



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

September 14, 2017

Attendees

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| Stacie Calder | Ed Gall | Bill Coblentz | Matt Caputo |
| Brian Zebert | Kelly Haines | Bob Bless | Paul Hetrick |

I. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 8/10/17 meeting were reviewed. Paul Hetrick motioned to approve and Matt Caputo 2nd. Minutes were approved. It was noted that Eric Medlin had made arrangements with ProForma to do the Fall Ball shirts and sponsorship without the Board knowledge. The Proper will be sponsoring a team in the Spring of 2018. Paul Owens did not do the uniforms.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$83,706.83 in the general account. The following bills were approved to be paid:

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| Bill Coblentz | Field Repair | \$ 474.49 |
| Lawn and Golf | tractor repairs | <u>\$ 2,094.81</u> |
| Total Bills to be Paid | | \$ 2,569.30 |

Matt motioned to approve the report and Paul 2nd. The report was approved.

The unpaid were reviewed.

III. President's Report:

- Every weekend in the Fall September and October is booked except September 23rd-that is Richland Township Community Day.
- There are no teams scheduled for the November 4/5 weekend. Bill will talk to USSSA about canceling that tournament so we can close Vet Park that weekend.
- Fall Ball teams need to clean the dugouts and maintain the fields every time they use them. Matt or Eric will send out an email to the coaches reminding them to have the teams/parents clean up.
- Bathroom update: QCSD has decided not to build baseball/softball fields. The School District has been using Memorial Park for the baseball team and paying them a rental fee. The school district would like to continue to use Vet Park but instead of paying us a rental fee they will have their facilities department excavate, run electric and plumbing, and winterize the building. This is approximately \$75,000-\$80,000 worth of work. The HS will then get to use the fields for 10-12 years rent free. BCWSA will run the sewer line from the road, under the railroad track to the park for no fee. BCWSA will also do 3 tap fees (\$1200 each) free of charge. RASA will need to pay for the prefab building, \$260,000. Richland Township will loan us the money to pay for the building. Our monthly payment to the Township will go from \$4000 to \$6500. They are hoping to break ground the second week of October. Once the bathrooms are completed RASA's responsibilities will be to clean and provide toilet paper, hand soap and cleaning supplies.
- We are looking to get a pole barn to replace the trailers.
- Haines have donated a first aid kit. It will be kept in the clubhouse.

IV. Vice President's Report

- Winter Gym Space: requested Pfaff and have it M-W-F 6-9 October to March. Can be used for clinics and VIGS practice. Tohickon Valley for pitching lessons. Strayer was declined. Bill has talked to Sylvia Kalazs, QCSD AD, and he believes we will be able to use Strayer at some time.
- Travel Teams-the U18 team was bumped up to an A team. They lost 5 players but the team seems to be coming together now.

V. New Business

- Website Access: Stacie will give Kelly Haines access to the website to update the calendar, minutes, upload pictures, etc.
- 2019 Opening Day-this will be our 15th anniversary. Opening Day will be April 13/14. We would like to send an email to all past players asking them to attend the 15th Anniversary. Stacie will look into getting the Oscar Meyer Weiner mobile for the day.
- Important Dates Binder: USSSA has sent their request for 2018. Stacie will make a draft of 2018 important dates.
- Rules Review for 2018 season. Bill will look to get a Rules Review meeting for October 10th or 12th with Bill and Umpire Kurt.
- How do get more coaches? Ideas were floated for ways to encourage more people to step up and coach. Some suggestions were a coach's picnic, discount registration, pay all certification fees, mentor program, clinics, gift card to snack stand for a free drink every night, bring a friend nights.
- YMCA liason to encourage the tball players to transition to RASA.
- Eric asked if he could get some indoor space for VIGS. He would like to keep the girls together and have a successful season next year.
- Fall Ball Homerun Derby-Eric would like to do another HRD for Fall Ball. He will get the details together and send out an email.
- Paul suggested instead of selling billboards we look into getting pads for the outfield fences and screen print the ads onto the pads.
- 2017 Closing of Vet Park: we will need to resod the centerfields, till up about 3" of topsoil and install field conditioner, Bull Pen ideas (maybe mats from Tractor Supply)

Adjournment:

Matt Caputo motioned to adjourn and Bob Bless 2nd. All agreed.

Next meetings –Thursday, October 19, 2017

General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse