

## 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."*

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## RASA MINUTES

April 10, 2011

### Attendees

Stacie Calder	Pete Hall
Paul Hetrick	Rich Ponak
Bill Coblentz	Kelly Mitchell
Renee Cuce	Valerie Lopes
Rich Scott	Dave Dolly
Ray Fox	

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**I. Secretary's Report:** Review of last meeting's minutes. Paul asked if the 3 unassigned girls had been placed on a team. Stacie said all girls were on a team. Paul Hetrick motioned to approve the minutes and Pete Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

### **II. Treasurer's Report: attached**

Reviewed the Treasurer's report. The following checks were approved for payment:

Steve Fuscellaro	Batter's box liners
MBM&C	Uniforms
Richland Township	PPL Bill
Bill Coblentz	Field Prep Equipment

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

Bill did mention that he would need to order a skid of Quick Dry from Moyers & Sons in Souderton. Paul said RASA has an account with them. Stacie gave Bill a business card from the company she had picked up on Saturday when she and Sylvia picked up a few bags for the Tournament.

Mary Jo had also filed RASA's tax return for our non-profit status. A copy of the return was at the meeting and reviewed.

### **III. Old Business:**

#### **Spring Rec League (Stacie Calder):**

\*Schedule-The game schedules for Rec league, VIGS, Inter-league, and Sunday Select have all been received and put into the RASA system. The schedule is public and an email was sent to all RASA members with the schedule.

\*Umpires-Ray Fox has been in contact with John Gluck and all the majors games will be covered. Jerry Nyce will cover the Sunday Select games and VIGS contracts their own umpires.

\*Lights- Since the early season games (April, beginning of May) do not have as much evening light it was decided for safety that the lights will be put on every night from 7-8:30 PM. Bill can do this at home from his computer so no one is responsible for having to turn the lights off.

\*Drop Dead or no new Inning- It was decided that since the lights will be on this season that no new inning may be started after 7:45 but an inning may finish. There will not be a drop dead at 8 PM this year. It was emphasized that all games must start promptly at 6pm.

\*Team and coaches only in the dugout-Dave will make sure that the teams and coaches are following this rule. The only people allowed in the dugout must have a back ground clearance. Also the girls may

not run in and out, they are to stay inside and watch/cheer for their team. They are only allowed out for bathroom usage.

\*Scoreboard-the score boards should be used by all minors and majors teams. It is the responsibility of the home team's coach to find a scorekeeper.

\*field closings-Stacie and Pete wanted to know the policy on field closings. If the RASA fields were closed are the satellite fields closed too? There was an incident on Thursday night when the RASA fields were closed and so Stacie and Pete closed the satellite fields. Minors #3 was suppose to scrimmage minors #1. The scrimmage was not in the system, it was a phone call arrangement. When the fields were closed only Minors 3 was notified of the closure. Minors 1 showed up and had a practice since they were not notified the fields were closed. Minors 3 was very upset that they followed the rules and missed out on a practice. It was decided that RASA would only close the Vet Park fields and the other fields would be up to the coaches discretion. Ray Fox has been in contact with the High School Athletic Director and hopefully RASA will not be blamed for future damage. It seems that there is only one employee that has to check all the fields in the morning and when he reports to the AD it is not always accurate by the afternoon. It was also noted that there is nothing at the satellite fields to groom the fields. Bill will try to get something into the knack box.

\*Trophies-Bill needs a list of teams and players so he can order the trophies. Pete will get him a list of the teams. It was noted that we will not be giving participation trophies next year. Bill will also order the minors and majors division champ trophies.

**Sponsorship Update (Renee Cuce) see attached:** We were able to get 23/25 sponsors for the Spring Rec League. Renee is still working on a few sponsors and while it is too late for them to sponsor a Spring Rec League team we still need sponsors for the minors and majors All-Star games, possible Little League teams, and the U24 team. It was also mentioned that we would need to make sure that pictures were taken of the All-Star teams for the sponsors.

It was also mentioned that last year the team names were changed from Tball1 to the sponsor name after we received all the sponsors. Pete has already changed it on the system's roster and posted all the sponsor's on the website. He will check into changing the team names to sponsor names.

**Billboards (Ray Fox):** At the Work Weekend they were able to hang 9 dugout signs, and 13 outfield signs. The USSSA sign was just fabricated and needs to go up. It was decided that the Kwik Goal sign would stay up this year since they donated the netting. Kwik Goal thought it was a \$8000 value, Mary Jo will check the records. We can still go after sponsors for new billboards.

**Uniforms (Stacie Calder, Michelle Grida):** Uniforms-all the uniforms came in and will be handed out Monday from 5:30-7:30 at the clubhouse and Tuesday from 6-8 at the clubhouse, rain or shine. There was a mix up with the shorts and we are about 25 pairs of short. The printer will be ordering them Monday and hopefully they will be delivered and printed by Thursday. There were 5 girls that signed up after the order was placed and their uniforms are on back order. There were enough left over pieces to be able to give the 5 girls a shirt in the correct color for Opening Day.

**Special Events-Opening Day(Valerie Lopes) and Home Run Derby (HRD):**

\*Opening Day: Val has everything in place. Dairy Queen is sponsoring the day, Friendly's is doing a free meal voucher, Grida's is offering a free ice cream cone, and John is doing a free hot dog at the snack stand. Paul Hetrick will pitch the first ball and Jaymer Nichols will catch. Casey Cunnane will sing the national anthem. Rich Scott is printing the brochures. Ray Fox suggested a 50/50 and several people offered to walk around and sell the tickets. Renee said the photographer would be there to take candid and Pete Hall will take them too so we can get updated photos on the website. Val knows how to use the speaker system so that is taken care of. Mrs. Coblenz offered to sit at a table and sell the DQ

coupon books that are being donated. Stacie also offered to sit at a table since she had planned to try to sell all the extra used softballs and the 10 pieces of left over spirit wear.

\*Spirit Wear-Kelly Mitchell has the new colors and designs ready to go for the spirit wear. She will have samples and an order form at Opening Day. She will sit at the table and take orders.

\*Home Run Derby- May 7<sup>th</sup>, Ray Fox's wife Denise and Rich Scott's wife Deb have offered to sit at the results table and help. John Pepkowski has offered to sponsor the day. Pete is working on a spreadsheet, MaryJo has the event descriptions. Bill will also order medals for the Home Run Derby. We tried ribbons last year and it was not received well so we will go back to medals this year.

**Fundraising (Valerie Lopes):** There will be a RASA Car Wash at PepBoys May 14<sup>th</sup>. It was noted it may be the same date as the Relay for Life so girls may already be committed. Val or Dave will check.

**AED (Ray Fox):** It was decided that the AED will be hung inside the garage door. The only time it will be inaccessible is after 9pm at night. John Pepkowski will stay open until 9 and then make sure the garage is closed. Renee can make sure the garage is open the nights she has a woman's league game. Pete will send an email blast to all of RASA letting them know it has been purchased for the safety of players and spectators.

**Interleague (Kurt Eisner):** Everything is set, all games have been scheduled and the contact sheet has been distributed to the coaches. Pete made sure all the fields have been updated on the website.

**Field Prep (Bill Coblentz):** Bill has fixed the pads on field 5 and the rest need to be checked. Also the sunshades need to be checked too. There were not enough ties on work day and some of the pads/shades need to be re-anchored. John Calder will bring his leaf blower up Thursday or Friday and clear out some of the leaves and dirt from the paths and dugouts. Bill is running the Field Prep classes Thursday and Friday night to prepare for Opening Day. The fields will be groomed twice a week and it will be up to the home team to line the fields. Ted Mitchell has been able to spread the top fill on 4 of the 6 fields. He will finish the other 2 fields when it is dry enough to drive on the fields.

