

**Rheems Athletic Association  
Board Meeting – October 12th, 2015 - Meeting Minutes  
Hope Community Church, Mount Joy, PA**

President Mike De Stefano called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with the following board members in attendance:

Sean Burton (vice-president), Mike Hamilton (softball co-commissioner), Craig Hummer (soccer co-commissioner), Mark Weissend (lacrosse commissioner), and Brian Bell (secretary).

Joe Carter (soccer co-commissioner), Jo Hershey (rugby co-commissioner), Kenny Burke (rugby co-commissioner), Rick Knowlton (volleyball commissioner), Susan Smith (Treasurer), Brian Heffleger (softball co-commissioner), and David Kase (lacrosse co-commissioner) were not in attendance.

- Special business/guests –

Mike De Stefano indicated Brian Heffleger will be stepping down. There was a discussion about getting Mike Hamilton help and a discussion about fees. Craig Hummer indicated to keep the younger age groups cheaper.

Mike De Stefano indicated Susan Smith will be stepping down.

- Prior meeting minutes review and approval

Mike De Stefano asked if there were any objections or revisions to September's meeting minutes. All six board members did not have any objections. Susan Smith voted via text to approve the meeting minutes. **The meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the board.**

- Finances – Susan Smith

August Finances - Subsequent to the meeting, Susan emailed the financial statements and check Register for September.

Mike De Stefano indicated if there are any questions, they should be sent to Susan Smith. Mike indicated he asked Susan two questions.

Mike De Stefano indicated that Heather Hassinger offered to help train incoming treasurer if Susan Smith can't train them.

Mike Hamilton stated that the board may want to consider adding a paid accountant. Mike De Stefano indicated he may have someone for the Treasure position.

- Previous business - Action Items – November 2014

1. Mike De Stefano to sit with Bob Meuser and go over sponsorship program. **Open – No update.**
- Previous business - Action Items – May
    1. Rheems AA to get Wenger Feeds on snack stand. – Open – *Brian Heffleger to ask Wenger for a template. There was a discussion to get this complete by the spring. Mike Hamilton indicated he wanted to put letters on the wood of the roof of the side of the concession stand. Mike De Stefano indicated he needed to reach out to Jamie.*
  - Previous business - Action Items – August
    1. Mike De Stefano to send out email and put on website tax exempt status. **Open - Mike De Stefano stated that there is a need to add board openings on the website. Mike De Stefano indicated he started the application for the tax exempt status for the state. Mike De Stefano indicated Rheems got the invoice for the 501(c)3 work. Mike De Stefano indicated the fee was \$46 and the law firm waived their fees.**
  - Previous business - Action Items – September
    1. Mike De Stefano to email the sponsorship program to Kenny Burke and include the 501(c)3 number. – **Closed**
    2. Commissioners to get Mike De Stefano a wish list of items. – **Open – Mike De Stefano indicated he still needed wish lists from soccer, volleyball and lacrosse.**
    3. Mike De Stefano to get Bob Meuser a copy of the 501(c)3. - **Closed**
  - New and Ongoing business
    1. Fundraising and sponsorship -
 

Update – Mike De Stefano stated that Rheems AA will need to do something in the spring for Wenger Feeds. Mike De Stefano indicated Rheems AA will need to invoice Wenger Feeds for their next donation of \$2500.

**Action Item #1: Provide invoice for Wenger Feeds for \$2500 donation.**

Mike Hamilton indicated he looked online for letters for Wenger Feeds and the cost is about \$350-\$500 for the letters. Mike De Stefano indicated to do one side of the snack stand first with the letters. Craig Hummer indicated to take a picture of the sign and send to Wenger Feeds once the letters are placed. Mike De Stefano indicated that when Rheems AA gets the next donation check from Wenger feeds to buy the letters.

There was a discussion about sponsors and if there are any sponsors Rheems AA should not approach. Mike Hamilton discussed Cox Brewery in Rheems.

2. Softball - Mike Hamilton/Brian Heffleger  
News/updates – Mike Hamilton indicated he was getting ready for spring. Mike indicated there was only one team in fall ball. Mike Hamilton indicated he added Dimetex to two softball fields and fixed up the fields. Mike Hamilton indicated the fields are in the best shape they have been for years. Mike Hamilton indicated he was doing legwork for fences and dugouts for the wish list and West Donegal Township.
3. Lacrosse - Mark Weissend/David Kase  
News/updates – Mark Weissend indicated he had a couple questions for Susan Smith and will email them to Susan. Mark also had a question about the \$7 administration fee. Mark indicated there were two girls winter clinics scheduled. Mark also indicated he needed to ask the school for lacrosse play dates in the spring.
4. Soccer - Joe Carter/Craig Hummer  
News/updates – Craig Hummer indicated he sent an email to Bob to open registration for the spring before the fall season ends. Craig Hummer indicated there will be changes coming mandated by US Youth Soccer. The first change is that the age dates for players will now use the calendar year. The second change is that U9/U10 will play 7 v 7 and U11/U12 will play 9 v 9. There was a discussion about the changes. Craig Hummer indicated travel is looking to expand and team with another local club. Craig indicated he is in initial discussion with Hershey and looking to create a true partnership. Craig indicated the commissioners are talking with the school about older kids. Craig stated they are looking to add a U-8 travel team in the spring to play CPYSL.
5. Volleyball - Richard Knowlton  
News/updates – No update.
6. Rugby – Kenny Burke/Jo Hershey  
News/updates – Kenny indicated both he and Jo are willing to return as commissioners and he had no other updates.
7. Facility/Field Maintenance – No update.
8. Field Usage – not discussed.
9. Miscellaneous –

Sean Burton made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Craig Hummer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Next meeting date is Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 at Hope Community Church.