

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

March 24, 2011

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Paul Hetrick
Bill Coblentz
Joe Oniskey
Rich Scott
Rick Galloway
Beth Rice

Pete Hall
Lisa Lewis
Jim Wickel
Renee Cuce
John Pepkowski
Carl Chew
Ray Fox

I. Secretary's Report: Review of last meeting's minutes. Lisa Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, Paul Hetrick 2nd, all approved

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Review of the Treasurer's report showed the first loan payment to the Township has been made early to save on interest. We still have to pay the balance due on the uniforms and umpires' fees. The following checks were approved for payment:

Mary Jo Webb	Ice Packs & Band-Aids
Lawn & Golf	Tractor Maintenance
Ray Fox	AED
Minute Man Press	Lottery Printing
Premier Signs	Billboard Manufacturing

Ray Fox motioned to pay the bills and Lisa Lewis 2nd. All approved.

Paul Hetrick motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Joe Oniskey 2nd, all approved.

III. Old Business:

Registration/Spring League (Stacie Calder): Registration is officially closed. There are 297 girls which is 20 more than last year. There are 3 girls they are waiting to assign a team but other than that the teams are settled now that the VIGS meeting is over and the issue of the one girl playing down is settled. The only girls not paid at this point are girls that notified us about a financial need and will be paying in installments.

Stacie did have a question about who is responsible for collecting the Coach/Players Code of Conduct signed forms. Rick said Dave Dolly will collect all the codes at Opening Day.

Also the issue of who will check the fields daily and decide on playing conditions and notify Pete Hall so the status can be set on the website needed to be settled. It was more than just looking at the fields, the person who agrees to check would also agree to sweep water off the fields to help them dry faster. John Pepkowski said he would be willing to check the fields everyday and do minor maintenance to help the fields dry. John will get with Pete Hall so they can figure out a system to notify the coaches of the field status. It was also noted that this year all the pitching mounds are set at 43" which is perfect for the tournaments but means the Rec league must use nail down mounds for their games (Only the U18 VIGS pitch from 43"). This will be included in the "field prep" clinics that Bill will run. It was decided that

the Home Team will be in charge of “prepping the fields” this means they will be responsible for lining and making sure the pitching mound is set correctly.

Ray volunteered to contact John Gluck about the umpires for the Spring League. We only need umpires for the Majors, VIGS use different umpires. Ray will get back to us with the 2011 fee and how we need to notify them.

Equipment (Stacie Calder): All the equipment was handed out Sunday and Stacie was able to find the missing equipment that was discovered missing after the Fall Ball season. We could possibly need some bats sized 29”-31” and XXS helmets. Stacie will send the coaches an email asking how their equipment is working for their team (too big, too small, need 2 sets of catcher’s equipment, etc) After she gets their responses she will order more equipment.

Sponsorship Update (Renee Cuce) see attached: Renee has found sponsors for all the teams. She gave the list to Stacie and Pete so it can be given to the Printer and updated on the website.

Billboards (Ray Fox): (see attached report for updates) Ray noted he will need to pick up the new billboards at 8:15 AM Saturday morning so they can be there for hanging at Opening Day. Ray estimates we made about \$6000 this year from billboard signs. He will keep all the records so we can continually try to get renewals and new billboards. If someone did not renew their contract their sign will not be hung on Saturday. It was decided that we would hold on to the signs for now.

Uniforms (Stacie Calder, Michelle Grida): Stacie has given the order to the printer and will drop off the Sponsors and the left over uniforms we are finally using this year to the Printer on Sunday. They will begin printing on Monday.

Special Events-Opening Day(Valerie Lopes) and Home Run Derby (HRD): Valerie Lopes was not at the meeting but Bill had an update from Kelly Mitchell about the new Spirit Wear and about a sponsor. At the one February Walk-In registration Bill and Ray talked to the owner of the Dairy Queen about sponsoring the Opening Day. He is willing to give every girl a coupon for a free ice cream, bring up his large banana split float, and also give us coupon books to sell. The coupon books have over \$50 in coupons and we can sell them for \$5. Bill had checked with John Pepkowski before offering Opening Day to DQ. John said it was fine with him as long as DQ understood that the snack stand would not be buying any ice cream from DQ since they do not guarantee the ice cream against melting. Bill then passed around some of the new designs that Kelly Mitchell proposed for spirit wear and asked for a vote on which one they liked best and what colors they thought. Beth Rice asked why we were changing from the current design. Stacie explained that it was to get people to buy more spirit wear. She said she would not buy new spirit wear if it had the old design since their sweat shirts and pants were still in good shape. She may purchase new designs though. It was also noted that the flaming softball was becoming very popular and was seen often at the tournaments on various teams. Pete offered to put a survey on-line so the girls could vote on what colors and design they like. Pete will contact Kelly and organize the survey.

It was agreed someone will sit at a table with the spirit wear samples/order forms and coupon books on opening day.

AED (Ray Fox): The AED arrived and is ready to mount Saturday at work day. It was decided to mount the AED inside the garage. The AED came with a video and it was suggested that someone bring a laptop to the next meeting so the video could be viewed at the meeting. Pete suggested putting the AED video on the website so everyone could view it. It was discussed how to let the woman’s league have access to the AED. We could leave the garage door cracked but then who would be responsible for closing it? Renee will try to designate one person per team to be responsible for closing the garage, Ray

will discuss it with John Gluck to see if the umpires would be responsible. This will need to be discussed at a further date.

Interleague (Kurt Eisner): Beth has talked to Kurt and the night games will run April 29th to May 13th. The games at RASA will start at 8 PM and be played under the lights. There will be 4 games on those nights. All away games will start at 6:15 PM. The minors and majors will each have 2 interleague games.

Field Equipment/Field Prep (Bill Coblentz): new drag and rakes were ordered should be in 3/25. Still need a few prep tools, Bill C to pick up. TNT had suggested getting an orange reel for winding extension cords to use for the twine for lining the fields. Ted Mitchell did spread the field mix on Field 5 and was starting field 6 when the Township stopped him. Bill talked to Tom Raider from the Township and he said he would bring the field mix up once the fields have dried out. The lime donation has arrived. Steve Fuscellaro made up the box liners for home plate and they are awesome.

Work Day (Bill Coblentz): Ray suggested we establish groups and assign tasks to each group.

- Back Stop pads 4 people
- Tarps ladders and 2 people
- Mound relocation TNT will move them to 43”
- Bases and trash cans to fields
- Dugout maintenance
- Bull pen maintenance move the pitching rubber back 1 ½’ and the home plate back 1 ½’
- Club House Nets
- Batting cages Venom did it last year and they will do it again this year
- Trash & Weeds
- Billboards- drilling new ones and mounting on outfield fences and dugouts Ray and 3 people
- General cleaning storage area and upstairs
- Check scoreboards
- Sweep around bleacher areas
- Anything else??

IV. New Business:

***Lighting for the Parking Lot and Port-a-Pots:** Beth Rice brought up getting lighting for the parking lot and port-a-pots. RASA is not authorized to put lighting out there, Beth would need to attend a Richland Township-meeting. Bill had looked into getting Solar Lighting for the Port-a-Pots and it would be approximately \$1800-2600 for Solar lights.

***Pride of the Diamond-** There are 2 clinics:

1. Is an all skills clinic on June 20-22 in the morning 9:30-12:00. They will pay us \$125 per day for the field. They only used one field last year and Ray will handle the prep for this. The cost for RASA girls will be \$125 per camper or \$100 for sisters. Ray will open a limited refreshment stand during that time as well. While the camps are going on, Ray will drag/work on other fields. They will be providing pamphlets for advertising for us to hand out on opening day 4/16.

2. Is pitching and catching clinic on Aug. 8-10. They will again pay us \$125 per day for a field. The cost is \$100 for a camper. Ray may not be available to prepare the facility for this one because of being away on vacation. Could someone else do this? Stacie Calder volunteered to help out. Their brochure will also advertise this.

This will bring us \$750 for field rental during times when our fields would not be used at all. It matches what we did last year. We also can make a little more money through the refreshment stand on these 7 days.

Ray will work on a written agreement to be signed by us and POTD. He will also get Pete a copy of the brochure to post on-line.

***Katie Wickel Cancer Fundraiser (see attached):** Katie is a 10 year old minors player that would like to play a softball game with her neighborhood to raise money for cancer research. After looking at the calendar it was decided that she could have a field on Sunday, May 22nd from 6:30 to 9 PM. Sylvia will be contacted and Pete will make sure it is on the master schedule.

