



## 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

February 12, 2017

### Attendees

Stacie Calder

Matt Caputo

Joseph DeJesus

Paul Hetrick

Bill Coblentz

Mary Jo Webb

Beth Rice

Kim Wagner

Eric Medlin

Rich Scott

Ed Gall

Brian Ritter

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**I. Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the 12/1/2016 meeting were reviewed. Matt Caputo motioned to approve and Ed Gall 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes were approved. The minutes from the 1/19/17 meeting were reviewed. Ed Gall motioned to approve and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes were approved.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** The current balance is \$56,7643.76. The following bills were approved to be paid:

Pa DOT	Trailer Registration	\$ 11.00
Richland Township	Loan Payment	\$ 4,000.00
Ed Gall	Book of Stamps (sponsorship letters)	\$ 49.00
Total Bills to be Paid		\$ 4,060.00

2017 Rec League Registration Fees were deposited in January.

Mary Jo will work on a budget for the next meeting. The only new expenses for the year will be fence repairs at an estimate of \$3,000.00.

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

### III. President's Report:

- Vet Park Maintenance: the fencing will be repaired on all 6 fields. The lower sections on the back stops will be cut out and replaced with heavier gage wire and the bottom will be dug down 18" into the ground to ensure they will not curl up again. The bull pens will be fixed, any heaved concrete footers will be place back down in the ground, and any curled fences along the first base lines will be straightened and additional piping along the bottom. Watson Services will be doing the work. They did the original work but were restricted in quality of materials to the bid process. We will be replacing the lower quality materials.
- PSAC Contract: PSAC would like to enter into a contract with RASA until 2020. They will pay us \$1375/day for a 4 day tournament. PSAC will do a skills clinics for Majors and younger. The ticket cost will go to \$15 per day for adult and \$7.50 for kids. John Wagner will make distance signs for the fences. RASA is responsible for providing an announcer, scoreboard operators, parking collections and ticket sales, security, field maintenance, and a snack stand. Ed Gall suggested trying to sell advertising during the game announcing. Bill is looking into it. PSAC also has a new logo so it will need to be updated on the t-shirts. Ed Gall pointed out the scoreboards need to be repaired before the games.
- Sponsor Book- Bill is looking to get a sponsor book together to hand out during the tournaments to maybe take the sting out of the parking fee.
- Bathrooms: If the Township is involved it will cost over \$300,000 due to the restrictions of prevailing wage bids. The Township has nothing budgeted for this project in 2017 so the earliest it can begin would be 2018. There were questions about whether the Township would loan us the money to do the project

and for how long at what rate the loan would be. A second option would be for RASA to do it independently. We would still have to use the Township for engineering and digging the water line. We would be able to use more donations and volunteer labor. Bill would like to wait one more year to get more savings before we begin the process of engineering and looking for private funding through local banks. Mary Jo pointed out we do spend \$18,000 per year on port-a-pots and that money could be used for debt service. Matt asked if there was any grant money out there. No one was familiar with the grant writing process but Stacie did mention Denise Bullock as a person she knew had written grant proposals in the past. She was going to see if she could contact her and get guidance.

#### **IV. Vice President's Report**

- Rec League update: Tball (12), Rookies (26), Minors (37), Majors (23), VIGs (20).
- Clinics: Bob Fafard will lead a catchers clinic and a coaches clinic. Donna Reiss will lead a pitching clinic for all girls that would like to try pitching to encourage more girls to try the position. There was an issue with the School District and our Insurance Cert but Matt has straightened it all out.
- Pa Panthers- The U14 Pa Panthers were working out at NexGen and they broke a sprinkler head when practicing. Bill Smith is not sure if they are allowed to continue to practice there. He has asked Matt to see if there is any indoor space at the school available.

#### **V. Uniforms**

- Brian Zebert submitted a bid for uniforms. When compared to the prices of years past it was decided to accept the bid and give Brian's company, Proforma, the contract with the understanding he will be required to sponsor a team.

	<b><u>Brian's Bid</u></b>	<b><u>2016 Expenses</u></b>
T-Shirts	\$10.50 each (includes one color printing on the front and back, two numbers on the back, screening charges, \$1 more for XXL, \$2 more for XXXL and u)	\$6.50-\$9.50 plus \$1.20 per number
Shorts	\$8.25	\$11-\$11.50
Pants (Augusta)	\$17-18	\$19-\$21
Socks	\$3.70	\$4.50

- Total expenses for uniforms in 2016 was \$10,400 and in 2015 was \$12,400.

#### **VI. New Business**

- Scheduling: Tball is guaranteed 10 games and Rookies to Majors are guaranteed 12 games.
- Lottery Tickets: Mary Jo will order the tickets and Eric will help to sort and distribute. The prizes will again be \$1000, \$500, \$250, five-\$50.
- Picture Schedule-picture day is Home Run Derby (5/13/17) this year so the schedule will need to be coordinated with the HRD chair.
- Spirit Wear-Stacie will contact Milford Sports/Paul Owens to see if he can do the spirit wear again this year. We would only do a sweatshirt (hood), ¼ zip pull over, tshirt, and possibly blankets and sweatpants. We would like to use the original logo again. It would need to be ready for Opening Day (4/22/17) and we would be ordering large sizes as we have so many left over small sizes.
- High School-the two night games will be 5/10/17 Senior Night and 5/17/17 Youth Night. JV will play at 5pm and Varsity at 7pm. Also the team would like to buy a billboard to hang at the park as long as they are playing there. RASA will waive the rental fee as long as the team pays all expenses for the sign.
- Opening Day-Kim Wagner will be planning this day again this year but will be passing the leadership onto another for next year. She and Shannon will be training their replacements this year.
- Background Checks: Ed Gall is looking for a paper that can used for background checks that states there have been no changes in a person's status from last year. The background checks only need to be done every 5 years but Ed would like to update them every year with this disclaimer.
- Sponsorship/Billboards: Ed has emailed and/or sent letters to all billboards. He is also contacting all past team sponsors. We only have 3 paid sponsors at this time.

- Opening Vet Park Work Day: March 18<sup>th</sup>. An email and list of jobs will be sent out closer to the date.

**Adjournment:**

Mary Jo Webb motioned to adjourn and Matt Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed.

Next meetings –Sunday 3/5/17

General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse