



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 18, 2015

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Eric Medlin
Beth Rice
Rich Scott

Bill Coblentz
Matt Caputo
Valerie Lopes
Mary Jo Webb

Ed Gall
Ray Fox
Shane Thrush

I. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 2/25/15 meeting were reviewed, Matt Caputo motioned to approve and Beth Rice 2nd. Minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance is approximately \$15,000.00. The following bills were approved to be paid:

Richland Township	Loan Payment	\$ 4,000.00
Richland Township	Utilities	\$
MBM&C	Uniforms	\$
VIGS	Team Registrations	\$
Matt Caputo	Coaches' Packets	\$
Total Bills to be Paid		\$10,920.31

Mary Jo was unable to print the report before the meeting. Once she has a chance to print the report a copy will be placed in the minutes and the individual amounts paid will be filled in.

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

III. Sponsorship & Billboards:

- Ed brought a list of present and past sponsors and everyone present went through the list to look for potential team sponsors. We need 26 sponsors. There were 8 confirmed team sponsors (Upper Bucks Orthodontics, Dominick's, McLaughlin Physical Therapy, QNB, TGI Fridays, Grida's, Guy Coby, Olympus) and 1- U10 Sunday Select sponsor (Quakertown Family Dental).
- During the meeting SVSports was contacted and said they would barter a team sponsorship for 10 free tees (RASA will purchase 10-total received 20 tees)
- MBM&C will sponsor a team-they take the \$250 off of the cost of the uniforms
- Olympus donated \$200 in the name of Bob Fafard-it will be used as a T-ball team sponsorship.
- SNAP will sponsor a team as part of our photography contract.
- A new sponsor Horizon Services has been in contact with Bill. They have not paid yet.
- The following past sponsors will be contacted:
 - Car Wash America -Eric -team sponsor
 - Dairy Queen-Ray Fox -Bulletin Board
 - JPS Photography- Eric- team sponsor
 - L. Hinkle & Sons- Eric-Team sponsor
 - North Penn Gun Club- Bill - Bulletin Board
 - Friendly's-Stacie-Team Sponsor

Richland Twp Police-Ray & Bill-Team sponsor
Sal's Pizza-Rich Scott-Team sponsor & Bulletin Board
USSSA-Bill-Bulletin Board
Keller Williams-Stacie-Team Sponsor
Car Dealerships-Stacie-Bulletin Boards

IV. Spring Rec

- The personal Phone calls worked. We have over 200 girls registered. The one comment mentioned often for why people didn't register was they were looking for the RASA signs. We are very low on signs and due to the weather this past winter it was very difficult to put any out. Signs will need to be ordered and put out on December 1st next year.
- While at the meeting many late registrations were considered and approved with either a late fee or volunteer work required for financial need.
- Brian Wilson has the uniforms under control. A picture of the new logo design incorporating the 10th anniversary was passed around.
- Matt reported we have 3 Tball teams, 6 Rookies teams, 4 Minors teams, 3 Majors teams, 1 U14 team, 3 U18 teams, 2 Sunday Select Teams, and there will be 4 All Star teams.
- Coaching report was given by Eric. Tball needs one coach. Beth Rice volunteered since her niece's daughter will be playing and her niece will help her. Minors there are 2 brand new coaches and 2 returning coaches. Majors there are 2 returning and 1 new coach. Eric is coaching a team but he has two strong assistants who will be helping. He is hoping they will be doing all of the real work and he will just have to guide them.
- There will be a rules review and coaches training on 3/22. Matt and Eric will run the meeting.
- Matt & Eric are planning on opening field scheduling Monday 3/23 at 7:30 pm. The fields will still be closed but it will allow time for Matt and Eric to review the schedule and make sure all teams have equal access. There are two indoor practices 3/19 & 3/26 so all teams T-ball to Majors will have at least 2 practices by April 1st.
- Stacie offered to make copies and bring blank background checks to the practice Thursday to get as many checks as possible. She will then give them to Ed Gall who is compiling the list for RASA. Pictures of drivers license can be taken or people can submit them later to Ed.
- Eric is investigating Interleague games. Bill requested they be scheduled earlier in the season to help open up Friday nights later on.
- Beth and Eric are working on the schedule. VIGS has not released their schedule yet but Beth has open time for them.

V. Equipment

- Shane Thrush has cleaned out the trailer and inventoried all equipment.
- Shane feels the only thing we need is 20 tees. This has been approved with the SVSports barter above for sponsorship.
- Shane will order all game balls.

VI. Fields & Equipment

- Bill reported the tractor was picked up and taken for annual servicing. For once everything was ok on the tractor!!!
- Work day is set for this Saturday, March 21but it is supposed to snow Friday. It was decided to move the work day to March 28th.

VII. Sunday Select

- Eric reported there are 8-U10 teams and 12-U12 teams in the league this year. There is even a team from Roxboro that asked to play this year. It was agreed as long as they agreed to have all games at away fields to save the drive to Roxboro.
- Eric requested permission for RASA Sunday select to host the Round Robin again the Sunday after Opening Day. There will be 20 teams so the new U8 teams will not be allowed to participate.
- Sunday Select will also be allowed to use the upper fields on Sundays after 3 for games.

VIII. Clinics

- Bob Fafard has offered to host catching clinics to RASA. He would like to work with Madison Calder. Since there is no indoor space these clinics will have to be at practices outside.
- Dustin McCartney has offered to host Speed and Agility clinics to RASA teams. He has just been certified as a personal trainer and would like to help RASA.

IX. Opening Day

- Kim Wagner is on top of this. She has a meeting scheduled 3/23/15.
- Val is working on the picture schedule. A request was made by the U18 teams that they have their pictures first since it is the Junior Prom.
- The ceremony will be 11-12.
- Games will be 12:30 and 3:30.
- The Travel Teams will be asked to help out.

X. Lottery

- In 2014 the lottery grossed \$11,050 and the prizes were \$2,500. RASA netted \$8,550.
- It was decided the prizes would be slightly lowered since the original amounts were based on 300 players not 200 players. The new prizes are as follows: 1st Place \$1,000 2nd Place \$500 3rd Place \$250 4th – 8th Prizes \$50 each for a total of \$2000.
- Val will get the lottery tickets and hand them out. She requested a list of exemptions and Stacie explained it was on the registrations in the “additional info” field. Eric will print this out for Val once the registration is finalized.

XI. Spirit Wear

- We need a new Chair person. Bill and Matt felt Brian might be interested.
- RASA would like new 10th anniversary Spirit Wear.

XII. New Business:

***Upcoming Dates:**

PSAC Skills Clinic-April 29th

PSAC Tournament-April 30-May 2

Home Run Derby-May 3rd Madison Calder will chair again.

Adjournment:

Mary Jo Webb motioned to adjourn and Beth Rice 2nd. All agreed.

Next meetings –Sunday 3/29/15

General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse