

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

June 12, 2011

Attendees

Stacie Calder	Martina Gray
Paul Hetrick	Jeff Gray
Bill Coblentz	John Pepkowski
Renee Cuce	Valerie Lopes
Rich Scott	Rich Ponak
Ray Fox	MaryJo Webb
Ray Wilkinson Jr	Rob Shuck
Jill Shuck	

I. Secretary's Report: Review of last meeting's minutes. There were 2 corrections: Under Treasurer's Report the amount of the grant is \$5-\$10 thousand and under Field Prep The Township paid for the light at the port-a-pots. Bill talked to Tim Arnold and Tom Roeder. Rich Scott motioned to approve the minutes and Paul Hetrick 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Reviewed the Treasurer's report. The following checks were approved for payment:

Richland Township	Allied (Trash June)
	Mr. John (Port-a-Potty, April)
	Water Bill*
Steve Haldeman	Repair console pad field #2
Ray Fox	U12 Sunday Select fees
The Hickey Family	player refund

*Per RASA's responsibility agreement with the Township. This bill was mailed to Mary Jo Webb from Davina at the Township and it is for the 1st quarter of 2011. This is the first bill Mary Jo has ever received for a water bill. John Pepkowski has always paid for this in the past and will take care of it going forward.

The Bucks County CVB grant application has been completed by Mary Jo and Ray Fox will proof the application.

Ray Fox 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 play offs are going well and should be finished by the 17th. Someone from the executive board will need to be present to give the trophies out to the division winners.

It was noted that next year the school year will be ending June 7th and this will definitely affect the Rec League.

Field Prep/Facilities (Bill Coblentz): New lights have been installed at the Port-a-potty area and by the steps to the lower parking lot. The Township paid to have this work done to help protect against

vandalism and due to the Townships night-time use of Vet Park for Movie nights and other community events.

Now that the Rec League is ending someone will have to make sure the dugout trash cans are emptied during the week. John Pepkowski has offered to have his snack stand help take care of them.

Special Olympics (Rich Ponak): Since the day has been changed to Friday they now have approximately 6-10 players. John Pepkowski was going to get the league shirts but since there are so few participants Stacie Calder suggested the Vet Park shirts that are left in the equipment shed. There are sizes and colors. Stacie will get the box and leave it at the clubhouse for Rich. Bill Coblentz would also like to use some of the shirts for the workers that are hired on the weekends to help with the tournaments.

Men's Tournament (Rich Ponak): Help is still needed for the snack stand. Rich Ponak has offered RASA all proceeds from the tournament but he needs help with the snack stand and trash. Bill passed a sign-up sheet around for people to volunteer.

Woman's League (Renee Cuce and Valerie Lopes):

All teams are paid with the exceptions of one team that was and Mary Jo just received a return item for one of the players. Rich will take care of . The insurance has been purchased . The current games are beginning late due to the Rec League playoffs. Renee also sent an email to all the teams stating that no one may use the open fields. The kids have been playing on them and plugs have been removed and they have been riding their bikes on the fields. Also it was noted that scooters may not be ridden around the snack stand. John Pepkowski's brother was hit by a child on a scooter. They may ride up and down the long straight aways.

IV. New Business:

* **TNT College Showcase (Bill Coblentz):** The showcase is right around the corner and we will need lots of help! Volunteers are needed to park cars, prep fields Wednesday night, put up caution tape Wednesday night, raffle table. Wednesday will be a clinic day with local college coaches running the clinics, games will begin Thursday and go to Sunday. We will need to begin parking cars on Thursday- Saturday and we will be asking for a \$2 donation per car again this year. The tickets for parking are on the shelves in the clubhouse. Roy Godard (tournament director) will have additional port-a-potties, cleanings, and a 40 yard dumpster to handle the extra people.

