

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

February 27, 2011

Attendees

Stacie Calder	Pete Hall
Paul Hetrick	Audrey Wadsworth
Bill Coblentz	Ray Wilkinson Jr
Dave Dolly	Renee Cuce
Rich Scott	John Pepkowski
Rick Galloway	Sylvia Lujan-Harmon
Rich Ponak	Valerie Lopes
Roy Godard (TNT)	Adam Hamrick
Beth Rice	Greg Kylish
MaryJo Webb	Dana James
Ray Fox	

I. Secretary's Report: Review of last meeting's minutes. One correction, the next meeting date should have been 2/27/11 not 3/13/11. Ray Fox motioned to approve the minutes, Renee Cuce 2nd, all approved

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Review of the Treasurer's report showed a balance mostly from registrations and raffle money. This will be depleted quickly once we make the loan payment to the Township, pay for uniforms, and other spring league expenses. The following checks were approved for payment:

Coplay Sporting Goods	Equipment
Commonwealth of PA	Trailer registration
Richland Township	PPL

This is lower this month since the township changed suppliers. Paul wanted MaryJo to contact the township and ask why they are not paying for the pavilion and memorial lights during the months of December, January, February, and March.

Ray Fox	Longstreth Equipment
Longstreth	Equipment
Stacie Calder	Registration expenses

Total

Paul Hetrick motioned to pay the bills and John Pepkowski 2nd. All approved.

Mary Jo looked up that VIGS lighting bill from last year. She will bill them the same amount. Rich Scott felt this was high so she will try to get a hold of Carl Chew to see how many games the U18 and U24 girls played under the lights.

III. Picture Vendor Presentation (Renee Cuce) (see attached package): Dana James of Modern Life Photography. In addition to the services listed in the package Dana agreed to the following if she received the RASA photography contract.

- Sponsor a team instead of the donation of a 3% of gross receipts.
- Take candid on Home Run Derby, Opening Day, All Star game
- Coaches family pictures
- Create a package of just a memory mate

After Dana's presentation it was requested that she leave so we could discuss the photographers and award the 2011 Spring contract. Renee Cuce asked why we were changing photographers. She was the coordinator and felt there were no problems with last year's photographer and she had not received any complaints. It was decided that she would approach Whalan Photography and if they were willing to sponsor a team, had the date open, and matched the other photographers extras (candids, all star pictures, etc) they would be awarded the contract.

IV. Old Business:

Registration (Stacie Calder): We are currently at about 276 girls with 4 Tball teams, 5 rookie teams, 6 minors teams, 4 majors teams, 3 U14 VIGS teams, 2 U18 VIGS teams. There are about 25 girls that are registered but not paid. Of the 25 only 2 families have not contacted RASA about why they haven't paid yet, the rest were having financial issues and have made arrangements to pay. Stacie presented Bill Coblentz and Mary Jo Webb a list of the unpaid girls. Bill will try to contact the 2 families that have no explanations and Mary Jo will make sure she notifies Stacie if she receives payment for anyone on the list.

Stacie also mentioned that 1 of the U10 Sunday Select players is still not registered. The Sunday Select players need to be registered in order to be covered by RASA insurance. Stacie has email this girl's parents and checked with Josh Moyer, the U10 coach, that it is the correct contact information. Stacie notified the girl and the coach that she will not be allowed to practice/play with the Sunday Select team until she registers. Bill will try to contact the family to see if there is an issue that we can work through with them.

Stacie asked that if you put out yard signs that you go and retrieve them so they can be used again next year.

Stacie had the volunteer list and had already emailed the Opening Day and Fundraising volunteers to Valerie Lopes and had been sending updates on coaches since January 22nd to Dave and Rick.

Equipment (Stacie Calder): All equipment has been ordered and everything is in except the 9" Jugg Lite Flite balls for the T-ball teams and the 12" game balls for the VIGS that Roy Godard of TNT is donating. Stacie would like to have equipment hand out the weekend after the draft (3/12-3/13). The only items the equipment bags need are restocked first aid kits (band aids and ice packs)

Sponsorship Update (Vickie O'Neill): Vickie has emailed the executive board that she is having serious health issues and must give up the sponsorship and the uniforms chair positions. Stacie will take over Uniforms with Michelle Grida and Renee Cuce will take over the Sponsorship. Vickie has the sponsorship information at work. Valerie Lopes was going to meet Vickie at her work and get the sponsorship information for Renee.

Billboards (Ray Fox): (see attached report for updates) Ray asked that everyone try to contact their potential billboard contacts to try and get this settled before the Park opening on March 26/27 so we know which signs to hang back up.

