

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

July 21, 2011

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Paul Hetrick
Bill Coblentz
Rich Scott
Val Lopes

Craig MacIntyre
Peter Hall
John Pepkowski
Ray Fox
Mary Jo Webb

I. Secretary's Report: Ray Fox motioned to approve the minutes and Craig MacIntyre 2nd, all approved. The following changes were made to the July 10th minutes Treasurer's Report. The \$99.96 charged by the QCSD for the TNT tournament was reduced since the school district can not say definitely who caused the litter, RASA or other members of the community. The new amount will be approximately \$55 and this cost will be charged to TNT for the Milford fields.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Reviewed the Treasurer's report. The ENV donation has still not been received. Mary Jo has billed for the last of the summer tournaments. The following checks were approved for payment:

Bill Coblentz	distilled water, gas, caution tape, stakes
Todd Croisette	Spikes, keys, field prep

Ray Fox motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report. Craig MacIntyre 2nd. All approved.

III. Old Business:

Fall Ball:

- begins the week after Labor Day and runs until October 31st
- registration form has been approved and will go live Friday 7/22/11 and the fee will be \$50
- only shirts will be given out for Fall and we will not seek a sponsor since the girls are usually wearing sweatshirts and the names are covered up.
- we need someone to run the Fall league, no word has been hear from Rob & Jill Shuck
- VIGS may be playing on Sunday afternoons. We do not have any confirmation yet
- Fall High School League-it does not seem to be happening in the Quakertown area but Cari Matthaei (HS coach), Tim Neiman, and Ray Fox are in the process of getting the HS team to play in the Lehigh Valley league. Definitely want to have a league in the area for 2012.

Travel Teams (Rich Scott/Craig MacIntyre):

Indoor Practice Space

- U16 have obtained space at Camp Men-O-Lan for \$75 per session. They have space booked through 4/1/2012. Craig will get a copy of the contract to Mary Jo Webb and Rich Scott. This is a possible space for the U14 and the RASA clinics.
- U14 was looking into a warehouse on Mill St but when Ray Fox was able to get inside he discovered it would not make a good site.

- Rich Scott met with the owner of the Tennis Zone and while he was not willing to commit to a weekly practice area he did say he was willing to help out now and then.. Winter is the busy season with over 500 members. Rich did say that the net supports are cemented in place and would not be the best place for a practice.
- QCSD is now accepting reservations for outside organizations so that is also a possibility.

Uniforms

- Pete has completed creating a PA Panthers graphic and it is ready to go. The U14 and U16 have the graphic and are ready to order uniforms once the teams have been picked.

Try Outs

- so far the teams have received 3 responses from girls that can not make the try out dates and have arranged other dates for try outs.
- the teams have to get on Eteamz
- TNT has requested on day for their U18 Gold tryouts
- U18 Venom have not requested a try out day yet
- Bill checked with the Township and the try out scheduled for Community Day is not a problem.

U12 Team

- Jackie Fretz from Upper Perk is going to try and have her own team at Upper Perk. Her try outs will be the last week of July/ first week of August. If she does not get a good turn out she will reconsider teaming up with RASA

Coaching

- All background checks must be completed before practicing can complete (Little League, USSSA, ASA, Pony, etc)

Tournament

- September 18th is tentatively reserved for a travel team tournament.

Travel Contract

- Mary Jo will work on a contract for the two travel teams to sign. It will be based on the addendum in the by-laws. It will need to be signed each year.
- There will be an added clause about any extra money at the end of the year will be returned to the parents or turned over to RASA.
- There will be an added clause that the coaches of the travel teams must attend a minimum of 1 RASA meeting per quarter.

Community Day (Bill Coblentz):

- Saturday, August 6th from 9-3. We will need a tent, table, trophies, Fall Ball applications, USSSA magazine article. Depending on where the tent location is we could possibly hang one of the tires from HRD for kid participation.
- Paul has volunteered to sit at the booth from 9-12, Stacie is available all day. Bill will ask for more volunteers and send out a schedule.

Woman's League (Val Lopes):

Umpires

- there have been many forfeits the past two weeks. Have the umpires been notified? Do they still get paid? This needs to be investigated.

Snack Stand/Lights

- John Pepkowski has been losing money on the snack stand since no one has notified RASA that the games are cancelled. Also lights are programmed to stay on when no one is using the fields. If a game is cancelled RASA must be notified or the team will be charged for the lights/umpire.

Smoking/drinking

- Some of the spectators have been smoking at when John's employees tell them to put it out they are being verbally abused. There is no smoking at the Park and a reminder email needs to be sent out.
- When emptying the dugout trash cans many beer bottles have been found. There is no drinking at the Park and a reminder needs to be sent out.

Dug Outs

- the dug outs are being swept out and cleaned at the end of the night

Play Offs

- they are scheduled to begin the 1st week of August.
- Pete still has not received anything for field reservations for the play offs.

Tournaments/Work Day (Bill Coblentz):

- There are no tournaments scheduled for August and most of September so it is a good time to get a work day in. There is a lot of weeding to be done and sunshades need to be re-hung. Bill will try to schedule a day.

IV. New Business:

***Young Lungs Anti Smoking Signs (Ray Fox):** 16 new signs are hung up and the surplus signs were given to the school district. They are not hanging at the district fields yet.

***USSSA (Jeff Kittle):** Jeff has offered to give RASA \$3000 a year towards permanent bathrooms is RASA will give him a long term commitment (5 years) for his tournament dates. A quick check of interest rates showed that a \$50,000 loan at 6% would be a monthly payment of \$400 over 20 years (\$4800 per year), \$421 over 15 years (\$5052 per year), \$555 over 10 years (\$6660 per year). Jeff's donation would service over half the debt.

***Softball Trophy case and shelf (John Calder):** The shelf and display case are both hung in the clubhouse. Once the display softballs are loaded into the case John will permanently close the case to discourage theft.

***Survey (Pete Hall):** The survey is ready to go live. Pete will add a question about whether the person completing the survey is willing to coach Fall Ball and/or Spring Rec. It was discussed that it was a little late and we may only get those who were dissatisfied with the league to respond. Stacie said those were exactly the people she wanted to hear from because you can't fix a problem if you don't know about it. A motion was made by Paul Hetrick to activate the survey, 2nd by Mary Jo Webb and all approved.

***School Fields (Stacie Calder):** The school district reservation system is now open for outside organizations. Stacie will contact Maureen Montoney at the district office about what procedure is needed for reserving the fields and gyms. The outside fields are needed 3/1/2012 to 11/30/2012 and indoor space will be needed from 12/1/2011 to 3/31/2012. It was also noted that the Knack Box on the JV field is RASA's but the maroon box on the Varsity field is not.

***Pitching:** It was brought up that if we get enough indoor practice space RASA should try to get a pitching coach to exclusively teach RASA girls. Donna is good for the little girls but we need to look for a new person for the older girls.

Adjournment:

Rich Scott motioned to adjourn at 8:14 PM and Mary Jo Webb 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 8/14/11 at Veteran's Park Clubhouse