



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

February 19, 2012

Attendees

Stacie Calder	Paul Hetrick
Mary Jo Webb	Joan Ponak
Peter Hall	Bob Fafard
Rich Ponak	Beth Rice
Valerie Lopes	Rich Scott
Ray Fox	Renee Cuce

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 8th meeting were approved. MaryJo Webb motioned to approve the minutes and Rich Scott 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

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

MinuteMan Press	Raffle
Stacie Calder	Spring Rec Walkin Registration

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

III. Old Business:

Spring Rec League:

- A motion was made to approve the tentative list of coaches pending background checks and the approval of the executive board. Paul Hetrick made the motion and MaryJo Webb 2nd. The motion passed. (see attached list)
- The final walk-in registration had over 40 girls sign up. Our current numbers are at 200 girls which is 3 tball teams, 4-5 rookies teams, 4-5 minors teams, 4-5 majors teams, 2 u14 VIGS teams.
- There is still 10 days until registration closes and more phone calls need to be made. Bob Fafard and Paul Hetrick offered to help call Tball and Majors. Pete will resend the "Not signed up yet" list to both of them.
- PayPal has only had 4 problems this year, 2 could not be corrected and 2 were issues the users had with PayPal and had nothing to do with RASA.
- Draft Cards: Pete Hall has created a draft card in the registration program so all the girl's experience, Sunday Select, Home Run Derby, All Star will be on the card. Stacie asked Renee if the photographer would give RASA a disk of all the players so that could be uploaded to the girl's registration as well. The draft is scheduled for 3/3/12 at the clubhouse. The head coach is required to be there. Roy Godard of TNT has offered to do the skills/drills training for coaches on Monday, 3/5/12 at the HS from 7-8. The division meetings and equipment hand-out will be Sunday 3/11/12..
- Coaches: there is an over-abundance of assistant coaches this year in Majors.

Sunday Select:

- There is a meeting Monday night with all the teams in the league. All the coaches are planning on attending.

- There seems to be interest in Hosting a Round Robin again this year either the Sunday after Opening Day or Home Run Derby if the day is not needed for rain make-up.
- Stacie has received estimate on the Sunday Select uniforms-the coaches requested different shirts this year and will each pay \$15 towards the difference in cost. Also the U10 will be wearing pants this year.

Winter Clinics:

- The final 2 weeks of clinics are coming up and Rich Scott said he is still seeing new faces and they are averaging 25 girls. Craig said the Rookies are great but the Tball age girls lose interest fast. Craig asked that the Venom cover the 3/6/12 clinic. Stacie will ask Bill to call them

Equipment:

- Equipment sort will be March 10th at Vet Park. Stacie asked if it would be possible to get another trailer to keep the equipment at Vet Park instead of Apple Alley since the equipment has been getting wet and critters have been getting into it.

Sponsorship (billboards):

- Paul has sent all the letters and hasn't heard anything new yet.
- St Lukes has ordered 8-4'x 8' banners and will pay us \$800 per year to have them hanging.
- Paul is trying to work on getting Swans, Giant, the Carl Dealerships and the Hotels.

Woman's League:

- It was brought up that maybe the coaches should have background checks. The official RASA stance is that it is none of our business. If the woman's league does choose to do background checks they will have to pay for them.
- The woman's league fees will be the same this year.
- They will begin to advertise for teams.

Teen Umps:

- MaryJo has 6-7 volunteers.
- They will be paid \$20 per game
- The training will be on 3/24th at 12pm.
- A contract needs to be drawn up explaining the girls are not covered under the Little League insurance.

Spirit Wear

- Kelly Mitchell is going to go with SVS for the spirit wear.

IV. New Business:

***Travel Teams:** U16 has a tournament in the Dome at Wyomissing on 3/17. They currently have 11 girls on their team. U14 has been at Strike Zone in Telford for hitting practice. There are 3 girls working on slapping and Rich Scott and the other coaches have seen a big improvement in the girls hitting. Strike Zone has bought a new pitching machine that can pitch curves, risers, drops, and many more pitches.