TNT Contract (Roy Godard): Sylvia did not have a chance to review the "House Contract" that Roy had given out at the last meeting. After she has had a chance to look it over she will draw up a new contract. Roy's current contract is good through July 1st. Sylvia felt the new contract would have to be \$900 per day as all the other contracts are for that amount. It was decided the issue should be tabled until the next meeting.

Director of Coaching (Dave Dolly & Rick Galloway): (see attached reports) Stacie has all the information available this year in a spread sheet and merged onto label sized papers for the draft. The cards will include: name, age, contact information, Sunday Select players, travel player, pitching lessons, and any notes/comments the parents made while entering the registration. The on-line form was changed this year and there was no option for preferred position or experience. Pete will try to pull this from last year's registration. Dave & Rick asked if some Rookies coaches could be at the minors draft and Minors coaches at the majors draft, etc to identify the strengths and weaknesses of any girls that may be moving up. The draft will be at the Clubhouse Sunday, March 6th. The minors & U14 VIGS will draft at 1-2:30, the majors & U18 VIGS will draft at 3-4:30, the rookies and t-ball teams will be picked at 5. Only the minors & majors will have a blind draft. The VIGS, rookies & t-ball will be school yard pick. Rick and Dave will send an email to the coaches telling them the times.

They are still short a few coaches in the majors, rookies, t-ball, and U14 VIGS. Rick & Dave will make some phone calls to the people who signed up to assistant coach to see if they will move up to head coach.

Roy Godard did the coaches training in February and handed out the packet he used at the trainings. He used the sandwich method by Cindy Bistro. (sp?) He also recommended going to softballexcellence.com for more training videos and ideas. Pete will put this link on the Hey Coach page of the website.

Dave and Rick will have a meeting the week after the draft to go over the rules, how to schedule fields, etc.

Uniforms (Stacie Calder, Vickie O'Neill, Michelle Grida): Since Vickie resigned Stacie will get the order to the printer the week after the draft. Renee will get Stacie all the team sponsors that week also.

V. New Business:

Special Events-Opening Day(Valerie Lopes) and Home Run Derby (HRD): Valerie Lopes has volunteered to chair Opening Day again this year. Ray Fox will be the MC. Stacie Calder will ask Kelly Mitchell is she is interested in chairing the day. Kelly helped Camille last year.

RASA Rec League Clinics (TNT & Venom): TNT will run the clinic on 3/3/11 and Venom will run the clinic on 3/10/11. The Sunday Select teams have given up 2 of their indoor practice nights for the clinics. The clinics will be at the Freshmen Center. The times will be 6:30 to 7:45 for T Ball and Rookies, 7:45-9 for Minors, Majors & VIGS. Pete Hall will send reminder email blasts. Bill will go by the equipment shed and pick up the equipment for the clinic.

AED (Ray Fox): It was brought up that Veteran's Park should have an AED due to the volume of people that come through the park each year. Ray has been checking prices and noticed that NJ's has an AED. Ray will try to get it either donated, discounted or bartered (a free fence sign for a free AED) from BJ's. It was brought up if we have to have someone specially trained to use the AED and Dave Dolly did not think so. Dave was very active in Deep Run Athletics and said they had an AED at the fields. It did need to be checked every day to make sure the battery was charged during the season and it was mounted outside in a locked glass front box. This kept the unit safe from theft but still accessible by breaking the glass in an emergency. It would not be hard to check every day as someone will need to check the fields everyday and could simply check the AED at the same time.

Special Olympics (Rich Ponak): Rich Ponak said the Special Olympics softball will start May 1st and will be on Sundays from 5:30 to 7. It will run for 8-9 weeks and will need to be on two of the lower fields (#1-4) due to accessibility issues. They will not have any rain make-ups. They were looking for any Majors/VIGS size equipment and Stacie said it wouldn't be a problem. Rich will be running his

tournament in June and will use the money (approximately \$1800) to get the participants t-shirts. Rich will be going to get certified as a trainer this Saturday. It was also requested that Jon Beaupre be emailed to remind him that his girls said they would help and they need to fill out the volunteer form on line. John Pepkowski said he would keep the snack stand open on Sundays for the Special Olympics.

Richland Township Liaison (Paul Hetrick): The Township has asked that we allow them to move their Community Day from July to August 6th. It has come to their attention that the current date conflicts with the Sara Parvin 24 hour Soccer Tournament. Jeff Kittle currently has a tournament scheduled for that day but he is willing to give the Township the date. Paul will let the Township know there is no problem with the change in dates.

Coach's First Aid/CPR Clinic (Ray Fox): Ray Fox will see if Dr Fly from St Lukes will run another first aid clinic for the coaches this year. It was not know if it would be needed or not to get a discount on the insurance.

Adjournment:

Mary Jo Webb motioned to adjourn at 8:30 and Dave Dolly 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – 3/13/11 at Veteran's Park Clubhouse