



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

February 10, 2013

Attendees

Stacie Calder

Paul Hetrick

Bob Fafard

Renee Cuce

Kelly Mitchell

Mike Suchanec (PCA)

Peter Hall

Mary Jo Webb

John Pepkowski

Rich Ponak

Matt Caputo

Brian Wilson

Ed Gall

Valerie Lopes

Beth Rice

Jason Pratt (PCA)

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 13th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Mary Jo Webb 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance includes some registration money but Mary Jo only pulls it once every two weeks so not all money is reflected in this report. We actually have more girls registered YTD than last year.

*The Sunday Select teams will have a Walmart Bucket drop to repay the money used to pay for indoor practice space.

No financial information has been received from the U14 Travel Team since November.

Matt Caputo motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report and Beth Rice 2nd. All approved.

III. Old Business:

Registration:

- Currently we have 17 Tball (3 teams), 20 Rookies (3 teams), 41 Minors (4 teams), 30 Majors (3 teams), 19 U14 VIGS (2 teams-wait list starts at 30). The spike in Minors and Majors is due to the Sunday Select try-outs, the girls need to be registered before they are allowed to try-out for the team. Bob Fafard will make sure this is monitored and all girls are registered.
- The U24 registration fee was set at \$125 and a \$25 light fee.
- There was a walk-in registration at the Dairy Queen 2/9 from 10-2. Only 12 girls registered. Another registration will try to be added at the High School on 2/21/13. It was felt the snow caused poor turn out at the registration.
- There was a computer glitch with the Rookies registration and it only charged \$105 instead of \$125. This affects about 12 registrations. It was decided to send an email asking the families to pay the \$20. If they did not pay there would not be any penalty. Pete Hall will send the email Monday.
- Pete Hall handed out phone lists to the board members to make phone calls to unregistered girls. They should remind the families a late fee begins 2/22/13. If the board member making the phone calls sets up any kind of special arrangements (late payment, financial need, playing up, etc) they need to let Pete Hall or Stacie Calder know immediately so a note can be placed on the file.
- Skills Clinics: after a discussion of the March Indoor space it was decided that March 4th and 11th would be used at snow-make-up dates. Stacie mentioned that there were a Monday and that the High School season would have begun so she did not think the U16s would be able to run the clinics. Bob Fafard said he would run/organize the clinics. Bob also would like to have Catching Clinics on 3/18 and 3/25.

Indoor Space:

- We have one more clinic this Friday at Pfaff. TNT will be running it. Bill will confirm.
- We actually have more indoor space in March and after a discussion it was decided that:
 - ***Mondays at Strayer** would be 1/3 pitching lessons with Donna, 2/3 Sunday Select practice space. It was noted that the Sunday Select players would not be able to attend the clinics and Rich and Brian agreed. They said if it was a skill they wanted their teams to practice they would go to the clinic and cancel practice.
 - ***Mondays at FC** would be clinics
 - ***Wednesday at Strayer** would be pitching lessons with Donna and Mike

Picture Vendor:

- Renee Cuce presented several packages from photographers. Dana James was also present to give our information since Renee was unable to print the information.
- It was decided to award the contract to Dana James this year to try and stay local but if there were any problems RASA would use a large/corporate company next year. Dana must guarantee the quality of the group pictures that are given to the sponsors and she must have a 3 week turn around time. The motion was made by Pete Hall and 2nd by Brian Wilson. It passed with only Paul Hetrick voting against.

Uniforms:

- Brian Wilson was representing Kris at the meeting and had several questions about the uniform. The following was discussed and voted on as the 2013 Uniform:
 - *Tshirts: instead of the sleeveless option of past years we will have t-shirts. This is \$1.50 cheaper than the sleeveless shirts. Coaches and 1 assistant will receive the same colored shirt.
 - *Visors: it was decided by a vote of 8-2 to keep the visors. Visors cost \$6
 - *Shorts/Pants: It was decided unanimously to order pants for all Minors/Majors/VIGS players. Tball and Rookies will still get shorts. Pants cost \$5 more than shorts. Also the sizes people ordered were based on shorts. Kris will need to contact all to get the correct pants sizes or set up a try-on at SVS.
 - *Socks-it was decided unanimously to order solid colored socks to match the shirts and get rid of the stirrup socks. The cost is the same.

