

Rheems Athletic Association
Board Meeting – February 9th, 2015 - Meeting Minutes
Lucky Duck, Elizabethtown, PA

Volleyball Commissioner Rick Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following board members in attendance:

Mike Hamilton (softball co-commissioner), Craig Hummer (soccer co-commissioner), Jo Hershey (rugby co-commissioner), David Kase (lacrosse co-commissioner), Sean Burton (vice-president), Joe Carter (soccer co-commissioner), Mark Weissend (lacrosse commissioner), Rick Knowlton (volleyball commissioner) and Brian Bell (secretary).

Susan Smith (Treasurer), Brian Heffleger (softball co-commissioner) and Kenny Burke (rugby co-commissioner) were not in attendance.

Bob Meuser (website administrator) was also in attendance.

- Special business/guests – The original board members and spouses were in attendance: Harry and Doris Longenecker, Bob and Jean Saam, Rick Wagner and his family who is the son of Geraldine Wagner. Original founders who were unable to attend were Barb Richardson and Geraldine Wagner.

Rick Knowlton opened the meeting discussing the 50 year history of Rheems Athletic Association. Each current board member indicated their current position on the board. Commissioners gave a small synopsis of their respective sport.

There were discussions about the baseball merging with Elizabethtown boys club and the merging of Rheems, EGYSA and Conoy softball in Elizabethtown fast pitch.

The original board members discussed starting the organization with football and baseball started about 2 years later.

After more discussions about the original board members and sports, Rick Knowlton thanked the original board members for attending the meeting.

- Prior meeting minutes review and approval

Not discussed

- Finances – Susan Smith

Not discussed.

- Previous business - Action Items – April

1. Bob Meuser to add Protect Youth Sports to website. **Open - Bob Meuser indicated Mike Hamilton emailed Bob about adding Protect Youth Sports. Bob indicated he needs more background information to add the checks. Mike De Stefano indicated that Bob should work with Mike Hamilton to get it on the website for softball. Bob Meuser discussed ways to get documentation onto the website. Bob indicated he and Mike Hamilton started looking into this.**
- Previous business - Action Items – October
 1. Mark Weissend to look into a school intern for Treasurer. **Open Not discussed**
 - Previous business - Action Items – November
 1. Mike De Stefano to sit with Bob Meuser and go over sponsorship program. **Open Not discussed**
 2. Mike De Stefano to look at Sarah Hoffman’s sponsorship spreadsheet for signs. **Closed Mike distributed spreadsheet**
 3. Bob Meuser to provide Kenny Burke and Jo Hershey website access. **Open All agreed to meet on Thursday to go over web access. Not discussed**
 - Previous business - Action Items – December
 1. Susan Smith to be added to Member’s 1st account and remove Heather Hassinger. **Open – Started the process Not discussed**
 - New and Ongoing business
 1. Fundraising and sponsorship -
Update – **Not discussed**
 2. Softball - Mike Hamilton/Brian Heffleger
News/updates – Mike Hamilton indicated he bought a flag pole and will try to have it up for opening day. No further updates.
 3. Lacrosse - Mark Weissend/David Kase

News/updates – No updates
 4. Soccer - Joe Carter/Craig Hummer
 - News/updates – Craig indicated Rheems received a donation in memoriam of Luke Hostetter.
 5. Volleyball - Richard Knowlton
News/updates – Rick Knowlton indicated registration is up. No further updates.

6. Rugby – Kenny Burke/Jo Murphy

News/updates – Jo Hershey indicated scaled back on pricing and there are updates on the website. For the spring rugby, there are not enough kids for a full team. Joe discussed the number of kids at each age level. Jo indicated Kenny will be at the meeting discuss the fields.

7. Facility/Field Maintenance – not discussed

8. Field Usage – not discussed

9. Miscellaneous – Bob Meuser indicated for the commissioners to keep more news coming to keep the website up to date.

Mike De Stefano indicated Rob Cronin had to amend and resubmit the 501(c)3 for an address change. Mike De Stefano went over the list of sponsors and made a point to either take signs down or get commitments.

Mike Hamilton discussed security clearances due to Act 153. Mike Hamilton indicated every coach has to have criminal and child abuse checks. Craig Hummer indicated a formalized policy should be created. Mike Hamilton indicated that will mean kids will no longer be allowing in the concession stand. Craig Hummer continued his discussion on creating a formalized policy. He indicated soccer would reach out to EPYSA. Joe Hershey indicated she would check policy with PARugby. Mike De Stefano indicated to add an agenda item to discuss clearances.

Mike Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Joe Carter. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting date is Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm at Hope Community Church, Mount Joy PA.