



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

March 11, 2012

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Don Rummel
Peter Hall
Rich Ponak
Valerie Lopes
Ray Fox
Kelly Mitchell

Paul Hetrick
Bill Coblentz
Bob Fafard
Beth Rice
Rich Scott
Renee Cuce

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 19th meeting were approved. Ray Fox motioned to approve the minutes and Paul Hetrick 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

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

Richland Township	Nov, Dec, Jan PPL bills
Stacie Calder	Coach's Packets copying
	Sunshades for dugouts

It was noted that several bills would be coming due and our actual balance will lower. Bills coming due: tractor repair; field mix; Uniforms; Fence repairs; field prep; golf cart maintenance.

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

III. Old Business:

Spring Rec League:

- There are still a few outstanding background checks needed for the coaching staff (Rookies-5, Majors-4, VIGS-2, U16 Pa Panthers-1, Board of Directors-3) They have all been notified they can not participate in practices or be on the field with the girls until the clearances are complete.
- The draft went smoothly on 3/3/12 and all the coaches contacted their teams.
- The coaches meetings went well on 3/11/12 and all paperwork was handed out. Also all equipment was handed out. There is a need for some first aid kits and cold packs. The coaches were also told that the safety plan would be on-line after April 1st and that the injury report was on there too.
- It was noted that the Safety Plan requires a First Aid clinic for coaches every 3 years. A First Aid clinic will be required for the 2013 season.
- There was one comment that the scheduling did not open until 6pm on Monday 3/12/12 and some people had practice or pitching lessons. Pete explained he works 9-5 and he would not be available to support the coaches if they needed help scheduling until after 5 pm. Since most coaches also work 9-5 they understood. Scheduling went smoothly.

Sunday Select:

- U12 would like to practice Friday nights at Vet Park. Fields 5&6 need to be prepped early for the weekend tournaments, before the light fades. Special Olympics is on 3&4. That only leaves 1&2 for

make-up games or inter-league games. Since Special Olympics is only until 7pm the U12's could possibly practice after them on 3&4.

- Sunday Select has modified the "Rec Pure" rule. The U12 team had let the 2 VIGS players go and asked 2 other girls to play. They then asked the 2 VIGS players to come back when the rule was modified. The u12 has 15 players. They will request double headers to try and get as many girls playing time and to deal with the continuous batting order.

Winter Clinics:

- The winter clinics went well and were a great success. Bill will send a thank you to all of the travel teams that ran the clinics.

Equipment:

- Bill looked into getting another trailer for the equipment to be stored at Vet Park. The cost is about \$2600 for the same size we currently have. The price includes painting.

Sponsorship (billboards):

- the new signs that St Lukes had made are already losing the grommets.
- Paul is looking at getting several more sponsors. He will have a list ready for Work Day that will explain where all the signs should be hung.

Sponsorship (teams):

- Renee hand delivered the sponsorship letters last week and will follow up with phone calls this week.
- Stacie said the printer needs the sponsor list by March 19th.

Field Maintenance:

- The new field mix is spread. Stacie will send Ted Mitchell a thank you note. Ted spreads the mix for RASA in exchange for free registrations for his daughters.
- Larry came and used his special drag to cut and level the fields. They look great!
- Haines & Kibblehouse will donate 24 tons of red grit for the dug outs and bullpens. The Township will divide it up and put it in the designated places. H&K will make up their own sign for their new company American Fuels and RASA will hang it in exchange for the stones. Ray Fox suggested they get a signed contract explaining the arrangement so it can be kept with all the other Billboard information. Bill said he will fax it to Shawna at H&K.
- The Township has signed a contract to weed & feed the fields. The Township is paying this expense.
- According to Tom Ranier at the Township they will be getting a new roller and will roll all the outfields and lips.
- Fencing: Helm Fencing is still going back and forth with Bill on pricing and time-line. Bill will try and barter a billboard for some of the work.

Teen Umps:

- The contract was reviewed and the only change was that the girls would need to have a time slip signed by the home team coach. A motion was made to approve the contract. All voted to approve the contract.

Spirit Wear

- Kelly Mitchell is going to go with SVS for the spirit wear. She looked into Milford Sports wear but there were so many problems with timeliness last year that she was hesitant to go with them this year. She also looked at MBM&C and while they were too expensive for spirit wear she is getting the magnets from them.
- Magnets: the will cost for 125 is \$4.35 each and they will be sold for \$6.00 each. They are cheaper if we purchase 250. A motion was made to purchase 250, all approved.
- Kelly has some leftovers from last year that she will sell on Opening Day.
- The following Pre-Orders were approved: 20 red tye-dye t-shirts, 20 blue tye-dye t-shirts, 12 long sleeved red shirts, 12 hoodies. Various sizes. Kelly will use these to fill the Opening Day orders and for cash and carry on the day.
- Kelly said Valerie Lopes could use any of the left-overs for Opening Day raffles.
- Kelly did make color copies of the order forms, she was able to use some of the profit from last year.

IV. New Business:

***Travel Teams:** The U14 Travel team tournament scheduled for 3/31 only has 6-U12 teams and 2-U14 teams. Rich and Jeff called many teams personally and they were told the teams folded, were waiting until after school ball was over, etc. Rich said they may look into adding U10 teams. Paul will ask Roy for his list of teams from last year. Roy did charge less for the tournament but made the teams pay the ump's so the fee actually was the same.

***Bob Fafard:** Bob sat with all the division coaches on Saturday and reviewed the rules. The coaches all came to a consensus on how each rule will be interpreted and what the consequence will be if a violation occurs. The interpretations were given to the board. Ray Fox took them so he could make sure the teen ump's understand. Stacie and Pete will make sure the rules are posted on the website. Bob also offered to have a meeting with all Rookies & Tball coaches this coming Saturday to go over drills and teaching techniques. Bob will also host the Minors & Majors coaches at a later date. Bob is trying to get consistency through all levels.

***Open Board Positions:** The list of Board positions was read and the only open positions are: Fall Ball director, Special Events Chairperson, Team Parent Coordinator, Umpire Director. The following board members would like assistants: Field Prep, Fundraising, Safety Manager, Uniforms, Equipment. It was asked that everyone try to think of a RASA parent that may be able to take over one of these spots.

***Work Day: 3/24** Bill will get a email together for Pete to send out. The day will start at 8AM. Bill wanted to make sure the Travel Teams got reminders.

***VIGS Rep:** the new VIGS rep is Barry Bright. The VIGS have asked for BlackOut dates and field availability. The VIGS league has voted 9-4 to allow B & C level travel pitchers to pitch in VIGS. They may only pitch 3 innings per game and each team is limited to 3 travel players. Also VIGS will be pitching from 43' this year.

***MiFi:** Pete was unable to get any more information this week. He will update us at the next meeting.

***U24:** There was an issue with a girl not being able to register on-line due to her age. Carl Chew said there is no minimum age so the girl may play up and register. Pete will fix the system. Paul thinks the league will have 8-10 teams. They will begin play 6/10-6/29. They will have 16 games and the teams will have to pay the ump's. the fee will be \$175 to \$225 per girl. All teams must have their money in to RASA before play may begin.

***High School Night:** The senior night will be May 14th on Field 2. The High School varsity team will play under the lights.

***Port-a-Pots:** MaryJo will tell the Township to deliver the port-a-pots before the 1st Tournament on March 31st. She will try and get them delivered by 3/25 for Work Day.

***InterLeague:** Kurt Elsner has agreed to arrange these games again this year. We said RASA would play 2 games per team, 1 home, 1 away. Kurt will let us know what he can arrange.

***Opening Day:** Bill requested IPOD music to be playing while the girls are waiting. Also since Ray Fox will be away coaching that day Bill will take over the MC duties. Val will use the left over spirit wear and softballs on shelves as give aways. She is having a meeting on Thursday. Val will make the schedule for the day-pictures and games and give the times to Beth.

***Scheduling:** Beth Rice will do the schedule. After Pete reviewed the RASA scheduling software it was noted that it was the same as Beth's so she could continue to use hers. It was noted that the schedule should have rotating game days. If a team plays M/W week 1 they should play T/TH week 2. Also tball teams should play down on fields 1-4. Beth said she was told it was dangerous for the tball girls if a fly ball came from a older

girls game. Bill felt it was safe for the girls. Also the Opening Day games would be scheduled by Val. The VIGS would like to play a scrimmage that day also. Pete needs the schedule by 3/24th. He would like to release it to the coaches march 31st.

***Youth Basketball League**-there is a new league forming and they emailed Stacie Calder asking for guidance since RASA had just gone through this process a few years earlier. Stacie gave the email to Paul Hetrick since he was the person with the most answers.

***Donations:** Stacie will try to get the girls that received donation money for their fees to write thank you notes to the people.

Adjournment:

9:07 PM Pete Hall motioned to adjourn and Rich Scott 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 3/18/12 at the clubhouse. This will be an executive meeting. The next general meeting is 4/11/12.