

Rheems Athletic Association
Board Meeting – June 12th, 2016 - Meeting Minutes
Lucky Duck's Cafe, Elizabethtown, PA

President Mike De Stefano indicated that given the attendance at the meeting, a quorum could not be reached and that no actions can be taken nor could any motions be made on which the members could vote. The meeting began at 7:12 PM with the following board members in attendance:

Brian Bell (vice president), Craig Hummer (soccer co-commissioner), Mike Hamilton (softball co-commissioner), David Kase (lacrosse co-commissioner), and Michael Smith (secretary) were in attendance.

Lea Taylor (Treasurer), Sean Burton (softball co-commissioner), Mark Weissend (Girls lacrosse), Rick Knowlton (Volleyball commissioner), Kenny Burke (rugby co-commissioner), and Jo Hershey (Rugby Co-commissioner), were not in attendance.

Bob Meuser, website administrator, was not in attendance.

- Special business/guests –

Potential representative for Soccer Co-commissioner, Doug Oberholser was in attendance to observe the meeting. Joe Carter was also in attendance.

- Prior meeting minutes review and approval

The April meeting minutes were not approved at the time of this meeting due to a lack of the necessary number of voting board members in attendance. The minutes were approved subsequent to the meeting via email on 28 June 2016. **Brian Bell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes which was seconded by Mike Hamilton. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the board.**

- Finances – Lea Taylor

There are no updates to board finances.

** Due to the lack of quorum no action was taken on any of the following items and were carried on 12 June 2016.

1. Previous business - Action Items – August 2015

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. Carried forward.**

2. Previous business - Action Items – November 2015

Mike De Stefano to sit with Bob Meuser and go over sponsorship program. **Open – No update. Mike Hamilton sent out over 100 sponsorship programs and he indicated he would make a list of all the businesses he sent to. Carried forward.**

3. Previous business – Action Items – December 2015

Provide mouth guard information on Rheem’s AA website. **Open – Rick Knowlton didn’t pursue didn’t pursue since he had not received a lot of feedback. Rick will continue. This is carried forward.**

4. Previous business - Action Items – February 2016

Board to explore long term plan to sustain RAA and its programs/appoint committee to explore possibility of land/property purchase. **Open – Action tabled until late May, when looking to schedule and informal meeting to be held by Mike De Stefano and willing participants of the board. Meeting scheduled for 24 July 2016.**

5. Previous business – Action Items – May 2016

Mike De Stefano indicated that Wenger Feeds will need invoiced for the 1st ½ of the year, in June.

Mike De Stefano indicated that RAA did receive a \$2,500 check from Wenger feeds.

6. Previous business – Action Items – May 2016

Craig Hummer suggested addressing the need for a compliance person on the board to handle the issue of registrations and clearances for all RAA sports. **Open - Mike De Stefano indicated that it is a valid concern that needs to be addressed, but that the position does not warrant being a voting board member slot but perhaps an individual with responsibilities who works with the teams and reports to the board. Craig Hummer, Bob Meuser and Mike De Stafano discussed a possible meeting between the three to address this action item. Carried forward.**

- New and Ongoing business

1. Fundraising and sponsorship -
Update – None

2. Softball - Mike Hamilton/Sean Burton

News/updates – Mike Hamilton discussed the following updates/items:

- a) Season is wrapping up – receiving positive feedback on how the season has gone.
- b) 10U went well, 12U struggled a bit, 14U, seeded #1 and doing well.
- c) Championship games will be at the Wenger fields
- d) Just completed 1st tournament, went well; raised \$3,500 in concession sales.

3. Boys Lacrosse - David Kase

News/updates – David Kase discussed the following updates/items:

- a) Season complete-went well. Received almost double sign ups at 3/4 level.
- b) Young coaches started mirroring high school program-took to a new level.
- c) High School painted a small field for use – needs to be held with the program.
- d) Issue-can't get the 3/4 people to do anything but games; would like more.
- e) Dave wants to review the financials now that the season is complete.
- e) There is a 6-week program coming in Fall.

4. Girls Lacrosse – Mark Weissend

News/updates –No Update

5. Soccer - Craig Hummer

News/updates – Craig Hummer discussed the following updates/items:

- a) Sign-ups: The spring soccer session had nearly 500+ participants sign up. This is a record number.
- b) Travel teams are being finalized, in partnership with Hershey, some mixed reaction.
- c) Joe Carter is stepping down from the co-commissioner position effective immediately.

6. Volleyball - Richard Knowlton

News/updates – a) Rick Knowlton discussed some updates/items:

There were no updates at this meeting.

7. Rugby – Kenny Burke/Jo Hershey

News/updates – Kenny Burke discussed several updates/items:

There were no updates at this meeting.

8. Facility/Field Maintenance – No update.

9. Field Usage – not discussed.

10. Miscellaneous – Meeting date for the remainder of the year are detailed below.

The dates are listed below:

- Meeting dates for 2016:
 - i. February – Completed 2/24/16;
 - ii. April – Completed 4/24/16;
 - iii. June – Completed 6/12/16;
 - iv. August – Scheduled 8/14/16; (*rescheduled for 8/7*)
 - v. October (nominations) – Scheduled 10/16/16;
 - vi. December (elections) – Scheduled 12/11/16.

The meeting ended at 8:22pm.

Next meeting date is set for 7 August at 7:00pm at Lucky Duck's in Elizabethtown.