



## 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

December 5, 2012

### Attendees

Stacie Calder  
Bob Fafard  
Paul Hetrick  
Matt Caputo  
Mary Jo Webb

Peter Hall  
Brian Wilson  
Valerie Lopes  
John Pepkowski  
Bill Coblentz

Ray Fox  
Rich Scott  
Renee Cuce  
Rick Galloway

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**I. Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with the following corrections and additions:

*The "?????" in treasurer's report section should read Watson Contracting Bill Coblentz would like to add to the 'New Field Mix System' that the quote of \$1600 is based on 4 fields. The pricing may not be honored if we only do the pitching mound and home plate area on 1 field.*

Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Mary Jo Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

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

Richland Township	Loan Payment
Richland Township	Mr. John 9/14-10/12
Richland Township	Allied Month of November**
Richland Township	PPL to 10/17/12
Richland Township	Water reading to 8/30/12***

\*\*Allied bills a month ahead. We do not use the service after closing the park November 17<sup>th</sup>. We will receive a credit in the spring when we begin using the service again.

\*\*\*This amount is the new minimum billing for the Water bill.

Ray Fox was concerned that we spent \$23,000 more this year than last year. This is mostly due to field maintenance that had to be done (fencing repairs, Hurricane damage, all sun shades replaced, all fields received in-field mix, etc) These expenses are 1 time expenses and will only occur approximately every 5 years. We did know they were coming and had a surplus that was used to cover the expenses. Also the fall tournaments have not been billed yet so our \$12,000 deficit will be off-set by this income.

We still have the final payment to make for the fencing improvements and the batting cage support was sheared off so that will need to be replaced or repaired. Someone mentioned talking to Steve Tobin the artist on California Rd to see if he or one of his workers would be willing to volunteer time to fix the pole.

Going forward we will try to take advantage of more Grant opportunities and Billboard sales to generate more outside income.

It was decided that due to the economy and the need for more field improvements Mary Jo Webb will put together a budget so that going forward we can monitor our expenses more closely. We now have 5 years of solid records to pull from and an accurate budget will be more easily compiled.

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

### **III. Old Business:**

#### **Indoor Space:**

- We were approved for 6 weeks at Pfaff in January and February (1/4/13-2/15/13) for winter clinics. There was some concern that it was not a big enough space. We may have to switch pitching lessons to Fridays and use Strayer on Wednesday for the clinics. We still do not have any space for Sunday Select. It was decided that we would not use Power Alley.
- Matt Caputo asked that we try to get Trumbauersville Elementary school for pitching lessons on Wednesday nights. Matt has been talking with the principal and he said he would have no objection to RASA using the space. It is only big enough for 5 girls to pitch at a time but it could free up some of the space in Strayer on Wednesdays and the Strayer space could be used for Winter Clinics.
- Marsha Latimer of the school district sent an email that we must have our new insurance certification to the district before the end of the year or we will lose our space. Mary Jo is working on this and as soon as the forms arrive she will get Bill to sign and deliver it to the school district.

#### **Registration:**

- It was decided that VIGS registration will be wait-listed after 30 girls sign up to ensure that the teams are not too large. Once another 12 girls are on the wait-list then a 3<sup>rd</sup> team will be created.
- There is some discussion about whether VIGS players will be allowed on the Sunday Select teams and whether it will be Rec pure. Last year the interleague decided that it would be rec pure but we have no idea whether that will stay this year or not. It was decided we will not have Sunday Select try-outs until after the interleague meeting to avoid any problems with girls making the team and then not being eligible.