Billboards:

- Brian Wilson asked if RASA could offer a discount to sponsors that wished to both sponsor a team and a billboard. It will be decided at the next meeting after some research into what other organizations do.

Clay Bricks:

- Bob Fafard, Rich Scott, and Bill Coblenz met with Rob Neiman who does the maintenance of the bricks at Memorial Park. Rob offered to help RASA set-up a system. He actually makes his own bricks and mix and will show RASA how.
- It is a huge amount of maintenance-the bricks need to be watered daily and the area tarped when not in use. Rob is paid to maintain the field.
- We could use one field (#4) as a championship field and only schedule tball games on the field.
- MaryJo did say the \$3000 grant needed to be used for improvements so we could use the money for this.
- This would have to be discussed at the next meeting.

PSAC:

- A meeting will be held Thursday 2/21/13 at the High School at 7pm. An email to people that signed up will be sent out.

IV. New Business:

*PCA-Jason Pratt attended the meeting to give us a presentation. Positive Coaching Alliance is a non-profit organization that began in 1998 at Stanford. It promotes sportsmanship, leadership, and self-control. A stronger

competitor can be created by not only technical skills but also by the above qualities. The PCA offers online workshops and in-person workshops that can last from 30 minutes to 2 hours. He explained it is worth the time and money because they teach more than just the game and it is a lasting partnership. RASA would receive presentations, email newsletters, website access, banners, workshops, and continued support throughout the year to reinforce the ideas and practices. An on-line workshop costs \$35 per coach. This is a one time deal. The costs will go up from there. Bob Fafard would like to see a board workshop/presentation and then a decision be made whether to take PCA organization wide. More discussion and detailed pricing will be needed.

***USSSA World Series:** Bill Coblentz and John Pepkowski attended a meeting with USSSA World Series. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

***FSACamps:** FSA is requesting to rent RASA fields again for summer camps. Ray Fox has volunteered to prep the fields and run the snack stand. Brian Wilson was concerned that Jon Adams was the gentleman that caused all the problems with POD. He would like to make sure last years camps ran well and that there will be no problems before the dates are added to the calendar. Stacie Calder will email Ray Fox.

***Field Work:** Kelly Mitchell asked if RASA would like Ted Mitchell to spread the top fill again on the fields. He does not charge RASA in exchange for free registrations for his daughters. Stacie will contact Bill Coblentz to email/call Ted to make arrangements.

***Spirit Wear:** Kelly wanted to know if we wanted to keep the same logo for the spirit wear. It was decided yes. Kelly is thinking of going with SVS again since they claim all the problems have been worked out. Stacie Calder suggested Sports Center USA and Joe Lococo in Bethlehem. She will give the information to Kelly so she can compare. Pete Hall offered to put the store back up on the website. Kelly will give us an answer after she has done some investigating.

***VIGS-**Ed Gall did not have an update since the meeting was moved. He will give us an update at the next meeting.

***Strayer Space:** Rich Ponak said he is having a problem with Mike the pitching coach at Strayer on Wednesday since Mike will not let the wall be closed. A motion was made to have the wall closed at 7pm. All agreed. Bob Fafard will contact Mike and let him know that safety is our priority and therefore the wall will be closed at 7pm when he has fewest students and the U12 Sunday Select begin practicing. Stacie did want to emphasize that no hitting or throwing should be directed at the wall. All activities need to be aimed away from the wall.

Adjournment:

Kelly Mitchell motioned to adjourn and Mary Jo Webb 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 3/3/13 General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Township Building