



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

July 14, 2013

Attendees

Stacie Calder

Bill Coblenz

Brian Wilson

Brian Weaver

John Pepkowski

Ray Wilkinson

Peter Hall

Matt Caputo

Mary Jo Webb

Ray Fox

Rick Galloway

Paul Hetrick

Josh Moyer

Bob Fafard

Rich Scott

Renee Cuce

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the June 9th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Matt Caputo motioned to approve the minutes and Pete Hall 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance is low due to the TNT College showcase has not been billed yet and there are 4 USSSA Tournaments that have not been paid.

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

III. Old Business:

Rec League:

- The survey will go out July 15th
- Equipment turn in is still waiting for the U14 teams, and 1 minors team, 1 majors team.

Fall Ball:

- No coordinator yet.
- Ed Gall will coach VIGS
- Bob Fafard requested limited sign-ups (waitlist) in order to ensure there are enough coaches for the number of players signed up. Bob suggested the following coach to player ratios: Rookies/tball 1:6, Minors/Majors 1:10. Bob will make sure Pete gets a list of current committed coaches so he can set up the wait lists. Matt Caputo, Rick Galloway and Bob Fafard will reach out to coaches to try and get 8-12 coaches committed before Fall Ball begins. Bob has a goal of 4 head coaches per level but is realistic he may only get 2 per level.
- Bob is trying to set up weekly games, outside of the Saturday games with North Penn. He has been in contact with East Penn and Boyertown.
- Registration opens August 1st and will close August 31st.

USSSA World Series:

- The World Series is down to 1 age group. U13 or 16 teams. They will use all 6 fields Tuesday-Thursday.
- Monday night (7/22/13) will be the major prep night. We need to tape off access, prep the fields, tape the parking lots, etc. We are only responsible for evening prep for the next day.
- Tim Panza had looked into the getting bounce houses for the kids area but due to the smaller size we will not need them.
- Jeff Kittle will pay a regular weekend rental fee of \$1800 instead of a per day rate. He will bring in higher end port-a-pots at his cost.
- Need someone to reach out to local businesses to get information for the concierge tent.

IV. New Business:

***Travel Teams:** Bill Coblentz and Rich Scott sorted through the candidates for coaches at all the levels and asked the final four coaches to make presentations to the board. RASA would like to have 4 travel teams, one at each level U12, U14, U16, U18 but would need to see what happens at try-outs. It was explained to the prospects that the checking account set up would need to have all 4 executive officers as signers in addition to the coach and that bank statements must be sent to the RASA Treasurer, Mary Jo Webb. They would also have to provide the RASA board with monthly Income/Expense reports. It was also noted that all coaches would need to sign a Travel contract and do a Little League background check before they could begin practicing. All teams/coaches are on a year-to-year commitment from RASA.

U14-Josh Moyer presented a proposal for becoming the U14 coach. Josh has his ASA background check, and provided references that Bill Coblentz called. Josh was a coach with RASA for 5 years and then left for 2 years to coach his daughters in travel ball. Josh has 3 assistants, Valerie Lopes, Fred Retter, and Greg Kylish. There was some concern that Josh already had 3 assistants and with his two daughters that would mean 5 of the 12 team spots would be assigned. Josh felt the 5 girls were strong players and stated he would be a coach on the field not a “Dad” and there would be no favoritism. Josh would like to hold open try-outs in August. He will check with RASA for field availability. He understands due to the school construction and fields repair at RASA there is limited outdoor space and no indoor space. He did ask about the possibility of hosting a tournament using parent volunteers. Josh feels the middles schools in Quakertown are lacking at the softball level but stated he would make sure his players respected and listened to the MS coaches. Josh was informed that he would need to sign the Travel contract and that RASA’s commitment was on a yearly basis and would be reevaluated every year. He was given a copy of the contract. A show of hands vote was taken and Josh Moyer was voted in as the U14 coach.

U12-Brian Wilson presented a proposal for a U12 travel team and coach. He does not have any assistants at present. Brian was a RASA rec coach, U10 Sunday Select coach, and the HS Freshman team coach. This is his first time coaching travel softball. It was explained to Brian he would only have a 1 year commitment and then it would be reevaluated. A show of hands vote was taken and 1 opposed, 5 in favor, Brian Wilson was voted in as the U12 coach.

U16-Ray Fox presented a proposal for the U16 travel team head coach. The current U16 coach has choose not to return the the Panthers. Ray was the U14 Assistant coach for the past 2 years His assistants will be Brian Weaver and Ray Wilkinson. A show of hands vote was taken and Ray Fox was voted the U16 Travel coach.

U18-Rich Scott would like to become the U18 Travel Coach. Rich has been the U14 travel coach for the past two years. He does not have any assistants yet. A show of hands vote was taken and Rich Scott was voted the U18 travel coach.

Try-Outs: tryouts will be posted on the RASA website, RASA FaceBook page, tryouts.net, and in an email blast to all RASA members. The U18/U16 tryouts will be Aug 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 9-11am U18 and 12-2 pm U16. Also Aug 13th 6-8 both teams. The U12 & U14 will get their tryout dates to RASA for posting.

***Indoor Space:** Mary Jo Webb and Bob Fafard are working on getting pricing. The Township was approached about RASA building a pole barn but it would only be allowed to be 1000 sq feet. If RASA wants a bigger barn they will need to go to the county zoning.

***VIGS:** It was noted VIGS are not always prepping and raking their fields. It will need to be reinforced next year that the coaches are responsible for these tasks. Also when we have non-RASA teams like what happened with the VIGS playoffs this year someone from RASA must make sure the fields are prepped. Next year all VIGS and Sunday Select coaches must understand that no Sunday Select players are allowed to play up in VIGS.

***QHS Booster Club:** The high school booster club would like to get more involved with RASA. They would also like permission to post their Clothing Drive flyer on the RASA website and Facebook page. Matt Caputo was concerned about “Another outside” organization wanting to use RASA but it was explained that RASA and the high school softball team are suppose to work hand-in-hand. Stacie will email the flyer to the executive board for approval before posting.

***Trophies:** There was a mix up with the trophies and the winning Minors coach took participation trophies and first place trophies accidentally. There was one minors coach that did not receive trophies. The trophies are being reordered for that team.

Adjournment: :

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

Next meeting – Sunday 8/4/13 Fall Ball meeting 7pm at Bob Fafard's house

Tuesday 8/20/13-General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse.