Run Derby (HRD, Stacie Calder and Peter & Kelly Hall):

A great success! Quite a few compliments. It was suggested we have new events added next year-maybe an event for catchers -throw down to second, outfielders-how many pop-flies can you catch, etc. It was also suggested that we do pictures on Opening Day and schedule the All-Star game with the HRD. Also it was suggested to have some rec games after the event-just like Opening Day- to try and get all the games in before the end of school.

Fundraising (Valerie Lopes): Car Wash-there was no car wash this year as Val was unable to find anyone to run it. It was suggested that the Wood Heat place on Rte 309 be investigated as a place to hold the car wash next year.

Lottery- all the winners were posted on the website and Mary Jo mailed out the winnings. John Rice won \$750 but his check was not double signed so he came to the meeting and his check was fixed.

AED (Ray Fox):

Steve Cuce installed it inside the garage door. There is a sign hanging outside that states there is an AED inside. Ray Fox has it up and running. Ray will check it to make sure the batteries are charged. John Pepkowski has agreed to keep the garage door open while he has the snack stand open. He will close it when he leaves. The woman's league has to have someone appointed to close the door if they want it left open until the end of their games. Renee, Val, and Beth said they would monitor it when their teams played.

Interleague (Kurt Eisner): Several coaches have asked if they can cancel their interleague games so they have more time to make up the rain cancellations. It was discussed that the interleague games are very heavy this year, normally there are only 2 per season, this year there are up to 4 per team. Stacie emailed Kurt from the meeting to see if the remainder of the games can be cancelled.

Field Prep/Facilities (Bill Coblenz): The storage container has been delivered and already has started to be used for storage. There is a lock box with a key in it. The lock box code will be on a limited access.

Port-a-potty lights- Barry Hoffman has started the process to install the lights. He has marked the location on the grass. There will be 2 lights on a 20' pole. He should be finished by June 1st.

Special Olympics (Rich Ponak): It has been switched from Sunday evening to Friday night, 6-7:30. There was some confusion, quite a few of the people that signed up thought they had signed up for the Challenger league-not the RASA Special Olympics. The move to Friday will help avoid the conflict and confusion with the other league. There were about 8 kids there the first Friday.

Men's Tournament (Rich Ponak): The men's tournament is June 25th. Rich is looking for some volunteers from RASA to run the refreshment stand and field prep at the gun club. All profit will go to RASA.

Woman's League (Renee Cuce and Valerie Lopes): The woman's league will begin June 6th and go until July 31st. Playoffs will begin the 1st week of August. Pete has added a tab on the home page, at the top, for the woman's league. Bill will conduct a Husband/Boyfriend night of training so the men will be able to prep the fields. A code of conduct and full roster was required with the league fees. Beth is almost finished the schedule she just had some questions about the weeks of June 6th and June 13th. Pete has reserved the fields until 9PM for the playoffs since the games need to go full 6 or 7 innings. Val, Renee, and Beth felt they should schedule the woman's games for 8:15 PM and the women would just have to wait a little bit if the rec games are running late.

IV. New Business:

* **Little League (Mary Jo Webb):** Mary Jo got an email from Randy at Little League asking if RASA will be entering teams in the Little League tournament this year. There is no benefit to enter or penalty if we don't enter. It was discussed and there has been very little interest from the girls or families over the past 2 years so RASA will not enter teams this year. Mary Jo will email Randy. It was discussed that we could add the Little League info to the registration form to see if we could get people to commit earlier.

***ENV Donation (Paul Hetrick):** The donation has not been received and Mary Jo did send a bill. Paul will contact them to see if they still plan to donate.

*** Venom Tournament:** The Venom tournament is scheduled for June 18th -19th and Bill will not be able to be here to supervise the field prep and workers. Bill needs someone to drag and line the fields Friday night, Saturday empty trash and general clean-up (Venom does the field prep on Saturday), Saturday night drag and line the fields, Sunday empty trash & general clean-up (Venom does field prep on Sunday). This is also the Sunday Select Tournament weekend so Ray can not help.

***Sunday Select Make-Up Games:** Val asked if she could schedule make-up games for the U10 Sunday Select teams on 5/27 from 7-9 and 6/5 from 3-5. Pete checked the schedule and said it was ok, Bill reminded her the teams would have to do their own field prep.

***Young Lungs Anti Smoking Signs:** Ray Fox found an organization (<http://extension.psu.edu/young-lungs>) that will donate steel signs that say “No Smoking, Young Lungs at Play”. The only requirement is that the park be on the “Honor Role” of Pa parks and Vet Park/Richland Township is on the list. Ray will request 12-14 signs that can be hung on all the fields and posted around.

Adjournment:

Ray Fox motioned to adjourn at 8:44 PM and Pete Hall 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 6/12/11 at Veteran’s Park Clubhouse