

Rheems Athletic Association
Board Meeting – November 9th, 2015 - Meeting Minutes
Hope Community Church, Mount Joy, PA

President Mike De Stefano called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM with the following board members in attendance:

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

Sean Burton (vice-president), Susan Smith (Treasurer), and Brian Heffleger (softball co-commissioner) were not in attendance.

- Special business/guests –

None

- Board Nominations

1. Softball - Mike Hamilton and Sean Burton
2. Boys Lacrosse – David Kase
3. Girls Lacrosse – Mark Weissend
4. Soccer – Joe Carter and Craig Hummer
5. Volleyball – Rick Knowlton
6. Rugby – Kenny Burke and Jo Hershey
7. Fundraising – Not filled
8. Treasurer – Mike Smith and Lea Taylor
9. Secretary – Brian Bell
10. Vice-President – Brian Bell and Sean Burton
11. President – Mike De Stefano

- Prior meeting minutes review and approval

Mike De Stefano asked if there were any objections or revisions to October's meeting minutes. There were none. **Rick Knowlton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes which was seconded by Mike Hamilton. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the board.**

- Finances – Susan Smith

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

Mike De Stefano indicated that Susan Smith will not be at any of the remaining meetings. Mike De Stefano indicated Susan Smith corrected some financial numbers and that any questions should be sent to Mike or Susan.

- 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 on 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. 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. Wish lists from lacrosse and volleyball are still needed.**
- Previous business - Action Items – October
 1. Provide invoice for Wenger Feeds for \$2500 donation. - **Open**
- New and Ongoing business
 1. Fundraising and sponsorship -
Update – No update.
 2. Softball - Mike Hamilton/Brian Heffleger

News/updates – Mike Hamilton indicated there was vandalism at the softball fields and that he put in a police report. Kenny Burke indicated his wife looked at the field contract with West Donegal Township. Kenny indicated his wife stated that renegotiation needs to start prior to the contract renewing. Mike Hamilton indicated his largest cost is maintenance. Kenny Burke indicated his wife may be able to help with contract

renegotiations and that the contract can be renegotiated until December 2016. Mike Hamilton indicated he needs to get the latest copy of the contract.

3. Lacrosse - Mark Weissend/David Kase

News/updates – Mark Weissend indicated that clinics have been set up for the girls. Mark indicated he needs to get approval for backpack flyers. There was a discussion about a mass email Mark sent out and possibly didn't get to all recipients. Mark indicated that Elizabethtown will possibly host a play date in the spring which would include 41 teams.

David Kase indicated he was gearing up for the spring and that he already met with the coaches. David indicated that he is looking to streamline lacrosse with Gears. David indicated he is looking to get more kids at early ages.

There was a discussion about the differences between girls' and boys' lacrosse. The discussion led into possibly separating boys' and girls' lacrosse. Mike De Stefano indicated if the girls and boys did separate, the by-laws would need to be updated. Mike De Stefano indicated that this would be a project for 2016.

David Kase made a motion to amend the By-Laws to separate boys' and girls' lacrosse with 2 commissioners for each. Mark Weissend seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the board.

4. Soccer - Joe Carter/Craig Hummer

News/updates – Craig Hummer indicated that the travel season was winding down and the intermural season was finished. Craig reiterated the US soccer format changes mentioned at the last meeting. Those changes are going to a calendar year format for age, revising number of players, and changing field sizes. Craig indicated tryouts will be in March/April with most teams looking different.

Craig indicated that soccer will be able to apply for another EPYSA grant next year and that they were hoping to apply for lights at the Rheems' field.

Joe Carter indicated he was still trying to get an answer about the status of the Rheem's field.

5. Volleyball - Richard Knowlton

News/updates – Rick indicated that volleyball season is over and that the club season is starting. Rick indicated that Rheems AA does not have a club season. Rick indicated he is looking to start registration early for next summer.

6. Rugby – Kenny Burke/Jo Hershey

News/updates – Kenny Burke indicated he was starting a U-19 level age group. Kenny indicated he would be getting into Elizabethtown, Donegal, Manheim Central, and Lower Dauphin school districts. Kenny indicates he will need gym space starting in January. Kenny also indicated he will need equipment.

For the spring, Kenny will also need field space. Kenny indicated he would need a football sized field. Kenny indicated he was going to open up registration soon and keep it open.

Jo Hershey asked about field usage with Karen Eberly. Mark Weissend indicated the field usage meeting occurred in February.

7. Facility/Field Maintenance – No update.

8. Field Usage – not discussed.

9. Miscellaneous – None.

David Kase made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mike Hamilton.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Next meeting date is Monday December 14th at 7:00 at Hope Community Church.