

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

January 11, 2012

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Mary Jo Webb

Peter Hall

Rich Ponak

John Pepkowski

Ray Fox

Paul Hetrick
Craig MacIntyre

Martina Gray

Bill Coblentz

Valerie Lopes

Rich Scott

I. Secretary's Report: Paul Hetrick motioned to approve the minutes and MaryJo Webb 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Review of the Treasurer's report showed a the majority of the income was from tournaments and the expenses were for utilities. The following checks were approved for payment:

Richland Township
Premier Signs

Allied November to closing

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

The separate Travel Teams are still having a problem with the bank statement. Martina Gray was there with the statement that showed the U14 balance. The statement is now being mailed to Martina but both the U14 and the U16 are on one statement and the U16 are not getting a statement at all. Martina will make sure that Craig MacIntyre has the online banking information so he can access his statement.

III. Old Business:

Spring Rec League:

- Mary Jo Webb will create a "want ad" for the teen umpires. It will be posted at the Quakertown High School in the guidance department. Ray Fox will train the kids and they will be paid \$20 per game. Hopefully some students will take this on as Senior Project.
- An email blast will be sent out reminding everyone about the Walk-In registration Saturday. Stacie will have the registration forms, sample uniforms, and the swap box at the Walk-In. The following people volunteered to help Stacie Calder at the Walk-In registrations. 1/14 Bill Coblentz, 1/25 Ray Fox & Pete Hall, 2/11 Pete Hall.
- An ad has been placed in the Penny Power and a flyer was sent to the QCSD website to be placed on the Community Bulletin Board on-line.

Sunday Select:

- Matt Caputo may not be able to be the Head Coach of the U10 team. Ray Fox will contact Matt and get us an answer before the Sunday Select Try Outs 1/23.
- Valerie Lopes asked if there was another night to have Sunday Select practice since Mondays is also pitching lessons. It was explained that there is no other space in the district and the girls that took pitching lessons would have to rearrange their schedules so that their lessons were either

before or after the Sunday Select practices or try-outs. Someone said they heard a rumor that Strayer is open on Friday nights. Stacie Calder will contact Maureen Montoney at the District office and see if there is any Friday nights available.

- Ray Fox explained that Upper Dublin is trying to start a Sunday Travel League called Suburban Travel. These teams would be B/C level teams. Ray feels they are trying to get some of the Sunday Select teams to join this league. Ray will contact Charlie and Kathy at other organizations to see if this will greatly impact this year's Sunday Select league.

Winter Clinics:

- Winter clinics are slated to begin 2/6 & 2/7. The U14 will run all 4 of their clinics on Monday nights. The U16 team asked that the Venom/TNT be emailed to see if they could run 1 or 2 of the Tuesday clinics.

Equipment:

- Stacie Calder asked for a budget to order new equipment. A lot of the catching equipment is getting run down. Stacie was approved to spend \$2,500 on new equipment. She will get bids for the following equipment: 12 hanging helmet bags, 12 catcher's helmets, 12 sets of catcher's shins, 12 bats, 30 scorebooks.
- Ray Fox suggested Stacie get a bid from Sports Center USA in Bethlehem.

IV. New Business:

***Billboards:** Martina Gray said her neighbor owns Moon Dog Yoga and she would like to sponsor a billboard at RASA. Martina was given a contract to pass on to her neighbor. Paul will be taking over the billboards from Ray Fox. Pete Hall said there is a new place called Romo's that he would try to get a billboard contract from.

***USSA Baseball:** Bill has been talking to Jeff Kittle about possibly filling some of the open weekends in August/September with Baseball tournaments. The bases would have to be moved and mounds would have to be brought in for pitching. The general feeling was that it would not be a good idea to allow Baseball into the park. They felt that it would be opening a "can of worms".

***Field Maintenance:** The infield mix has been spread by Ted Mitchell. Field 2 still has some water at the edge of the grass line so more dirt will have to be spread on that field but field 4 is completely dry now. RASA will again allow his 3 daughters to register for free in exchange for this service. It was also suggested that the dirt be changed on all the batters boxes. This will be done in the spring. The tractor and rake will be going in for a tune-up. The drag will have to be replaced. Also Bill has the fence guy coming out from Helm Fencing and he will let us know if some of the pipes can be replaced. Bill is getting a 9' sample of the new sunshade to hang on a dugout over the winter to see how it will weather. Moyers came out and did aerations/fertilization on all the fields. They will seed in the Spring. Bill will see if he can get someone to roll the lip of the infield/grass line to even it out. Also Bill will try to arrange more infield mix to level out the lip.

Travel Teams: Craig MacIntyre of the U16 team said they are practicing with their 10 girls. They are going to a clinic at Moravian Clinic that was \$30 per player. It is an excellent clinic and the girls will learn a lot. They are looking for 1 or 2 more players. Rich Scott of the U14 team said they are practicing Monday and Saturdays.

Pictures: Renee Cuce was not at the meeting but Bill was going to contact her to make sure she knew that picture day was on April 14th, Opening Day.

Pride of the Diamond (POD): clinics will be at Vet Park during the day again this summer. Jeff Kittle and John Burn have been approached to run the clinics. The clinics will be better advertised and the dates will be set much earlier. Ray will recommend some dates to the POD.

Special Olympics: So far 22 people are signed up for the Friday night league. They will be on 1 or 2 of the lower fields from 6-7:30 PM. The league will start the week of April 14th and go for 8 weeks. Rich Ponak is hoping to get some students from the QHS to help, possibly as their Senior Project.

Interleague Games: It was not known if Kurt Elsner would be coordinating this again. Bill will check to see if he will do this. It was decided that with the shortened season and limited time for make-ups only 2 interleague games would be played (1 home and 1 away).

QHS Senior Night: The high school's senior night will be May 14th on field 2 versus Pennridge.

VIGS: Rich Scott said there has not been a meeting yet. He asked that someone else be found to take over the VIGS coordinator position since he is now coaching the U14 travel team.

Adjournment:

8:53 PM MaryJo Webb motioned to adjourn and John Pepkowski 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 1/22/12 at the Township Building