



-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 13, 2018

Attendees

Stacie Calder	Bill Coblantz	Matt Caputo	MaryJo Webb
Eric Medlin	Paul Hetricks	Ed Gall	Rob Henry
Kelly Haines			

I. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 2/20/18 meeting were reviewed. Matt Caputo motioned to approve and Mary Jo Webb 2nd. Minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$92,360.54 in the general account. The following bills were approved to be paid:

Richland Township	March 2018 Payment	\$ 4,000.00
Richland Township	Utilities (3 months)	\$ 1,696.45
Minute Man Press	lottery raffle tickets	<u>\$ 156.40</u>
Total Bills to be Paid		\$ 5,852.85

The March deposits were from registrations (online and walk-in) and sponsorships. Matt Caputo motioned to approve the report Ed Gall 2nd. The report was approved.

III. President's Report:

- Work day is scheduled for Saturday 3/17. Eric will send out an email blast asking for help. Kelly Haines will post on facebook. Matt & Eric scheduled equipment pick up for Saturday to encourage more people to help.
- PSAC-we are required to do a few updates to the fields to meet new requirements. The foul poles must be painted Optic Orange. Bill has been working with Sherwin Williams to get a 15% discount on paint. It will cost about \$150 and we will need some very tall ladders. We will only paint field 2 & 4 this year. Also the scoreboards need some repairs. John Wagner's company does the maintenance on the scoreboards so he is working to get the electronic "brains" out of the boards and sent to the company for repair.
- Bill was at a Township meeting and found out they had budgeted extra money for security and surveillance at township parks. The bathrooms at Vet Park have already been vandalized. The bathrooms have anti-graffiti paint on the stalls but the Township will be re-painting the outside of the building with anti-graffiti paint as well. The Township will put cameras around the bathrooms and snack stand.
- Bill has been talking with Paul Stepanoff at the Township about the bathroom lease agreement. Some details need to be worked out such as responsibilities for opening/locking the bathroom, cleaning, supplies. Also no trash cans were ordered for the stalls in the women's room. Since feminine products can not be flushed down the toilet a receptacle must be bought and placed in each stall. They will have to be emptied more often than other trash receptacles.
- The High School begins play March 19th. The bathrooms will not be ready before March 25th. A port-a-potty will need to be ordered for the park until the bathrooms open.

- RASA will be making a \$500 donation to Quakertown Borough for the Fourth of July celebration at Memorial Park. The motion to make a \$500 donation to the Borough in recognition of RASA's use of the softball field at Memorial Park was unanimously approved.

IV. Vice President's Report

- POQ is asking RASA to send out email blasts supporting their various fundraising events. This was approved as POQ supports RASA players with scholarships.
- There will be a coaching clinic Thursday broken down into two parts. The first part will be Tball/Rookie coaches and the second part Minor/Major coaches.
- The U14 Pa Panther's ran the last clinic. There were 15 tball/rookie players and 20 Minors/Majors players in attendance. It was very well run. The PA Panthers will begin practicing outside. The March 16th clinic had to be cancelled due to a scheduling conflict at Pfaff.
- 2018 Rec league has 170 players versus 190 players in 2017. The Draft went well with enough coaches and they will be opening up the scheduling system to the coaches on Thursdays for practices. Practice can begin march 19th weather permitting. Paul had made phone calls trying to get more tball players and the feedback was that people were disappointed in the 2017 Spring season. They felt the coaches were not sufficient. Bill would like to make a connection at the YMCA for 2019 and to drop off flyers to day cares and churches to encourage younger players and parents to sign up. Ed Gall had the sponsor list and team colors/sponsors were decided and Eric will give to the uniform company.

V. Old Business

- Unpaid- there are only 3 unpaid as of today. One is being paid from POQ, one may have a dance conflict and is deciding, and 1 is making payments. One family asked for a discount since they have 4 girls playing. It was decided they would not pay 3 lotteries, and will get one registration free. Eric will contact the family and make the necessary changes on the registrations.
- Lottery Raffle tickets- Mary Jo will take care of this and get the tickets to Matt and Eric before March 25th so they can be given to the coaches.
- Picture Day- Matt will work with Mary Jo to make the schedule for the day, May 12th.
- The First Aid clinic must be rescheduled to either 3/19 or 4/7 and the Rules Review has been rescheduled to March 25th. Eric will contact Kurt to see if he can make it.

VI. New Business

- Kelly Haines has been investigating give aways for the different community events. She has found stress ball softballs for about \$0.75 per item or she can get cellphone card holders. She also is having a new banner printed up for the events.
- Rob Henry offered to help with the Bucks County Tourism board to get the RASA name out there and to try and get RASA more grant money. He will look into trying to get a number for the amount of income RASA generates for local businesses each year. He also suggested RASA get one logo and font. There are different logos on the uniforms, website, and spirit wear. Everyone agreed and stated they did not like the font/logo used by ProForma on the uniforms. Matt will see if he can get the original logo/font from Paul Owens and ask ProForma to use it.
- Facemasks- as an on-going safety concern RASA would like to encourage players to wear facemasks. Bill has made arrangements with SVSports to have an online store for players to purchase facemasks at a discount. The store will be live on Friday and an email blast will be sent out. RASA will highly encourage players to wear masks in the 2018 season, pitcher/1st/3rd will be required to wear them 2019 season, and all infielders will be required to wear them 2020. Kelly Haines will start a contest on Facebook to encourage people to wear facemasks. The prize will be a Spirit Wear item.
- Megan Klee has contacted RASA and would like to run a summer clinic June 13-15 in the mornings. There will be two sessions- one for tball/rookies and one for minors/majors. The price will be \$50 per player. Bill will talk to Jose about opening the snack stand.

- RASA would like to get a Medical Personnel list together. An email list will be sent to all families asking them to respond if they have professional medical training.
- The high school team will help run the Home Run Derby this year. It is scheduled for May 11th.

Adjournment:

Paul Hetrick motioned to adjourn and Matt Caputo 2nd. All agreed.

Next meetings –Tuesday, April 10, 2018

General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse