



## 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

March 27, 2013

### Attendees

Stacie Calder  
Paul Hetrick  
Renee Cuce  
Tim Panza  
Keith Hummel

Peter Hall  
Bill Coblentz  
Matt Caputo  
Ray Wilkinson Jr  
John Pepkowski

Brian Wilson  
Valerie Lopes  
Rick Galloway  
Beth Rice

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**I. Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 meeting were reviewed. The "???" in the Treasurer's report should read "Lawn and Golf". Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** Mary Jo Webb was unable to attend the meeting but she did investigate the PPL bill and the email she received from the Township was read. It was decided that this issue would be investigated further.

### III. Old Business:

#### Equipment:

- Joe Stryker and Matt Caputo, along with Stacie drew up a plan to build shelving in the equipment shed. Matt and Joe purchased the materials on Work Day and Matt has the key to the shed. He and Joe will get together to build the shelving over the next few weeks.

#### Sponsors:

- Renee has extra sponsors this year. She is contacting them to see if they would like to sponsor the All Star teams, Fall Ball or a refund.
- A deadline will be in place for next year so the sponsorships are received in a more timely manner.

#### Director of Coaching:

- First Aid Clinic: Rick has heard from Jen Kowkowski and if we can't get anyone else she may be able to help us. Rick needs to know what our minimum responsibility is for liability. Can we set up a projector and watch videos.
- Renee Cuce knows a sports trainer and she will ask if she can help us.
- Matt Caputo suggested an email blast asking if anyone in RASA can help us.
- The clinic must be held by 4/14/13

#### Uniforms:

- Brian felt everything (except U18) would be picked up by March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The coaches were offered a free hat or visor and the Assistant Coaches were offered the opportunity to purchase one.
- The per girl budget is under last year's.
- Sunday Select uniforms are also finished.
- No girl may receive their uniform (Rec or Sunday Select) if they are not paid or they have not made arrangements to make payments.

## **PSAC:**

- Matt Caputo redesigned the t-shirt and has made arrangements with the printer to have the shirts made at the last minute.
- Matt needs to know how many shirts to order and what sizes. Bill will talk to Jeff Kittle to see if he can give us some suggestions about percentages of shirts to order. Bill will also ask the PSAC guy to see what he says.
- There will be a meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the clubhouse
- Need to add Keith Hummel, Mary Jo Webb, and John Ball (Stacie's father) to the help list.
- PSAC would like to stream video of the games live. Pete did some investigating and we would need to purchase a specific service from either Comcast or Verizon and make a 1 year commitment. It would cost approximately \$100 per month plus equipment and start up costs. Bill will let the PSAC committee know. He doubts they will want to cover the extra cost.

## **Work Day:**

- While a large number of people were there, they were mainly all travel team families. Very few rec families were there. It was noted that some coaches had scheduled practices. Next year all fields will be blocked until 2pm to encourage families/coaches to come and help. It was also suggested to schedule the teams for a 1 hour practice at the fields to get them to come out.
- Personal contact is the best way to get people to the Work Day.

## **Opening Day:**

- Valerie Lopes has 4 volunteers and they are on getting the prizes. Pete Hall was able to get 4 tickets to a Phillies game from his work that he is donating. It was suggested that we raffle them off (1 ticket for \$5 and 3 tickets for \$10)
- Valerie will be holding a meeting 3/29/13
- All games will start at 1pm, pictures will start at 9am, and the ceremony will be from 11-12.
- It was requested that the Chic-Fil-A cow be present also.
- The food pantry asked that RASA have a food drive so Val has requested the players bring a canned good.
- The PA system will be left in the club house and a VERY long cord will run to the fields.

## **IV. New Business:**

**\*Indoor Space:** We have 2 days of indoor space in April. It was decided it would be used for pitching lessons by Mike and Donna. Also on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Renee Cuce would like to use 1/3 of the gym to have a sliding clinic. Stacie will check with the HS team to see if any of the girls would like to help.

**\*Catching Clinic:** The clinic went really well despite a raging snow storm outside. There were 4 HS players (Maddie Calder, Maddie Mulholland, Maddie Parvin, and Emily Weaver) and 15 girls. The girls learned how to properly suit-up, block a wild pitch, catch a pop-up, and proper stance/frame a pitch. Maddie Calder would like to hold additional clinics as part of her Senior Project. She would like to teach throw downs, bunts, and how to make a play at home.

**\*Rec League Financial Aid:** Stacie Calder received a request from a family that did not pay a registration fee due to financial need to remove their daughter due to issues at school. Normally the family would be charged a uniform fee but since they did not pay a registration fee it was decided not to charge the fee.

**\*VIGS-**Ed Gall said the situation with the player on Scott Henry's team that couldn't drive had been resolved. Scott's assistant had forgot to tell him about the player and that he lived near her and would handle all the transportation issues.

**\*Sunday Select:** April 14<sup>th</sup> will be a Round Robin for the SS teams if it is not needed for a rain make-up day for Opening Day Games. Valerie has both U12 and U10 this year and they have 14 teams.

**\*Umpires:** John Gluck passed away March 22<sup>nd</sup>. RASA voted to send a \$100 donation in his name to the charity named in his obituary. Stacie will ask Mary Jo to issue the check. His viewing and service will be the Monday and Tuesday after Easter. Stacie will send a condolence card on behalf of RASA. The information is on the RASA home page and the RASA Facebook page. Rick Galloway has been in contact with the ASA rep to make sure all of our games have been covered.

**Scheduling:** It was asked when Vet Park would be open for scheduling. Pete commented he had not received the VIGs schedule yet but the website did make a change so that Pete may open fields on specific dates. Bill felt the fields conditions were ok and the fields could be opened for April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>. Pete will open the fields on Saturday 3/30 at 6pm.

**Spirit Wear:** Pete Hall explained the on-line store was open and over \$700 had been sold already.

**U24:** RASA will be hosting 1 team this year. Paul held a meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> to begin the organization and scheduling.

**Billboards:** The process for billboards is as follows: Paul needs a copy of the design and a check. Paul then gets with the sign company and makes a proof for the sponsor. The sign is then made and hung up after the sponsor has signed off on the proof.

Matt Caputo asked if Azzatori billboard has been hung up. He didn't remember seeing it. Paul will double check tomorrow.

Val asked for a copy of the final list of sponsors so she can make sure it is included in the Opening Day brochure.

**Keys:** Renee Cuce has the keys for the inside door of the clubhouse. Matt Caputo needs a key. Renee will get him a key.

**The Rules for the Rec League** were reviewed and any changes or clarifications were voted on. The following were the changes:

**Tball:** Change start time to 6:15pm, coach pitch will be introduced 5/11/13. Beth Rice motioned to approve the changes and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

**Rookies:** Change start time to 6:15 pm, girls may begin pitching after 5/11/13, using 3 outs to end an inning will begin 5/11/13 before then everyone bats and then the inning ends, only 1 base is allowed per hit except if a ball lands in the grass-without hitting the dirt 1<sup>st</sup>-then the player may have 2 bases. All agreed to the changes.

**Minors:** Change start time to 6:15 pm, change ball to 11" RIF ball, may only pull up to a total of 10 players on a team and may only use Rookies, change shorts to pants, players must play infield & outfield by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, during coach pitch the pitching coach may not "coach" the batter or runners-they must pitch and get out of the way. All agreed to these changes

Eliminate stealing from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>. A vote was taken: 4 for and 5 against. This change was not allowed.

Only allow 1 base on an overthrow per batter. A vote was taken: 5 for and 4 against. This change was allowed.

Majors: Change start time to 6:15 PM, can only call up if fewer than 10 players and may not call up more than a team total of 10 players-may only call from the Minors, change shorts to pants, players must play infield/outfield by end of 5<sup>th</sup> inning, pitchers will only be removed if they hit 3 batters with a direct pitch (does not hit the ground 1<sup>st</sup>). All agreed to the changes.

**Adjournment:**

Pete Hall motioned to adjourn and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday 4/7/13 PSAC Meeting at 6:30 PM General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse.