



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

June 13, 2012

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Peter Hall
Valerie Lopes
Brian Wilson

Bill Coblentz
John Pepkowski
Mary Jo Webb

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 21st meeting were approved. Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and John Pepkowski 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: attached

Review of the Treasurer's report showed the fundraising expenses were mostly lottery distributions and the income was tournaments. The following checks were approved for payment:

Richland Township	Mr. John, Allied, PPL Bill
David Bilger	Tax Return Prep*
TCB Home Improvements	Excavation of infields
Bill Keohane	softballs for U24
Joe Miller	umpires for U24
?? **	insurance for U24
Coplay	softballs for Woman's league & VIGS
Bill Coblentz (cash)	Field Maintenance

*This was higher than estimated due to the fact the accountant needed to research the loan/concession stand and redefined it as leasehold improvements instead of a depreciated item.

**MaryJo did not know who the insurance check should be made payable to. She will need to check with Paul.

-It was decided not to pay to advertise in the Bucks County Visitor Bureau magazine. Bill will contact Tim Arnold at the Township and see if they are interested in advertising.

-The issue of 1099s for umpires was brought up. Mary Jo will investigate if they are necessary.

-There was a bounced check for spring rec league. Mary Jo will write a letter to the person and explain they must pay in a money order or volunteer 15 hours.

-The Woman's league has not had any activity or deposits. Mary Jo was concerned about the time that has elapsed since she gave Rich Ponak the checks for deposit.

-There was no update from the U16 Pa Panthers travel team.

Val Lopes motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report. John Pepkowski 2nd. All approved.

III. Old Business:

Spring Rec League:

- Playoff bracket-there was a concern with seeding this year due to the odd number of teams. The highest seed from the Rec Season had played out of the loser bracket to the championship and they were not made home team. It was decided that going forward a coin flip would determine the home team of the championship game.

- Need to look at making the start time of the games 6:30 next year to help with prep time of fields and to give everyone more time to get to the fields after a long day at work.
- Make it a requirement for the coach/team parent to set a volunteer schedule and make sure a copy is given to the Spring Rec Coordinator.
- The coach's packet should include a volunteer position list (field prep, scoreboard, book, measure the mound distance)
- Brian Wilson thinks the Minors league should be more about the development and not competition. He would like to be on the Rules Committee and do a complete review before next year. Bob Fafard and Rich Scott both would be happy to help with the committee.
- Pete Hall would like to add a rule about what happens if a coach is ejected from a game. Are they suspended for a certain amount of games? This will need to be settled before next season.
- Minors Teen Umpires-Brian Wilson said as a minors coach he liked them. Pete will add a question about the teen umpires to the survey. Brian felt the coaches just needed to be more controlled.
- Pete has the survey set to go live next week. An email will be sent out asking parents to complete the survey.
- The U14 VIGs are finished but the U18 are still playing.
- The equipment turn in has been set for June 20th. This will give the teams enough time to have end of year parties and clean the equipment.

Field Maintenance:

- Helm Fencing will do the fence repairs and expansion in August.

Spirit Wear

- The invoices were reviewed and Bill is still not sure if the discount was given. Also it was noted that a deposit was missing. Kelly Mitchell was contacted during the meeting and she said she had money to give to Mary Jo. Kelly and her family were in a car accident and she forgot about the deposit. She will get it to Mary Jo this week. Bill will try to contact SVS and make sure the discount has been given.

IV. New Business:

***Pictures:** There were many complaints about the team group pictures this year. They were very fuzzy and out of focus. This is a big concern because this is the picture we give to our sponsors on a plaque. RASA must look for a new photographer for next year.

***Woman's League:** Val will check that all the teams have paid.

***U24 League:** They had a good first night but they need to make sure that all the scoreboards are turned off and unplugged at the end of each night.

***Travel Teams:** The U14 Pa Panthers are doing well. The U16 Pa Panther's coach had an issue with Jeff Kittle, USSSA coordinator, and Bill has talked to the coach and said his behavior was unacceptable. USSSA has threatened to not allow the U16 Panthers to play in any tournaments if the behavior does not improve.

***Richland Township Community Day:** RASA will set up on field 5 and Bill has purchased a new easy up tent. We will have some softball activities for the kids such as accuracy throw or waffle ball hit. Stacie will contact MBMC to see about the cost of a small give away such as a small foam ball or tumblers.

***Summer Camps:** There is a camp this week and Ray Fox will not be able to prep the fields or run the snack stand on Monday. Pete Hall and Brian Wilson offered to come over and help out.

***Night Owl Series:** Jeff Kittle, USSSA has started running night tournaments with games at 5, 7, and 9. Bill needs to figure out how much to charge Jeff for the additional field prep and trash.

***TNT Showcase:** The showcase will be 6/27-7/1 with Wednesday being the coach's camp. RASA will do a raffle again this year. We will need to make up a schedule for supervision at Vet Park, Freshman Center, and Milford.

***Fall Ball:** we must find a coordinator since registration begins August 1st. Chaz Schaeffer and his wife had offered to chair this league. We will need to check with them to see if they are still available, Chaz has changed jobs and he will be traveling a great deal.

***Equipment Shed:** Stacie requested RASA look into purchasing another trailer to house all the equipment. It would be a huge help if the equipment were kept at Vet Park and not across town in the Apple Alley garage. Bill will look into the price of another trailer.

***USSSA Website:** It has been noted that several tournaments are listed as being hosted at Vet Park when someone else has the park booked. Jeff has been asked to fix these listings. Ray Fox is very upset by this incorrect listing since it is given RASA a poor image in the community. People are under the impression that RASA is messing with the schedule. Bill will discuss this with Jeff again.

***Men's Tournament:** Rich Ponak is running his annual men's tournament and would like to add a woman's portion this year. The profits are donated to Special Olympics and RASA. Rich would like to use the Freshman Center for the woman's portion of the tournament. Rich must first provide a schedule of games, who will be doing the maintenance, trash removal, ordering extra port-a-pots, staking off the no parking zones. Also someone must be present at the fields the entire time to ensure that no one is smoking or drinking and that no one parks on the grass. He will be allowed to use the fields after he has met the above conditions.

Adjournment:

Mary Jo Webb motioned to adjourn and Val Lopes 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Sunday, 6/24/12 at the clubhouse-this will be a organizational meeting for the College Showcase only. Next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, July 11.