

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

September 11, 2011

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Paul Hetrick
Bill Coblentz
Rich Scott
Mary Jo Webb

Craig MacIntyre
Peter Hall
Valerie Lopes
Ray Fox

I. Secretary's Report: Ray Fox motioned to approve the minutes and Rich Scott 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Reviewed the Treasurer's report.

The water bill seems to be quite high. Tim Arnold said the water for Vet Park is provided by Quakertown Borough. Mary Jo contacted the Borough and was told the water use to be \$60 per quarter minimum and now it is \$60 per month minimum. She will contact them again to make sure they have us down as a no-profit and not a commercial business.

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

III. Old Business:

Fall Ball:

- There is 1 U14 VIGS team, 2 majors teams, 2 minors teams, 1 rookies team.
- The U18 team did not have enough players but they were able to merge with another areas club to make a team. Adam Hamrick will help coach.
- Due to the rain last week and the cancellation of the first night of Fall Ball it was decided that the following Thursday (9/15) would be the make-up day.
- The lights will be turned on at 7pm to assure safe playing conditions until 8pm.
- It was decided that any girl would be allowed to play up or down in Fall Ball.

Travel Teams (Rich Scott/Craig MacIntyre):

Travel Contract

The contract was reviewed and the following changes were made:

- 1 Shared Spring Tournament would be allowed for the U12&u14 teams and 1 Shared Spring Tournament for the U16 & U18 teams
- the tournament would not be free it will be a \$800 fee, all extra fees associated with extra cleanings/supplies/field maintenance will be paid by the travel team
- the contract will run August 1st to July 31st
- if more than 36 teams will be in the tournament than extra port-a-potties must be ordered
- any monies left in the travel teams bank account will be returned to the families, a minimum balance may be kept in the account to keep the account open.

Bill Coblentz will call Jeff Kittle and explain that 2 weekends will be needed for travel tournaments.

Woman's League (Renee Cuce):

- Fall league will just be for fun there is no set schedule and teams.

IV. New Business:

***School indoor practice space & pitching lessons (Stacie Calder):**RASA has the following indoor space from December 1st, 2011 to March 13th, 2012 and it has been assigned as follows

- Freshman Center, Mondays, 6-8 PM U14 Travel Team practice
- Strayer, Mondays, 6-7:30 PM Sunday Select U10 practice
- Strayer, Mondays 7:30-9:00 PM Sunday Select U12 practice
- Milford Mondays 6-10 PM Pitching lessons (must be for RASA girls only and no more than 5 girls per coach per hour)
- Freshman Center, Tuesdays, 6-8 PM U16 Travel Team
- Clinics will be at the Freshman Center 6-7 Mondays and Tuesdays in February and March (the travel teams will help at the clinics and then practice 7-9 PM afterwards) One night will be Tball/Rookies and one night will be Minors/Majors/VIGS. There will also be specialized nights for bunting, sliding and catchers.

It was requested that more indoor space be reserved for pitching lessons in October and November. Stacie will put a request in with Maureen Montoney at the district for Mondays at Milford & the Freshman Center. (or any indoor space that is available)

***Field Maintenance & Vet Park Closing Day (Bill Coblentz):** Bill has contacted Tom Raider at the Township and they will try to get the top fill dropped off at the fields after the last tournament. Ted Mitchell will spread it. Bill will also contact the Moyer's to see if they will seed the fields for a free sign or a at a discount. Haines & Kibblehouse will again donate the red cinder (3 loads). Bill offered them a free sign and they said they would make the sign, Bill just had to give them the dimensions.

Closing Day 11/5/11-Bill will email the Venom, TNT, and the PA Panthers U14 & U16 to make sure they have the date on their calendars and will be there to help out. Bill will divide the volunteers into groups to get the tarps down, signs down, bases taken up, trash cans stored, etc. Bill is planning on ordering all new tarps for the 2012 season. Ray Fox will take down the AED and store it for the winter.

***Bathrooms (Ray Fox):** Ray mailed the letters to the Township and Tim Arnold reported he received his. John Beaupre will do the design and plans. We have two options: 1 is to put in a larger holding tank (we are only allowed one per zoning) or 2 is to cross the railroad tracks to the existing line. We will have to wait to see what option the Township/Sewer department approves. Bill Coblentz estimates the project will take until 2013.

***2012 Spring Rec League/Key Dates (Stacie Calder):** Stacie and Pete will get together and make a list of important dates for the coming year. Bill suggested going to the QYBA website to check out their list. The following changes will be made to the 2012 schedule:

- Home Run Derby-Due to the shortened school year, there will be games scheduled the day of the Derby. Also it was suggested to use the batting cages for the accuracy throw to help free up fields 5&6.
- Opening Day will also be Picture Day. Games will be scheduled for this day as in the past.

***Get More People Involved:** Ideas were suggested to get more volunteers and to get more parents of younger players. It was suggested to send an email organization wide inviting them to the RASA meetings; post a "Help Wanted" banner on the website, send an email out organization wide telling them to friend the RASA FaceBook page so they will be kept up-to-date.

***Umpires for Minors:** It was noted on the survey that several people requested paid umpires for the minors' games. It was noted that minors pay the same fee as the majors and yet they do not receive professional

umpires. Also this past year the minors played 10 games and all other divisions played 12 games. Bill asked if a simple survey could be sent to the minors parents asking in they would rather have professional umpires or trophies. Ray Fox suggested asking John Gluck to run an Umpire Training Clinic for VIGS players 14-18 and have them umpire the games.

Adjournment:

Mary Jo Webb motioned to adjourn at 9:25 PM and Pete Hall 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 10/9/11 at Veteran’s Park Clubhouse (the 9/22/11 meeting was cancelled)