**Director of Coaching (Dave Dolly):** Dave will make sure that all the coaches are having practices. Val said she had heard from one parent that they weren't having practices. Bill asked if Val had explained to the parent the chain of command for problems. If a parent has a problem they should first contact the coach, if they are not satisfied they then contact the Director of Coaching, and then the Board of Directors. It was also noted that some of the coaches do not have public contact info on the website. Pete explained that if they did not check the public button then we can not publish their info with their permission. Dave will contact the coaches and explain they must have a public email/phone number on the website. Also Pete asked that Dave make sure that all coaches are putting scrimmages on the website. This will eliminate any problems associated with cancellations.

**Special Olympics (Rich Ponak):** Rich has the equipment and is ready to start May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will not be a session Memorial Day weekend. He has asked that the High School and Venom teams make arrangements to come help out after the first 2 weeks. There are players from 8 to 51 years old. John Pepkowski has offered to sponsor the league and will be purchasing t-shirts for every player. Special Olympics has asked if there is any possibility that RASA could host a Round Robin for the different areas. We will have to check the schedule and see if there is any open time.

#### **IV. New Business:**

\*VIGS Update (Rich Scott): Rich Scott needs a list of the VIGS teams again. Pete will resend him the information. The VIGS board also submitted a check for \$600 to RASA for the 2010 lights bill.

**\*High School Team (Rich Scott):** Rich asked if the field has been reserved for the High School Senior night under the lights. They will be playing CB East. Pete had already taken care of reserving the fields. Also there is a High School player will cancer and the players would like to do a 24 hour Softball Tournament as a fundraiser. It was suggested they hold it in August since that is when the RASA fields are available. Rich Ponak also suggested the Gun Club fields. Rich will talk to the team and get back to us.

**\*Men's Tournament (Rich Ponak):** Rich organizes a tournament at the Gun Club and donates 100% of the profit to RASA (approximately \$1500-\$2000). This year's tournament will be June 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 9 PM. . Rich is asking for help at the snack stand, field prep, empty trash etc. It was also asked if RASA would have a team. Last year was the first year RASA didn't have a team. Pete will send an email blast asking for a Men'd team and volunteers after Rich gets him some more details.

**\*ENV Donation (Paul Hetrick):** Paul asked that the 3 girls that received a paid registration from the ENV donation please write a thank you letter. Stacie said she would get the girls to write a letter after the donation was received.

**\*Snack Stand Insurance (John Pepkowski):** John wanted to know if RASA's insurance covers the snack stand. If it doesn't cover the snack stand John will purchase additional insurance. Mary Jo will check with Davina at Richland Township to see if the snack stand is covered.

**\*Permanent Storage Trailer (Bill Coblenz):** RASA has received permission to place a permanent storage shed next to the dumpsters. Bill will store the Field Prep supplies and equipment in the trailer. We have two options and we would like to get the 8' x 20' trailer. It will cost between \$1800-\$2600 to purchase the trailer. John Pepkowski has offered to pay for the trailer.

**\*Website (Pete Hall):** Pete has figures out the survey portion of the website and it will only ask questions but it functions fine.

**\*Woman's League (Renee Cuce and Valerie Lopes):** The Woman's League would like to hold a one day Tournament in August. Since all money in the Woman's league goes back into the RASA general account at the end of the season a rental fee may not be necessary. The Woman's League would be responsible for paying any bills for extra expenses such as port-a-potty or dumpsters. Renee and Val will see how much interest there is first and then hold a work group to determine a fee and schedule. The Woman's league board is all set up. The Woman's league will not be affected by the new 43" pitching mounds.

#### **Adjournment:**

Rich Scott motioned to adjourn at 8:56 PM and Dave Dolly 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meeting – Thursday, 4/21/11 at Veteran's Park Clubhouse

<u>Team</u>	<u>Uniform Color</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Special Requests</u>
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 Black &	Richland Township Police Association	
U14 3	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	