

**Rheems Athletic Association
Board Meeting – October 8th 2017 - Meeting Minutes
Lucky Duck’s Cafe, Elizabethtown, PA**

President Greg Laszakovits called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM with the following board members (as of the beginning of the meeting) in attendance:

Greg Laszakovits (RAA President), Brian Bell (Soccer president), Michael Smith (secretary), Kenny Burke (former rugby co-commissioner), Jo Hershey (Rugby commissioner), Wendi Grinell (softball commissioner), Roger Garber (former softball co-commissioner), Heidi Vognetz (fundraising chairperson), David Kase (former Boys lacrosse co-commissioner) & Don Hall (Boys lacrosse, commissioner).

Rick Knowlton (Volleyball commissioner) and Lea Taylor (Treasurer) were not in attendance.

- Special business/guests –

The following individuals were in attendance:

Doni Keeports (former Soccer co-commissioner) and Inga Washington (Website Admin)

- Prior meeting minutes review and approval

Greg Laszakovits asked if there were any objections or revisions to the August meeting minutes.

Wendi Grinell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jo Hershey seconded the motion. The board approved the meeting minutes unanimously, with revisions accepted.

- Finances – Lea Taylor

The June, July, August and September 2017 financials were not prepared for review and approval prior this meeting due to system issues that were to be remedied by Bob Mueser. Vote on financials carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Board Nominations – October 2017

The following nominations were offered at this meeting:

OFFICERS:

President- Greg Laszakovits

Vice President- None

Treasurer- Kelly Garber

Secretary- Michael Smith

BOARD MEMBERS:

Fundraising- Heidi Vognetz

Softball- Wendi Grinnell

Boys Lacrosse- Don Hall

Soccer- Brian Bell

Volleyball- Rick Knowlton

Rugby John Norman

Other:

Other: There were several discussions on prospective nomination dates as well as discussions on the reduction in voting members per sport to 1, versus two.

2. Previous business - Action Items – August 2016

Greg Laszakovits to send out email and put on website tax exempt status.

** In January of 2017, Greg has started working with Rob Cronin of Cronin Law to address this item. Been in touch, has not yet heard back. **Open - Carried forward on 10/8/2017.**

3. Previous business – Action Items – Complete by December 2017

Review bylaws for any necessary updates/revisions, make changes and post to website. Greg worked with Paula Burke and Rob Cronin to update by-laws. There was also a meeting of RAA Board members to go over edits/updates on 9/24 to prepare by-laws for October motion and vote. Meeting.

Greg Laszakovits explained changes/revisions to by-laws and how they were reached – section by section, in preparation for the upcoming vote. He stressed that rather than these by-laws being “amended”, rather they are a “re-statement”. The re-stated by laws were then submitted to the board for a vote with all revisions made at this meeting.

A motion to adopt the re-stated by-laws was made by Roger Garber. The motion was 2nd by Kenny Burke, and was unanimously approved by the board.

4. Previous business – Action Items – Agenda item added by Brian Bell August 2017

Previous/Ongoing business – Action Items –

Website/I.T. Status update (**New Item**)

The website system permissions are to be transitioned from Bob to Inga in order for her to rectify the issue preventing Lea from generating financial statements. In addition, the suggestion in prior meetings of exploring the possible use of blue sombrero software was put to rest; the current system will continue to be used exclusively. **Carried 10/8/2017.**

New and Ongoing business:

1. Fundraising and sponsorship - Update – Heidi Vognetz

- Heidi indicated that there was not much of an update to report, other than soccer was in the middle of their fundraiser with R&K.

2. Softball – Update – Wendi Grinell

- Softball just finished their fundraiser, also with R&K.
- Softball has two weeks left in their season. They are thinking towards next year already and looking to start their season earlier than in the past. No further update.

3. Boys Lacrosse – Update – Don Hall

- Don Hall talked about and displayed his yard sign idea. He will work with Inga on setting up a new URL for Lacrosse.
- Don said that he has already had some coaches meetings on the issues. He relayed that even if every kid who signed up last year for 5/6, they still won't have enough to form a team; and it is the same circumstance with 7/8.
- This shortage is the reason for the push for advertising.
- Lacrosse will start registration around 1/2/18, and plans to be flexible with any players who may also be involved with playing baseball.
- Lacrosse talked about a \$95 registration fee + equipment – which is costly for players, and how they are looking for ways to help parents afford the have their child play. They bought helmets for players with fundraising money.

4. Soccer – Update – Brian Bell.

- U6/U8 update -- Jess Conrad did have to remove a U8 player from practice due to rough play, otherwise season is going quite well.
- Travel update. Season is going well. Lou Gober will take over as travel coordinator as Doug Oberholser will be vacating that position as well as soccer VP.
- Rec update – Doni indicated that the season is going ok, although he did not feel that our performance is very comparable to some of the other leagues that we're playing, as other rec leagues seem outperform us, since they don't have travel programs, so some of our teams have been getting beaten quite badly.
- There is a soccer town hall scheduled for Wednesday, 10/11, at 7pm, to increase communication and explain the new structure.

5. Volleyball - Richard Knowlton

News/updates – No update. Rick was not in attendance in the meeting.

6. Rugby – Kenny Burke/Jo Hershey

News/updates – Jo Hershey discussed a few updates/items:

- Rugby is currently in its off-season.

- b) Only update shared was that one of the rugby players from Elizabethtown high school, Blake Andrews, will train in the UK on an all-expense paid trip, for one week.

7. Compliance/Risk Management – Paula Burke

News/Updates – No update

8. Facility/Field Maintenance – No news/update.

9. Field Usage – No news/update.

10. Miscellaneous –

- **Discussion re: field leases, and ownership – Carried 10/8.**
- **Wendy Grinnell brought up the idea of an “outgrown sale” during one of the months of Nov/Dec/Jan, to perhaps organize a consignment sale to raise funds and to help folks organize new affordable purchases.**

2017 remaining RAA Board Meetings:

Time: 7pm Location: Lucky Ducks, Elizabethtown.

Dates: Sunday, 10 December 2017 (Elections)

Meeting adjournment: Brian Bell made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was 2nd by Heidi Vognitz. Greg Laszakovits brought the meeting to an official close at 9:00 pm.