



## 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 1, 2014

### Attendees

Stacie Calder	Bill Coblentz	Ed Gall
Mary Jo Webb	Eric Medlin	Ray Fox
Matt Caputo	Maddie Calder	Valerie Lopes

**I. Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the 8/25/14 meeting were reviewed and Ray Fox motioned to approve, MaryJo Webb 2nd. Minutes were passed.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** The current balance is \$10,667.24. There is \$4,500 that was just received from USSSA for tournaments and is not reflected in this balance. Approximately \$2,100 is still due from USSSA for the tournaments in September and there are 5 more tournament weekends in October and November which will add another \$10,000. Year-to-date our income is down due to lower concession stand sales, no woman's Fall league, and fewer billboard sales. Expenses are also down this year. The following bills were paid:

Richland Township	Loan Payment	\$ 4,000.00
Richland Township	Utilities (PPL, Dumpsters, Port-a-pots, Water)	\$ 2,015.23
Milford Sports	Fall Ball shirts	\$ 660.00
Bill Coblentz	Field Maintenance	\$ 681.17
?	U24 Pizza & Awards Party	\$ 180.00
Total Bills to be Paid		\$ 7,536.40

Matt Caputo motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report and Stacie Calder 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

It was noted that the Township's Insurance will be paying for the damage to Field 5 due to their trees landing on the fence. Also the TNT Last Look Showcase was moved so we can now Close Vet Park November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. A special Executive meeting was set for 10/16/14 to discuss the Tournament's contract and fees.

### III. Fall Ball:

- Eric Medlin gave a summary of Fall Ball. There are 95 girls registered (the 11 tball players are free), 3 refunds requested due to injury, and 6 unpaids. A quick look at the registration update that night indicated there were only 3 unpaid. Matt and Eric will try to find out why the 3 are still unpaid.
- The uniforms arrived on time with only a 4 day turn around.
- The free ice cream is going well but it was noted quite a few siblings were eating ice cream too. Matt Caputo will hand tickets to the players to make sure only players are getting the ice cream.
- A VIGS dad has donated quite a bit of equipment to RASA. Eric will write him a thank you note.
- Eric would like to make October 20<sup>th</sup> a mini Home Run Derby night for the girls.
- A request for a Sunday game for the Majors was approved.
- Ed Gall says the tball girls are doing great but he can not seem to get any of the parents to help.
- Stacie Calder volunteered to come to Fall Ball and sell off the excess Spirit Wear that was in the clubhouse.

### IV. Indoor Space

- A review of the indoor space showed it was spotty at best. The spaces will be used as follows: (MMS-Milford, TV-Tohickon Valley)

11/3/14	MMS	6-9PM	Catching Clinic
11/18/14	TV	6-9 PM	Pitching Lessons
11/20/14	MMS	6-9PM	Travel Team Practice
11/24/14	MMS	6-9 PM	Travel Team Practice
11/25/14	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
12/2/14	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
12/9/14	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
12/16/14	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
12/18/14	MMS	6-9PM	Travel Team Practice
12/22/14	MMS	6-9PM	Travel Team Practice
12/23/14	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
1/6/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
1/9/15	Pfaff	6-9PM	Sunday Select
1/13/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
1/16/15*	Pfaff	6-9PM	Sunday Select
1/20/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
1/23/15	Pfaff	6-9PM	Open Clinic? Sunday Select?
1/27/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
1/29/15	MMS	6-9PM	Open Clinic
2/3/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
2/6/15	Pfaff	6-9PM	Open Clinic
2/10/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
2/13/15*	Pfaff	6-9PM	Coaches Clinic
2/17/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
2/20/15	Pfaff	6-9PM	Open Clinic
2/24/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
2/26/15	MMS	6-9PM	Catching Clinic
2/27/15	Pfaff	6-9PM	Coaches Clinic
3/3/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
3/5/15	MMS	6-9PM	Coaches Clinic
3/12/15	MMS	6-9PM	Rec Indoor Practice
3/17/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
3/19/15	MMS	6-9PM	Rec Indoor Practice
3/24/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons
3/26/15	MMS	6-9PM	Rec Indoor Practice
3/31/15	TV	6-9PM	Pitching Lessons

- Valerie Lopes will look into getting space at Calvary Church for the Sunday Select to use as practice space. Sunday Select will be expected to pay for the space.
- Eric will begin to look for Coaches for the Spring league.

#### **V. Rules Review**

- Bill will forward our rules to Umpire Kurt to have him look them over and make recommendations for changes to bring into line with standard softball rules. Bill will ask Kurt to have the rules back to him by 10/27/14 so a Rules Review Meeting can be set.

#### **VI. Board Positions**

- Bill asked the Executive officers to decide if they would be willing to run for another term.

- An email will be sent out after the officers have decided letting all RASA members know what positions are available and asking them to attend the December meeting for the general elections.
- It was mentioned that Kim Wagner will continue as Opening Day Chair. Also Troy Stout was mentioned as a person to approach for a leadership role.
- It was suggested that we try to have a Spring Rec Board. They would be active February to June and only run the Spring Rec (uniforms, team draft, schedule, playoffs, umpires, etc). They would shadow the current board for the 2015 year and then be independent after that. This would allow the Executive Board more general over-sight.

## **VI. New Business:**

**High School Sports Meeting:** Dr Harner would like to have a meeting with all the community groups to see how the school district and the groups can help each other and the children.

**Sal's Hoagie-** Sal's would like to build a 240' hoagie (it would run from home, around the bases, and back to home) It could be for Opening Day or Home Run Derby and the hoagies would be sold in 6" sections for \$5.00. It would be a fundraiser.

**Paths Paved-**the path around field 5 & 6 will be repaved by the Township this week.

**Team X Sports-**Mike Brown from Team X Sports spoke to the board about starting a partnership between the two to help improve communication and hopefully increase membership numbers. TeamX started in 2006 with flag football, this past spring season they had 400+ players. They have franchises in Bethlehem and Orefield. In 2009 they began basketball and 2 years later they maxed out registration at 240 players. They added floor hockey in 2013. Beginning 10/31/14 Mike will leave his full-time job and only manage Team X. He would like to partner with RASA due to a recommendation from Ed Scholl at Quakertown Borough. He is currently partnered with FCA-Ted Brunner. Team X has a growing data base of over 1500 families with a 25 mile radius (from Bethlehem to Doylestown). They are currently pulling from the Sellersville, Quakertown, Perkasie, Center Valley and Coopersburg areas. The Team X principal is their sports are 1 day per week for 1 hour. They have indoor space at Quakertown Christian. They begin at 8 years old but understand RASA is looking for 5 year olds and they would help target younger siblings of their current players.

In December 2014 Team X will begin a girl's basketball league and would like RASA to send out email blasts and post the TeamX logo on the website. Team X will post RASA's info on their website and send out email blasts about our spring rec league. It was decided this was a win-win for both organization. Mike will send the "partnership announcement" to Eric for posting and emailing.

## **Adjournment:**

Matt Caputo motioned to adjourn and Mary Jo Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meeting – Monday 10/27/14

General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse.