



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

May 5, 2013

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Bill Coblenz
Ed Gall
Valerie Lopes

Peter Hall
Matt Caputo
Mary Jo Webb

Brian Wilson
Keith Hummel
Bob Fafard

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April 7th, 2013 meeting and the April 28th 2013 PSAC meeting were reviewed. Matt Caputo motioned to approve the minutes and Ed Gall 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance is mostly income from the concession stand, registrations, billboards, and sponsors.

It was noted the grant RASA received needed to be spent on park improvements. It was suggested the money be spent on the batting cage, Kwik Goal netting.

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

III. Old Business:

Rec League:

- Rules need to be updated on-line. Also make sure the teams understand ties are allowed. The umpire is the official time keeper.
- 1st Aid Kits-need bandaids and ice packs. Mary Jo Webb will pick up more to leave in clubhouse. Coaches can restock when needed. 2 teams need a complete kit.

Inter-league:

- Bob and Rick will follow up with the teams and the umpires for May 10th. Emmaus may have a tball team that is willing to play.
- The second round will be May 31st.

All -Star Game:

- May 17th-Rick Galloway will confirm the umpires.
- Sponsors-TGIFridays-Majors, Friendly's-Minors. Make sure pictures are taken and plaque delivered to the businesses.

Home Run Derby (HRD):

- lack of volunteers but Mike Hellyer is working on it.
- Brian Wilson has the awards ready to go.

PSAC:

- Amazing experience. All positive feedback. RASA made a nice profit. List of suggestions for 2014
 - Offer a week pass for \$25. Use a lanyard for this. Day pass still \$10.
 - Programs-include all 18 teams

- Announcement should read, “Vet Park home of RASA and Pa Panthers in beautiful Richland Township” Have something written up before to hand to announcer.
- Tshirts-more Med and Small (2013-13 XL and 2 XXL were left over)
- play on Opposite fields, not side by side
- Have music between innings and games. Have a playlist before to be approved by PSAC. Pete Hall has an old Ipod Touch he is willing to donate to RASA.
- More sponsors-the teams went out of their way to support our sponsors
- Book hotels early (need to be done September!!)
- Draw batting circles on fields
- Post a bracket
- Ice-who pays for this? John Pep donated it but they used A LOT.
- Better signs-repaint for next year
- Clinics-make it mandatory for coaches and teams
- Ask PSAC to start games at 12, 3, 6. Try to get more girls there.
- Get the info to SOL
- Issue Press releases the week before (TV, newspaper)
- Get the info to the travel teams. Ask Jeff Kittle and Roy Goddard to put it on their websites.
- Possibly have a US Flag in every outfield.

IV. New Business:

***Indoor Space:** Stacie Calder talked to Sylvia Kalasz the AD at QHS about the upcoming renovations and was told that no outside organization would be given indoor space at the HS or Freshman Center. Bob Fafard has started to discuss possibly renting space from the TSE Academy. It is a 70,000 sq ft facility that has 3 full fields. You rent space in 100 ft increments. A meeting with RASA executives and TSE is needed to try and work out a schedule and price.

***Concussions:** RASA will need to add a concussion/heart waiver to our medical release next year. The PIAA form can be used as a model. Also a concussion paper-what to look for, should be added to the coaches packet for next year. An official procedure should be in place before the spring season-when a player can come back, signed medical release from Dr, etc. (For all injuries not just concussions)

***Sunday Select:** the teams are doing well. The U12s are 7 and 0, the U10s are 4 and 1.

***Scheduling:** Pete Hall asked when he could open the Woman’s league for scheduling. It was decided the scheduling would not be opened until all the deposits were in the bank. As of yesterday MaryJo had not seen any deposits. Also the playoff schedule was reviewed and it was noted that Strayer Outdoor School was June 6th. Since we have 2 weeks for playoffs and only need 6 nights the Majors will not play on the 6th.

***End of Year BBQ-**Bob Fafard suggested we have a cookout for all the RASA volunteers. This would include the board, coaches and assistants. June 22nd was a possible date.

***Friendship Night:** tball asked if they could have interleague games or possibly “Bring a Friend” Night to try and get more girls interested in playing and to change things up. Everyone felt this was a great idea.

***Hitting Clinic-**the Kutztown coach offered to host a hitting clinic for the Rec league on the weekends. We will try to set this up before next year’s PSAC.

***RASA Meetings:** it was decided there would only be 1 meeting per month. The May 19th date will only be used if there is a problem that needs to be discussed.

Adjournment:

Pete Hall motioned to adjourn and Mary Jo Webb 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday 6/9/13 General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse.