



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 3, 2013

Attendees

Stacie Calder	Peter Hall	Brian Wilson
Paul Hetrick	Mary Jo Webb	Ed Gall
Bob Fafard	Bill Coblentz	Valerie Lopes
Renee Cuce	Rich Ponak	Kris Wilson
Matt Caputo	Rick Galloway	Rich Scott
Tim Panza	Ray Wilkinson Jr	

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 10th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Pete Hall motioned to approve the minutes and Matt Caputo 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance has registration money accounts for most of the income. Most of the expenses were the loan payment and fence extension/repairs. The work was done in 2012 but the final bill was received and paid in 2013.

*This Electric bill seems extremely high and Mary Jo will contact April at the Township to investigate.

Matt Caputo motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report and Paul Hetrick 2nd. All approved.

III. Old Business:

Picture Vendor:

- Renee Cuce confirmed Dana James will be the photographer and will be here Opening Day

Equipment:

- Joe Stryker has offered to help Stacie Calder with the equipment. Stacie is playing email tag with him but will get together this week. It is hoped Mr. Stryker will take over the equipment director position next year.
- The Minors division asked if they could use an 11" RIF ball instead of the Incrediball. A motion was made by Brian Wilson and 2nd by Matt Caputo.
The Minors division will use an 11" RIF ball instead of the 11" Incrediball.
The motion was passed unanimously.
- Pete Hall has a pitching machine he has lent to Brian Wilson to use for U10 SS inside practice. Pete no longer needs this machine and Brian asked if RASA could buy the machine. Pete is asking \$100. All agreed to purchase the machine for RASA.

Sponsors:

- Renee believes she has between 18-20 sponsors committed but not all paid yet.
- Sunday Select U10 has 2 sponsors-Paid (Registration fee is \$55), Sunday Select U12 has 1 sponsor paid and another needs to pay (once the 2nd sponsor pays registration fee is \$55)
- There is an issue with the one sponsor uniform request. Chaz Schaeffer has asked for black shirts with gold sparkly letters. He is willing to pay the difference. The board decided not to allow the gold sparkly letters but to offer white letters. If Mr. Schaeffer insists on the gold letters he may sponsor the All Star team as the shirts are always different.

- Paul Hetrick handed out the list of Billboards paid and unpaid. The list was divided up and people will contact the various sponsors.

Director of Coaching:

- Sunday Select coaches have always been expected to coach Rec League due to the fact it is more difficult to find Rec League coaches than SS coaches. We can not find where this is written so Bob motioned and Bill 2nd the following proposal:
Sunday Select Head Coaches and Assistants must coach at the Rec League Level.
The motion passed unanimously.
- Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) It was decided to offer the coaches the online course this year at their own expense (RASA will not reimburse). In the 2014 season the ASA Certification will be required and paid for by RASA and the PCA will be offered and paid for by RASA.
- Sunday Select players must be registered, but not necessarily paid, before they can try out for the Sunday Select team. This is due to the fact that the Sunday Select girls are required to play in Rec. Sunday Select is something above and beyond a normal offering of RASA. This also ensures the girls are covered with our insurance.
- Girls do not have to be registered to attend our free community skills clinics. RASA uses these events as a membership drive and a community service.
- Mary Jo will check with our insurance to see if there is any insurance issue with the clinics. Pete said he can create a form online for girls to “sign-up” ahead of time and waivers for parents to sign releasing RASA from liability.
- First Aid Clinic: Rick is trying to get someone to run a clinic for RASA. It is required every 3 years by Little League insurance. Rick has left messages with Dr. Fly and will contact Holly Wilkinson a RN. Mary Jo will try to get clarification if it needs to be a Professional Medical person or just any kind of training. Stacie Calder is 1st Aid and CPR trained and her certification allows her access to training videos. Would we be allowed to show the videos as a training?

Uniforms:

- Kris Wilson asked permission to order extra pants for the Minors/Majors/VIGS. She is going to order the pants based on the shorts size and not have a fitting. The pants have elastic waists so they should be ok. The extras would be for any fit issues.
- The coaches will be getting Tshirts that are the same color as the team this year. Each team will only get 3 coach shirts.

USSSA World Series:

- Jeff Kittle will be hosting a meeting in Allentown on March 14th if anyone is interested in attending.
- The Opening Ceremonies will be in Iron Pigs stadium and Dorney Park has signed on as a sponsor.
- Jeff was awarded the U11, U13, and U15 divisions.

Clay Bricks:

- The bricks would require year round maintenance and 3x per week during the playing season they will need to be dug up and replaced or repaired.
- They must be kept moist and covered with a tarp.
- The cost will be approximately \$1200 for 1 field.
- Bob Fafard and Bill Coblentz are still investigating this.

PSAC:

- Matt Caputo had some sample designs of the Tshirt RASA will be selling. Everyone liked the designs but suggested gray shirts instead of dark blue. Also if we could place the date and place (Vet Park, Home of RASA) on the back of the shirts.
- Volunteers are still needed for the day.

IV. New Business:

***Special Events:** Valerie Lopes needs a list of volunteers for Opening Day and Fundraising. Pete will get her the list. The Penny Drop will be deposited and handed out during the season. RASA hopes we will be able to get the recipients to come to the play-offs or All Stars and we can get a group shot with lots of girls. Val will have the Raffle tickets ready to give to the coaches Saturday (3/9/13) at their coaches meetings. Bill has talked to Jerry Williams at SVSports and they sponsor weekends where 20% of total sales are donated to a sports organization. Bill will try to arrange a weekend for RASA. Bill is also trying to get a team sponsorship.

***Rec League Financial Aid:** Stacie Calder received a request from a family that had paid their registration in January to possibly get a refund. The husband had been laid off. The family was more than willing to help at equipment sorting, open park day, etc. The family also offered to sell the raffle tickets. The board approved the refund.

***2013 Coaches:** The list of 2013 coaches was approved.

***2013 Draft:** Registration closed on February 28th and draft took place on March 2nd. All went very well.

***VIGS-**Ed Gall said VIGS needs our blackout dates, rosters, and insurance Cert by 3/15/13. The next VIGS is scheduled for 3/19/13. There will not be a tournament this year but there will be an All Star game and they are looking for someone to host it. Ardsley will be playing U18 this year. The U14s will start 4/22 with playoffs beginning 6/10 and the U18s will start 5/6 with playoffs beginning 6/24. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting but has not been scheduled yet. VIGS will not be allowing metal cleats. VIGS will be putting the rosters online this year.

***Woman's League:** There will be a meeting this Tuesday. There are currently 10 teams.

***Awards:** A motion was made to allow the tball, rookies, and minors to all get participation trophies. All voted for except Stacie Calder voted against. Majors, top 2 teams only will receive trophies.

***2012 Tax Return:** Mary Jo has sent the tax information to the accountant.

***Sunday Select:** Brian Wilson asked if the U10 Sunday Select team could play in travel tournaments. It was pointed out no SS players could be travel players so the tournaments would have to be after the SS season. Also the U10 would have to cover all costs and insurance.

***Umpires:** John Gluck will be used for the Majors, Minors, and Sunday Select since no one has stepped forward to organize and run the Girl Umpires. Rick Galloway is working with John to register teams with ASA and make a schedule.

***Game Schedule:** Pete Hall needed to get the number of games per division approved. The following was approved: Tball 10 games, Rookies 12 games, Minors 12 games, Majors 12 games. Pete will forward the information to Beth Rice.

***Special Olympics:** Rich Ponak would like to have the Special Olympics on Fridays again. RASA was going to pay for the tshirts last year but John Pepkowski paid. RASA is willing to pay for shirts this year. Kris Wilson and Rich Ponak will need to get together to make arrangements for uniforms. They will not be able to attend Opening Day due to a scheduling conflict so Renee Cuce will have to get with Rich to make arrangements for pictures.

Adjournment:

Renee Cuce motioned to adjourn and Brian Wilson 2nd. All agreed.

Next meeting – Tuesday, 3/19/13 General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse.