



## 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."*

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## RASA MINUTES

October 10, 2012

### Attendees

Stacie Calder  
Matt Caputo  
Peter Hall  
Bob Fafard  
MaryJo Webb

Bill Coblentz  
Val Lopes  
Paul Hetrick  
Rick Galloway

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**I. Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** The following bills were approved to be paid:

Bill Coblentz	Maintenance 9/20-22
Bill Coblentz	Maintenance 10/6-7
League Athletics	Annual Website Fee
Richland Township	Monthly Loan Payment
Richland Township	Mr. John 7/20-8/16
	Allied (Sept)
	PPL to 8/31
	Mr. John extra cleaning (7/21,22,29)
	Mr. John extra pots & sanitizer for FC
	Water reading to 7/2/12

Paul Hetrick motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

### III. Old Business:

#### Fall Ball:

- There are still 19 unpaid players (4 Rec league, 15 VIGS). Pete will send an email to all those unpaid. The email will be from the board.
- Matt Caputo felt Fall Ball was going well.

#### Travel Teams:

- U16's are going well.

#### Equipment Shed:

- Stacie saw an ad in the Penny Power for Sea Containers. Bill will call the ad and check it out. If we can obtain a container we will be able to keep the equipment at the park instead of across town.

#### Indoor Space:

- Still working on getting more space. Stacie has put in a request for every Wednesday at Strayer from 6-9. It is in final step of the approval process.
- It was decided that we will have pitching lessons outside on Tuesday and Thursday at Vet Park and beginning November if Strayer is not approved for Wednesdays pitching lessons will move the Freshman Center on Mondays. We still need indoor space for January and February
- Matt Caputo contacted East Swamp church and we will not be able to use their space as it is already booked all winter long. We are still waiting to hear from Power Ally (Ray Fox) and Camp Men-O-Lan (Bill Coblentz).

### **Bathrooms:**

- Bill has been talking to the Township and John Beupreau and they will work on getting the initial plans in place for permanent bathrooms. It seems that we may be 1 year away from the sewer restriction being lifted. Bill would like to have all the groundwork done and in place for when we will be allowed to start the process of permits and approval.

### **Field Maintenance:**

- Paul Hetrick contacted Bill Scott and had him come out to look at the fields. Bill has a new method for mixing clay and various soils and also putting in bricks under the bases and home plate. This allows the fields to drain properly and once a field is redone you never have to add top mix again. It is very expensive, \$15,000 per field just for materials. Bill will look into this further and try to get an estimate for labor so we can budget for this in the future. It was suggested to try and get some of the larger businesses to sponsor an entire field. If we can get a field sponsor for \$15,000 per field for 5 years we could have the fee cover the soil replacement.

### **IV. New Business:**

**\*PSAC Softball Championships: (email in minutes folder)** Bill heard back from Steve Murray, PSAC Commissioner. There will be 8 teams. RASA will receive money from the field rental \$750 per day, concession stand sales, t-shirt sales, and half of ticket sales (\$8-10 per person). Volunteers will be needed for 4 days. It was suggested to use Senior Citizens for the score board.

**\*2013 Tournament Fees:** a special meeting of the executive Board will have to be held to decide next year's rental fees. We need to make sure we are covering all of the expenses. The meeting will be held one hour before the next meeting.

**\*Vet Park Closing:** the park will be closed November 17<sup>th</sup>. Bill will work on putting together a list of jobs. An email will be sent out organization wide asking for volunteers.

**\*Volunteers:** Rick Galloway mentioned that Merck has a program that has employees donate time to local non-profits. Valerie added that Best Buy has a similar program for local community programs.

**\*2013 Registration:** After adding up the 2012 Rec League expenses it was decided to keep the 2013 registration fees the same as 2012. The fees are as follows:

Tball: \$55 fee plus \$50 raffle

Rookies: \$75 fee plus \$50 raffle

Minors & Majors: \$80 plus \$50 raffle

VIGS: \$100 fee plus \$50 raffle

Sunday Select fees will be \$75 per player with a sponsor, \$95 per player without a sponsor

Registration will close March 1<sup>st</sup> and late fees will begin February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The late fee will be \$25 and if anyone is added after March 1<sup>st</sup> they will have to pay a \$10 uniform fee.

**\*ASA:** RASA will have to join ASA in the spring to ensure the umpires are covered by insurance. ASA will give us score books and rule books. Bob Fafard said there are local meetings/trainings in Fogelsville and DeSalles.

**\*Coach Recruitment:** Bob Fafard would like to try to offer incentives to coaches to try and retain good coaches or encourage others to step up. Bob suggested free registration but the board felt it was not a good precedent to set. It was decided to offer free ASA certification if the coaches take the class by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Bob and Matt Caputo will begin approaching coaches to ask them to commit to coaching next year.

### **Adjournment:**

Bob Fafard motioned to adjourn and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 10/21/12 RASA meeting 7pm, Executive Meeting 6pm