



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

November 18, 2012

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Peter Hall
Bob Fafard
Rich Scott
Valerie Lopes
Matt Caputo

Ray Wilkinson
Ray Fox
Brian Wilson
Paul Hetrick
Renee Cuce
John Pepkowski

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 18th meeting were approved. Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Rich Scott 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: Mid-month mini-report: The The following bills were approved to be paid:

Bill Coblentz	Maintenance expense
Bill Coblentz	TNT Maintenance for Tournament
Richland Township	Loan Payment
DC Concrete	Field 6
Watson Contracting	Hurricane damage**
Larry Bearnd	grooming FC & Memorial Park
????	fencing extension and repairs deposit
Mary Jo Webb	paint for clubhouse

**Bob Fafard asked if the Township has any insurance that could cover the storm damage. RASA insurance is only liability for player injuries. Paul Hetrick will look into this. Mary Jo Webb is looking for insurance for 2013 and she will make sure to look into property insurance as well as liability.

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

III. Old Business:

Closing Vet Park:

- It took about 2 hours to close Vet Park. Most of the participants were from the U14 and U16 travel teams.

Indoor Space:

- We lost our Milford space in January and February that was to be used for Open Clinics. Bill Coblentz has been working with Kelly Harper personally to try and replace the gym space. He is currently trying to get us Wednesday and Friday at QE. There is no guarantee that we will get the space.
- Ray Fox has been working with Tim Bryan from Power Alley to see if RASA/Sunday Select/Travel teams could arrange to pay for indoor practice space. (email included in minutes) Tim has Tues/Thurs from 6-9 available. The cost would be \$4800 (a discounted price) and they would like to put their information on the RASA website. After some discussions it was decided that the travel teams would not use the space and time and it was too small for Open Clinics so Ray will go back to Tim and ask for Tuesdays only for the Sunday Select teams at a cost of \$2000. The SS players will have to help pay a portion of the cost of the rental The U14 Pa Panthers coaches have offered to work with the SS coaches to help maximize the work out time and organize practice plans.
- Pitching lessons will be at Strayer, Wednesday nights from 6-9 from now until March.

Equipment Shed:

- The equipment shed (shipping container) has been delivered and aired out. Stacie asked if people could volunteer to help move all the equipment from Apple Alley to the shed at Vet Park. The equipment move will take place Saturday 11/24/12 from 11-1 and then again if needed Sunday 11/25/12 from 11-1. Stacie will purchase cable and hooks to increase the storage space inside the shed.

2013 Registration:

- The registration forms are ready to go live on December 1st. Pete Hall will send out an email. Everyone at the meeting was asked to take a yard sign to put out on December 1st.
- Paul Hetrick talked to Terri DeAngelo at one of the Quakertown schools and wanted to make sure that the registration is put on the Community web page of the district site and that paper copies were placed in the schools. Valerie Lopes offered to take paper copies to St Isadores CCD classes to hand out.

Open Board Position:

- Elections will be held this December for all positions. Ray Fox will be stepping down as Vice President and Matt Caputo was suggested as a candidate.
- Pete Hall will send out an email blast listing all the positions and asking for volunteers.
- It was asked that people try to personally ask people to take over a position and invite them to the next meeting.

IV. New Business:

***USSSA World Series:** Jeff Kittle has been awarded a leg of the World Series 7/22/13-7/27/13 for the 11U, 12U, 13U. There were many questions about the tournament and the work that would be required. Bill was unable to attend the meeting so this item will be placed on the agenda for next meeting. Jeff Kittle said he will buy us a new field liner (\$150-\$325).

***Pitching Coach:** Leslie Smith is a former QHS graduate and pitcher. She has begun offering pitching lessons at Power Alley. She will be listed on the RASA website as an additional pitching coach. (email included in mintues)

***New Field Mix System:** Ray Fox has been investigating the fields that are listed at references by Scott Bills CSFM. Ray has visited the Lehighon field on a Friday night. He found that the field has gorgeous grass, the softball field was turtle backed, the mix felt more granular than our current mix, and there were swails where water had pooled. He was able to talk to the coach who said the drains work ok but he works on the field everyday and adds field mix regularly. He has not physically visited the Salisbury field but has had email contact with the coach and maintenance people. Their opinion is that the treatment did not meet their expectations. Discussion was held about just doing the home plate areas or having someone come train our volunteers to eliminate the labor cost. The following motion was made by Pete Hall and 2nd by Matt Caputo and passed unanimously:

RASA will pay \$1600 for materials only to re-do one field's home plate and pitching areas with the brick and clay materials only. The installation will only happen if a committee has met with the company and feels the company will provide the labor and directions for volunteers to complete the remaining fields.

Bob Fafard and Brian Wilson would like to be included in the discussion with the company and will be present at the installation to learn the process and train other RASA volunteers. Paul Hetrick felt strongly that we need to do this updating to make sure the fields and the complex is still thriving in the future.

***Official Colors/Mascot:** Brian Wilson asked if RASA has any official colors or a mascot. RASA does not have official colors or a mascot. While we can't make our Rec team the official colors we can make the Sunday Select teams the official colors. We can have a mascot for the interleague games. Brian Wilson suggested going with the QCSD colors of blue and white. It was decided that all would think about colors and a mascot to be voted on at the next meeting.

***Important Dates Calendar:** Opening Day will be April 13th, 2013. The Calendar will be reviewed at the next meeting as the dates for some events are up in the air until outside events are set.

***Website:** RASA Venom will be removed from the website as the team is no longer associated with RASA. Pete will remove the team and all links.

***Emails:** Paul Hetrick and John Pepkowski did not receive the email that the last meeting was cancelled. An email went out to everyone registered in the 2012 Spring and Fall leagues but since neither have a daughter playing at RASA anymore they were not included. Stacie and Pete will make sure this is corrected in the future.

Adjournment:

Pete Hall motioned to adjourn and Matt Caputo 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Wednesday, 12/5/12 RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park