

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

October 9, 2011

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Bill Coblentz
Rich Scott

Paul Hetrick
Valerie Lopes
Ray Fox

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

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Review of the Treasurer's report. The following checks were approved for payment:

Richland Township	PPL Bill Allied Bill for August plus extra dump for TNT Water bill for July Mr. John bill for 7/22-8/18 Tournament extra port-o-pots
League Athletics	website-annual domain fee

Pete Hall said the domain fee for the website is reasonable considering we get Text Alerts, Facility Scheduling, E mailing Ability, and User Security.

On a motion from Paul Hetrick and 2nd by Ray Fox it was agreed that John Pepkowski would be allowed to keep all of the profit from the snack stand for the remainder of the tournament season. John's businesses have been slow and as a thank you for his past generosity it was agreed that no further payments would be accepted this year.

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

III. Old Business:

Fall Ball:

- The Saturday/Sunday Interleague and VIGS games were rescheduled to November 5th. Bill would look to see if maybe a double header could be scheduled.
- The Fall Ball regular night scheduled for 10/31 will be moved to Thursday 11/3 to avoid any conflict with Halloween.

Travel Teams (Rich Scott/Craig MacIntyre):

Travel Contract

The contract was approved

- Bill will email it to John Beaupreau and have him sign it and mail it back. Rich Scott and Carig MacIntyre will have to sign.

Woman's League (Renee Cuce):

- Valerie felt it was not worth having Fall Ball for the woman's league. There were only 4 teams and Renee got some complaints when the fields were closed. The one complaint was when the

U14 travel team was using the batting cages and grass areas. The woman's league did not realize that they travel team stayed off the fields and also swept water off the fields to try and help them dry.

IV. New Business:

***School indoor practice space & pitching lessons (Stacie Calder):**RASA has the following additional indoor space from October 1st, 2011 to November 30th, 2011 and it has been assigned as follows

- Strayer, Mondays, 6-10 PM
- Freshman Center Tuesday 6-10

The school district contacted Stacie Calder to see if RASA was going to use the space since it had been empty the last 2 weeks. Pitching lesson must begin 10/17 or we will lose the space and possibly our indoor space for December-March.

Donna and Vanessa will give pitching lessons on Mondays.

The Sunday Select practices will be changed to Milford so the pitching lessons will be consistently at Strayer.

Bill will email Donna, Rich Scott will email Vanessa, Mary Jo will email her contact.

***Field Maintenance & Vet Park Closing Day (Bill Coblenz):**

Closing Day may be moved back a week. Jeff Kittle of USSSA has received some interest in hosting a tournament that weekend. Bill will let Pete and Stacie know if the date is changed so they can send out a corrected email and update the website.

Sun Shader Tarps: all of the tarps will need to be replaced and we are going with DeRoche Truck Covers & Tarps Inc. They will use seat belt material for the grommet areas and the main body of the tarp will be trampoline material. The estimate for a 9' x 20' tarp is \$125. We will need to replace all 12. Next year we will use a continuous wire to attach the tarps so they can move side to side.

Bull Pens & Gates: some of the fence areas need to be replaced or repaired.

Golf Cart: The cart seemed to be losing its charge so John Pepkowski took the cart to Willards and the golf cart will need 6 new car batteries at a cost of \$70 each. They will be replaced in the spring since the cart will sit unused all winter. The charger will need to be checked too. When not in use the cart batteries will need to be disconnected. Bill would love to get a gator for all the dirty jobs (trash) and use the golf cart for transport.

Tractor- will be taken in for annual maintenance after the closing day.

***Bathrooms (Ray Fox):** The Township has the letters of RASA intent to build bathrooms. Bill needs to sit down with John Beapreau to get the engineering plans completed.

***2012 Spring Rec League/Key Dates (Stacie Calder):** Stacie had the tentative list of dates that was reviewed at the meeting. Stacie will make the updates and email out again to everyone for input.

***Umpires for Minors:** Stacie Calder will contact John Gluck to see if he has enough umpires to ump the Minors games and how much he would charge for those games.

***Coat Drive:** Bill Coblenz would like to organize a coat drive to help the areas of the state that were effected by the Hurricane and flooding. Ray Fox will investigate to see if there is a relief fund or list of needed items. The items will be collected at Vet Park during Fall Ball and the tournaments.

***Tournaments:** This weekend's tournament was a little rough since Sylvia, our coordinator was out of the country. She had forgotten to order the extra Port-a-pots and cleanings and the Township was giving Bill the

run around when he tried to solve the problem at the last minute. A representative from Mr. John contacted the Township and was able to get everything straightened out and delivered the extra pots Friday afternoon. Bill also noted it took him 3 hours to drag the fields at the High School. The trash was piled up Sunday morning due to a miscommunication but it was all taken care of by 9 am.

***National Tournament Association:** Jeff Kittle of USSSA suggested that RASA join this organization. Some of the benefits would be bulk buying and best practices. Bill is attending a meeting on 10/17/11 and will report back.

School District Facilities: Due to budget cuts the district will be unable to maintain the softball fields until they are needed in the spring. Bill has met with Kelly Harper, Facilities Director, and offered to help maintain the fields, and to have RASA donate 2 sets of break away bases. Bill will keep us updated on the situation.

***Penny Drive:** The penny drive raised \$1141. Val will put a thank you in the Penny Power and Pete will get a note on the website homepage.

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)