***Umpire Clinic (see attached):** Little league District 20 offers umpiring clinics. It was discussed if RASA should have a clinic to train the minors parents that volunteer for umpiring duty. This will be discussed later.

***U24 League (Carl Chew) see attached:** Carl will organize the U24 women's league again this year.

***VIGS Update (Rich Scott):** The VIGS league will start April 25th for the U14 team and May 2nd for the U18 level. The pitching distance is 40' for U14 and 43' for U18. Rich will need a roster of each team that contains name, age, and phone number by April 10th to submit to VIGS.

***Facebook Page (Pete Hall):** Pete Hall requested he be allowed to set up a Facebook page for RASA. It is different from a regular Facebook page. It would be for updates, important happenings, posting pictures of special events, etc. Most of the local schools have Facebook pages so it was felt it would not be a problem. Pete was told to go ahead and set up a page for RASA.

***Woman's League (Renee Cuce):** The woman's league has established a board and created a Code of Conduct that every team will have to sign before they are allowed to play. There are approximately 12 teams that will play Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. The woman's league would like to possibly host a tournament in late August/ early September. There are definitely openings in August. September would have to be looked in to. It would be a daylight only tournament so no lights would be needed. They wanted to know if they could possibly get a discount. Stacie suggested \$600 per day which is what was offered to Venom, RASA's U16 travel team and the TNT College showcase. Sylvia will have to be consulted to see what is available.

***Sunday Select (Ray Fox):** Ray Fox had asked to be allowed to have RASA host a U12 Sunday Select 1 day Round Robin on April 17th (the rain date for Opening Day). The Round Robin would be for 12 teams, each team would be guaranteed 2 games, 11 AM start time, 90 minute games, home team provides a new ball, and home team pays the Umpire. If Opening day needs to be moved to April 17th Deep Run has offered to host.

***Richland Township Liaison (Paul Hetrick):** Paul was able to get permission for RASA to put a sign at the entrance to Veteran's Park that says "Home of RASA Girls' Softball". The sign can be put either on or next to the current sign.

Adjournment:

Rich Scott motioned to adjourn at 8:52 and Rick Galloway 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Thursday, 4/10/11 at Veteran's Park Clubhouse

Billboard Report as of 3/21/11

First email reminder to every volunteer was on 1/11

Second email reminder to every volunteer was on 2/4

Initial report written for board meeting on 2/13/11

Next report was 2/27 Next Report was 3/10

NOTE: NO REPORT MEANS THAT THE CONTRACT IS UP FOR RENEWAL AND NO SIGN WILL GO UP UNTIL THAT HAPPENS.

Sylvia/Eric - Link Beverages - no report **Saturday will get signed contract and check**

Holiday Inn Quakertown – no report **have been contacted but no response**

Hampton Inn Quakertown – no report **have been contacted but no response**

Comfort Inn Quakertown – no report **have been contacted but no response**

USSSA – **emailing details**

Renee – Hatfield Quality Meats – received contract and \$300 for 3 year renewal and new
Sign, Sign being made, when done – bill them

Baum, Smith and Clemens, LLP – for 3 years PD.

Quaker Cooling LLC – their sign is good through 2011

Friendlys – Plaque was delivered – no response

TGI - ?

Stacey – Upper Bucks Orthodontics, PC – New sign Pd. In full for 5 Yrs.

Alcamo Restaurant – no new sign, will sponsor a team for \$250, want their sign

Grida and Richlandtown Inn – approached and said NO

Working on new ones –WaWA-**emailed contract to the regional office**, 7/Eleven, Chick Filet

APEX – will do sign – need contract and logo info

Rich – First Savings Bank – wants new sign – need contract and logo info

Carney Plumbing, Heating, Cooling – no response

O.R.E. Rentals – to offer 1 year free if renews

Sal's Pizza Randa – 3 payments made, one more left **paid in full**

Working on new one – Moyer Shoes

Paul – ENV Services – will donate \$200-\$300 for VIGs girls to play – put up sign

McCoole's Red Lion Inn – Paul will see her, Pd. \$250 to sponsor a team **will renew sign, sending in check**

John's Plain and Fancy – no response

Premier Signs and Graphics – Pd. 3 year rental

Wegmans – they are sending money

John – Peps Poultry – John wants old sign, has it.

Peps Ice Cream Parlor II – John getting sign made, free rent space

Vickie- Harleysville National Bank – changed names, is thinking about it, will follow up

Val – Angelo Law Office – no response **Renee was able to make contact**

Kwik Goal, Ltd. – no response

Earl Bowl Lanes – no response

Frank's Trattoria – will do new sign, need contract and logo-**Renee faxed the contract over 3/24/11**

Ray – TNT Gold – PD. \$1160 for 5 years, \$800 for sign, \$250 for a team sponsor, \$110 left over

will use for financial needs registrant.

Trinity Lutheran Church – PD. \$750 for 4 years

Dairy Queen – Pd. \$200 for 1 year

QNB – PD. \$200 for 1 year and will pay \$250 to sponsor U12 SS

Marvic Supply - PD. \$200 for 1 year

McLaughlin Physical Therapy – PD. \$500 for 2 years need contract

Dr. Newcomer – approached and said NO

Keisel and Gowda Dental – sign being made. PD \$300, bill for the rest when sign is done.

Feeney Nursery – approached and said NO

Bux-Mont Awards - \$500 this year toward trophies, \$200 next yr, \$200 3rd Year.

We pay for sign at \$300 = total of \$600 for space over 3 years. BOD approved this

On 2/27. New sign being made.

Others – Guy Coby – PD through 2011

Mary Jo Webb – PD through 2011

Dominick's – PD through 2011

YMCA – free through 2012

RASA Venom – PD for sign in 2010 and space was free, BOD needs to decide on 2011

Bill Coblenz to see if they want it back up.

RASA – New sign. Veterans Park Home of RASA Softball with our

Logo. This is being made.

Special Olympics- it was agreed that if Special Olympics paid to have their own sign made RASA would allow them to hang the sign rent free.

U24/WFP

3/24/2011

- Season will start on Sunday June 5th, double headers to be played ad the season will end on Sunday July 31st. **They will need 3 fields and the games will be at 6 PM & 8 PM. It was noted that there will be a 3 week overlap between U24 and Special Olympics.**
- 7 teams so far have expressed interest in Playing:
 1. Allentown Lazars
 2. Harleysville
 3. Methacton Magic
 4. NorGwyn Gold
 5. NorGwyn Green
 6. North Penn
 7. RASA Renegade
- Organizational meeting scheduled for Sunday march 27th at 4:30 pm
- Fees, last year the light fee was \$175 per team, we lost one weekend of games and played 16 night games. That's $\$1,050/16=\65.63 per game/field.
- Registration - **\$120 per girl RASA girl. Will need to get the registration form on-line. The registration period will go until May 31st.**
- Uniforms- **will order from MBM&C and use the same uniform as the VIGS.**
- Softballs
- Umpire Fees-**the teams pay \$50 per game.**
- **Field Prep- it will be the coach's responsibility to take care of the fields at the end of the night. Carl may look to hire someone to drag the fields after the games.**

2011 Sponsors

Team	Uniform Color	Sponsor	Special Requests
Tball 1	blue	MBM&C	Tball team
Tball 2	pink	TNT	
Tball 3	yellow	Pep's	
Rookies 1	red	Dominick's	
Rookies 2	purple	Hinkle & Sons LLC	Asst Coach Matt Hinkle's team
Rookies 3	pink	McCooles	
Rookies 4	teal	TGI Friday's	
Rookies 5	blue	Alcamo's	
Minors 1	purple	Quakertown Sonic	
Minors 2	red	Keller Williams	Coach Jim Wickel's team
Minors 3	gold	Grida's	Player (minors)Brittany Grida's team
Minors 4	Teal	Whaland Photography	
Minors 5	orange	Quakertown Family Dental	
Minors 6	Pink	Azzatori Chiropractic	Coach Matt Caputo's team
Majors 1	teal	Upper Bucks Orthodontics	
Majors 2	red	Craftech Construction	Player (majors) Lauren Cuce's team
Majors 3	black	Guy Coby DMD Orthodontics	
Majors 4	purple	Zing Bar & Grill by Andrews	
U14 1	Blue & white	McLaughlin Physical Therapy	Coach Rich Scott's team
U14 2	Red & White	Richland Township Police Association	
U14 3	Black & White	NEEDS A SPONSOR	
U18 1	Red & White	ENV Services	Coach Glen Trani's team
U18 2	Blue & white	NEEDS A SPONSOR	
U10 Sunday Select		Lift Art Inc	
U12 Sunday Select		QNB	