#### **Election of Board Position: all terms are for 2 years**

- President: Bill Coblentz
- Vice President: Matt Caputo (A huge thank you to Ray Fox for his dedication over the past years)
- Secretary: Stacie Calder
- Treasurer: Mary Jo Webb
- Director of Coaching: Bob Fafard and Rick Galloway
- Adult League Coordinator: Valerie Lopes and Renee Cuce
- Awards Coordinator-Brian Wilson
- Background checks: Kelly Hall
- Concessions: John Pepkowski
- Equipment coordinator: Open (Stacie Calder will fulfill this responsibility if no one steps forward)
- Fall Ball Coordinator: Pete Hall
- Field Prep Coordinator: Bill Coblentz (Bob Fafard would like to be an assistant)
- Fundraising Coordinator: Valerie Lopes
- Game Scheduler: Open (This position has been modified so that the person taking this responsibility must be available year round and attend all RASA meetings) Beth Rice will be asked if she would can commit to this new requirement. If she cannot do this Pete Hall will take over the position.
- Home Run Derby-OPEN
- Interleague Coordinator: Kurt Elsner (Bob Fafard will work with Kurt to learn this position)
- Picture Coordinator-Renee Cuce
- Registration Coordinator-Stacie Calder and Pete Hall
- Richland Township Lianson-Paul Hetrick
- Safety Manager-Mary Jo Webb
- Scholarship Director-Ray Fox
- Sponsorship Coordinator-Renee Cuce (team sponsors) Paul Hetrick (billboards)

- Spring Ball Chair: OPEN (Stacie Calder and Matt Caputo will cover these responsibilities if no one steps up)
- Team Parent: OPEN
- Tournament Master Scheduler: this position is no longer needed
- Tournament Director: this position is no longer needed
- Travel Team Director: Rich Scott
- Uniform Coordinator: OPEN (Kris Wilson is considering this position. She will let us know at the next meeting)
- Umpire Director: Bob Fafard and Rick Galloway
- Vet Park Manager: Bill Coblenz (this position is overseeing the Opening and Closing of the park)
- VIGS Coordinator-OPEN (Bill will ask Barry Bright if he wishes to continue if not then Bob will ask Ed Gall to fill the position)
- Webmaster: Pete Hall

Pete Hall will send out an email to all members with the open positions asking for volunteers.

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

**\*RASA Official Colors:** It was decided that RASA needs to set official colors for our Sunday Select and VIGS teams. The following motion was made by Brian Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Fafard:

*RASA's official colors will be Blue, Black, and White. These colors will support the Quakertown School District.*

The motion was unanimously passed.

**\*Penny Drive:** Raised \$1,516.43. It was decided that \$1,000 would go to Quakertown Cares, \$250 to the Milford Shelter, and \$250 to the Senior Center. Valerie Lopes will send out information to everyone when she presents the checks so we can take pictures. Hopefully a large number of girls will be able to help at the presentations.

**\*New Field Mix System:** Bill Coblenz did want everyone to be aware that the new concrete brick field mix system must be kept wet and tarped every night. This would be maintenance that must be done nightly.

Bob Fafard has been speaking to Ken Williams who maintains the American Legion fields in Quakertown. He says they spend \$2000 for labor and materials and must fix the fields every other year. Ken is willing to show Bob how the fields are maintained. Bob will report back once he has done more investigating.

Ray Fox mentioned that the GunClub uses a thick rubber mat buried 4"-5" below the dirt at home plate to help prevent the breakdown and loss of in-field mix. The maintenance is raking and making sure all holes are filled.

**\*Important Dates Calendar:** An Executive meeting will be set to approve the 2013 calendar. Bill Coblenz has the tournament dates that Jeff and Roy are requesting.

**\*ASA Insurance:** Bob Fafard wanted to know if the ASA insurance that RASA will need to purchase for Umpire liability will allow the coaches to get certified for free. Also he wanted to know if they offered Facility Property insurance. Stacie Calder will get in contact with Dave Souder to find out the answers.

**\*Positive Coaching Alliance:** Jason Pratt is the coordinator and has been running a program at Deep Run and QSC. He is willing to come to a January meeting and give a presentation of what is available and the costs. Bob did inform Mr. Pratt that we cannot afford to pay for a program but he insured Bob that there are very inexpensive or free opportunities.

**\*TSE:** Is a new indoor sports facility in Hatfield. The owner, Jeff, would like to start offering winter camps for softball. He is also offering free indoor space to get people into the building. More information can be found at [tse.academy.com](http://tse.academy.com)

**\*Hurricane Damage:** Paul Hetrick has asked the Township to look into their liability insurance to see if any of the damage could be covered.

**Adjournment:**

Pete Hall motioned to adjourn and Rick Galloway 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meeting – Wednesday, 12/16/12 RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park