***Bob Fafard:** Bob has offered to help RASA and is interested in the Director of Coaching (DOC) only he does not feel he is qualified. He would like to begin working on a "Basic Skills" program that will begin being implemented in Tball and eventually become standard through-out all levels. Bob explained that a girl may be taught how to throw many different ways by coaches at different levels and even on the same team. Bob would like to standardize the teaching so girls are taught consistently. Ray Fox made a motion to create a new position call Skills Coordinator. Bob Fafard will assume the position creating a skills approach to Tball to Majors this Spring that will be implemented in Fall. Craig MacIntyre made a second and all approved. Bob will shadow Stacie and Pete through the Spring Rec League and hopefully be ready to take over all the responsibilities of DOC in the Fall.

***Pride of the Diamond (POD) & Fast Pitch Softball (FPS):** Ray Fox has done a very nice job with the summer camps; We stand to make approx. \$1600.00 for renting the fields out when they are not being used any way. Ray has agreed to prep the fields and handle the snack stand on all but one camp. We need some help for the one in August. There

will be four clinics this summer. The fee is \$125 per field per day. Ray is working on a deal for RASA girls to get a break on the fee. Cost will be approximately \$100 per girl per camp.

“All Skills” clinic will be 6/18-6/20 (6/21 rain date) from 9-12

“All Skills” clinic 6/11-6/13 from 9:30-12

“Pitching/Catching” clinic 7/19 from 9:30-11:30.

Combo: Pitching/Catching/All Skills 8/13-8/15 from 9:30-12

***Open Board Positions:** It was brought up that there are many open board positions. Stacie will bring a list of all Open positions to the next board meeting.

***Work Day: 3/24** Pete will close all fields for that Saturday so teams will be encouraged to come and help.

***Scheduler:** Pete Hall and Stacie Calder have a year under their belts with the RASA Website and informed Beth Rice that the website has a scheduling program. She will need to use this program to avoid the excess work of importing and correcting any schedule made with an outside scheduler. Pete will sit down with Beth and explain the program.

***Grant Money:** MJ, John Pep asked about equipment for Snack Stand that could use up the Grant money but when MJ investigate further she found that there was only \$180 left that needed to be used by June 30th.

***VIGS Rep:** As it looks now Joe Onisky would not be able to do it. Bill will attend the March 4 meeting with the hope we can find someone for the future meetings. Stacie will email all the VIGS coaches and volunteers to see if one of them are interested in being the new representative. They would be responsible for attending the monthly meetings and communicating back to RASA. Also they would vote for RASA at the meetings.

***Field Update-**

1. Top mix has been ordered and will possibly be delivered Mon or Tues of this week- would Ray or John Pep be able to meet the trucks and direct? Need to contact Ted Mitchell to spread.
2. Tarps have been ordered- 11 are the same size, field 6 first base is 1' wider. I asked about the warranty and was told there really is not one, meaning there are many uses for these tarps and he assured me he would be willing to stand behind his work. Price \$ 87.00 each- previous company were \$ 135.00 each.
3. Batting cage- I will contact Qwik Goal to get 12 of the pulleys for the top of the cages, they all broke during the Halloween snow storm.
4. Helm Fence will be meeting me sometime next week to get an estimate on some repairs- field 6 3rd base dugout gate in bad shape.
5. I will also contact H&K regarding the red crushed stone for the areas that need it.
6. Lawn and Golf should have the tractor done shortly.
7. Red Hill-has a 4 tiered groomer/tractor/spreader. Bill will try to get them to come over once in March and once in June to do each field. This process levels the fields and costs approximately \$75 per field.

Adjournment:

8:53 PM MaryJo Webb motioned to adjourn and Rich Scott 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Wednesday 3/7/12 at the Vet Park. It was noted that the Strayer concert was moved to this night and Ray Fox, MaryJo Webb, Pete Hall would not be able to attend. The meeting may be moved.