



The 2017/2018 season tryouts are set for Sunday, 3/26, at the high school turf field.

- The next issue covered was from the RAA risk management representative, Paula Knudsen-Burke. Paula briefed the requirements of the state regarding the specific actions to be taken in order to be eligible to serve as a volunteer within an organization, where the volunteers will be interacting with children/minors. Bob Mueser contributed to the discussion with regards to how the risk management volunteer data will be managed on the RAA website. Volunteers must complete:
  - 1) A report of criminal history from PA State Police (PSP);
  - 2) Child abuse history clearance from the Dept. of Human Svcs (Childline);
  - 3) Concussion training through the CDC. (Free online training)
  - 4) If volunteer has lived outside of PA in the last 10 years, a fingerprint based federal crime history (“FBI”) is required, to be submitted through the PA State Policy.

All can be applied for online, and are a free for volunteers. The FBI clearance requires a payment. All necessary instructions and links can be found at the following link:

<http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/resources/clearnances/index.htm>.

- The next issue covered was from former co-softball commissioner Mike Hamilton. Mike is working with West Donegal Township (WDT) on the RAA softball field contract renewal. The current contract with WDT expires on 12/31/2017. Mike is negotiating with WDT to upgrade the facility; there many issue being raised that require improvement. Mike brought the proposal to the meeting for board approval prior to presenting to WDT. A copy of the proposal is attached.

A motion to approve the proposal as written was made by Rick Knowlton. Kenny Burke seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the proposal.

- Prior meeting minutes review and approval

Greg Laszakovits asked if there were any objections or revisions to the December meeting minutes. There were not. **Wendi Grinell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Roger Garber seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the board.**

- Finances – Lea Taylor

Board was not able to vote on November/December/year end finances at the meeting. Brian Bell sent an email to the members on 3/14, to which Dave Kase made the motion to approve. Rick Knowlton seconded the motion. On 3/15, the board responded with a unanimous approval.

## 1. Previous business - Action Items – August 2016

Greg Laszakovits to send out email and put on website tax exempt status. **Open - Carried forward on 2/12/2017.**

2. Previous business – Action Items – Aug 2016

Any Wenger Feeds invoicing required for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of the year?

***Invoice was received in October. Invoice was not paid as of 2/12 meeting. Greg to meet with Wenger Feeds prior to the 4/9 board meeting.***

3. Previous business – Action Items – Feb 2017

Bob Meuser to hold an administrative website access training session in the coming months.

4. Previous business – Action Items – Complete by Dec 2017

Locate and review bylaws for any necessary updates/revisions. Post to the website. **Open. Carried 2/12. Bylaws need to be posted.**

- New and Ongoing business

1. Fundraising and sponsorship -

Update – Heidi Vognetz...Heidi indicated briefly that she's having trouble organizing a committee on fundraising. She has been beating the pavement, emailing, attempting to solicit volunteers, ideas, etc... She continues to look for help.

2. Softball – Wendi Grinell/Roger Garber

News/updates – Roger Garber relayed the following updates/items via email prior to the meeting in order to save time during the meeting for the beginning open forum on soccer that took up the bulk of the meeting:

a) Softball registration is underway and our current numbers are a little low thus far for some of our age groups. It looks like we should have 1- 14U team, maybe 2- 12U teams, 3- 10U teams, 2- 8U teams and 1 or 2- 6U teams.

b) Coaches and Parents meetings have been scheduled as well as Opening Day. Field work dates have been scheduled as well. We are moving right along. Our Softball Tournament is scheduled and registration has been Setup on our website. Open Gyms and player evaluation reservations and dates have been made and announced.

3. Boys Lacrosse - David Kase

News/updates –Dave indicated that there is nothing to update now. Registration is not open and is up on the website. Dave also did indicate that he might have a prospective co-commissioner in Don Hall.

4. Soccer – Doug Oberholser (Travel) / Brian Bell (Interim Rec)

News/updates – The following topics/updates/ were discussed:

- a) As of the 2/12 board meeting, Scott Schraff has official resigned his board level position as soccer co-commissioner (Rec/intrumural);
- b) Brian Bell (RAA board vice-president) has offered to temporarily fill the position;
- c) Registration continues – moving toward starting the season, forming teams, assigning coaches (U6/U8);
- d) Lou Gober (Field Maintenance) will be sending an email that field clean up and maintenance day will be 3/18.

5. Volleyball - Richard Knowlton

News/updates – a) No update

6. Rugby – Kenny Burke/Jo Hershey

News/updates – Kenny Burke discussed a few updates/items:

- a) Kenny indicated that rugby is still currently looking to secure a field and times on which the teams can organize practices and games;
- b) Rugby's 1<sup>st</sup> home game is on 3/19 so would like to work something out soon;
- c) Kenny indicated that the ideal time is Sunday afternoons at 4pm, Rheems field;
- d) Rugby would also require a field for practices twice a week;
- e) There was talk of how to coordinate with soccer to use the same fields, WDT was also suggested as a possible field to use.
- e) John "Norm" Norman from Funk Brewery may be the new Rugby fundraiser.

7. Compliance/Risk Management – Paula Burke

News/Updates –Update is listed at the beginning of the RAA 2/12 board meeting notes.

8. Facility/Field Maintenance – Field maintenance day is set for 3/18/2017.

9. Field Usage – not discussed.

10. Miscellaneous – 2017 RAA Board Meetings:

Time: 7pm Location: Lucky Ducks, Elizabethtown.

Dates: Sunday, 9 April 2017

Sunday, 11 June 2017

Sunday, 20 August 2017

Sunday, 8 October 2017 (Nominations)

Sunday, 10 December 2017 (Elections)

Meeting adjournment: Roger Garber made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jo Hershey. Greg Laszakovits brought the meeting to an official close at 9:25pm.