



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

May 21, 2012

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Peter Hall
Valerie Lopes
Ray Fox
Bob Fafard

Bill Coblentz
Charles Schaeffer
Robert Bless
Renee Cuce
Rich Ponak

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April 22nd meeting were approved. Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Renee Cuce 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Mary Jo was unable to attend the meeting so there was no treasure's update.

III. Old Business:

Spring Rec League:

- Rain make-ups: there are plenty of fields this coming week. There is 1 minors make-up scheduled for Vet Park 5 on Monday, Vet Park 6 on Tuesday, a practice on Wednesday and a game on Vet Park 1 on Thursday.
- It was requested that Bill Cramp not officiate at any of the playoff games for the majors. Stacie will email the request to John Gluck.

All-Star (teams):

- Went very well, except no umpires & game balls. Need to remember to schedule umpires next year and make sure there are game balls.
- It was noted that several of the medals were falling apart the night they were given to the girls. Ray Fox said to contact Debbie Kohler at BuxMont and she will make it correct.
- Mrs. Caputo has pictures for Pete to post on the website
- We had 3 sponsors for the night, McCoolle's, Richland Township Police, Guy Coby (sponsored both the minors teams). Renee will get them plaques
- Bill raffled off a set of Phillies tickets and we were able to make \$140

Field Maintenance:

- Helm Fencing will charge us \$5,500 for two 40' lengths plus filling in the triangle. We also need \$2,200 for maintenance and repair for a total bill of \$7,700. They will deduct \$1,200 for a sign for 4 years so we will owe \$6,500.

Home Run Derby:

- The day went very well but we do need more volunteers to Set-up Saturday morning and clean-up Saturday night.
- The accuracy throw was a problem area and it was suggested we use a dunk tank next year.
- The hitting still needs more time and each division needs to use the same machine. It was suggested to use the "Phillies" for the hitting portion.

Spirit Wear

- There were still a few issues but they are fewer now.
- Bill met with the President of the SV Sports, Jerry, and he was very sorry for the problems. He gave Bill a set of Phillies tickets to use as he saw fit.

- Bill wants to review all the bills before we pay them. Kelly will give Bill all the invoices.

IV. New Business:

***Girl Evaluations:** Bob has turned all the initial evaluations into an electronic format and emailed all coaches the original evaluation and a blank form for the end of season evaluation.

***Coaching Issues:** The Minors and Majors will have a Rules Clarification before the playoffs begin. There was one issue that needed to be addressed about call-ups. The coaches were very upset because of this issue and several were out of control. Next year the Tee-ball and minors will play on the same evenings and the Rookies & Majors will play on the same evening. This will allow call-ups to only be from the lower level.

***Pictures:** Renee Cuce will pick them up 5/21 so they may be handed out before the playoffs.

***Woman's League:** Not all the teams have paid yet so the schedule is not posted yet. Val and Bill will check the schedule and make sure it is correct. Who will be in charge of closing for rain? When will the decision be made? Someone will have to come up and make sure the fields are raked and brushed so the fields can dry for the evening games. The garage will be left open the nights Renee/Beth are playing, otherwise the door will be locked. The teams need to understand that there is NO SMOKING and NO ALCOHOL. If any team /player is caught with alcohol they are finished for the season. Ray Fox did have a problem with George practicing on a school field after the school had closed the fields. The field was very rutted up. Stacie will need to order game balls for the league, there are about 4-5 dozen in the equipment shed. Renee will check with Rich Ponak and let Stacie know how many more to order.

***Travel Teams:** This weekend the U14's came in 2nd place going 4-1-1 for the weekend. The U16's lost in the semi-finals but are having a great year.

***VIGS:** The RASA All-Star team finished 2nd in the U14 VIGS tournament this weekend.

***Robert Bless:** Mr. Bless came to air some concerns he had about the Rec League. He asked if it was possible to change the policy about forfeiting if not enough players. He suggested scheduling around school events or making sure that teams have equal number of players from all schools. It was explained that it was not possible to have talent balanced teams and school balanced teams. It was also explained that the school calendar was consulted but with 6 elementary schools and 2 middle schools it was impossible to schedule around every school event. The coaches are encouraged to communicate with their families and players constantly to ensure they have enough players for every game and if not then they have time to call up players from the lower level. Mr. Bless was also concerned about the coach's conduct and he was encouraged to follow the Chain of Command if he had a specific concern. He just wanted to make sure we weren't scaring off volunteers by a few bad behaviors.

Adjournment:

Pete Hall motioned to adjourn and Ray Fox 2nd. All agreed.
Next meeting – Wednesday, 6/13/12 at the clubhouse.