RASA will be running a raffle this year. It was suggested we offer a flat screen tv and an Ipad. Tickets will be \$10 each. We will need to sell approximately 110 tickets to break even. Ray and John Pepkowski will check with Allison at Best Buy to see if they would be willing to donate either of the prizes. There are 2 part tickets on the shelved in the clubhouse that can be used for the raffle.

Bill suggested we contact the local sponsors and ask if they would like to walk around and hand out flyers or maybe have a table with their flyers for any specials they may want to run the weekend of the showcase.

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

* **Venom Tournament:** They are struggling to fill the tournament (only 11 teams at this point). They are in jeopardy of not turning a profit. John asked if we would waive the fee for Vet Park. They are willing to do the field prep, field lining, trash removal. They really only have to cover our costs for any extra port-a-pot cleanings (\$200 each) and any quick dry/lime used. It was noted that no profits was listed for the t-shirts. Bill

will contact them that they will have to cover costs since they are willing to do all the other work. Also Jeff Kittle said he could utilize any unused fields. It was noted that they may be running the tournament to automatically qualify for the Nationals.

***Young Lungs Anti Smoking Signs (Ray Fox):** The signs are being made and will be delivered to the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol bureau. Ray will pick them up after they arrive. It was requested that a photo be taken of some of the girls in uniforms with the signs once they have been posted. Ray will make sure the picture is taken and sent to the organization.

***U14 Travel Team (Rich Scott):** RASA will be sponsoring a U14 Travel team this year. The following motion was approved and will be added to the by-laws.

Motion to allow to form a Travel Program based on the U14 budget and plan submitted 6/12/11, beginning the 2011-2012 season. All future teams will need to submit a specific budget and plan for the RASA board approval. All travel programs must abide by the RASA Travel Team By-Laws. Team standing will be reviewed annually.

The motion was approved by John Pepkowski and 2nd by Mary Jo Webb. The motion was passed.

The coaches will be Rich Scott, Ray Fox, Ray Wilkinson Jr, and Jeff Gray. The name for the team is still being considered, the fee will be \$850 per girl, and they are planning on having a roster of 12 players. They asked if they could be covered under the RASA insurance/non-profit and Mary Jo said she would double check but it should not be a problem. Ray Fox and Paul Hetrick will talk to the owner of the Tennis Zone to see if there is any practice space available. Ray Fox will contact Tim Neiman as he is starting an indoor facility in the Whitehall area. It was also noted that Karen's Furniture may have indoor practice space. Pete Hall will post a notice and email all age appropriate members once he gets all the information. If additional help is needed it was suggested the coaches contact Roy Godard for advice.

Rob Shuck was present and asked permission to begin a U12 travel Team. Permission was granted and he will begin to form a budget and plan. He will get with the U14 coaches to see exactly what he needs to do.

***Pride of the Diamonds (POD) (Ray Fox):** The person in charge of marketing the POD camps was not doing his job and has been laid off. It is very iffy that the June camp will happen. Ted Neiman, the owner of POD, will try to get it organized. Ray will take care of all prep and running the snack stand. Pete Hall will send out another email blast to all RASA member to try and get some last minute sign-ups.

***High School Fall Rec League (Ray Fox):**

Organized by POD, they have asked if RASA would be interested in hosting a league. The teams will be guaranteed 16 games, playing from Labor Day to October 31st. They will play double headers and play a maximum of 2 nights per week. The league will have approximately 100 girls. There are no rain make-ups. POD will take care of paying the umpires, game balls, and will pay a fee for renting the fields.

The high school coach, Cari Matthaei, has sent out an email to local schools and players to see if there is any interest in starting a league here. If not the QHS team will play in the Patriots League up in Whitehall.

***U24 League (Carl Chew):** The U24 league has always paid for the lights fee at Vet Park. It was billed to the VIGS this year. Bill will call Carl to see if he can straighten it out.

Adjournment:

Rich Scott motioned to adjourn at 8:52 PM and Ray Fox 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 6/23/11 at Veteran's Park Clubhouse