

RGAA

Meeting Minutes - Monday, December 8, 2014

Call to order

Drew Boots called the regular meeting of RGAA to order at 7:04pm on Monday, December 3, 2014 at the Riverside Middle School.

Roll Call

The following persons were present:

- Drew Boots
- Eric Smith
- Lisa Boots
- Valerie Hardy
- Bronson Bailey
- Jerry Koller
- Chuck Sterner
- George Hayson
- Alice Gretch

Treasury Report

Submitted for approval by Lisa Boots. See attached

- Ending Balance: \$9,922.51
- Petty Cash: \$105.00
- Approval
 - First:
 - Second:

Snack Shack Report

- Ending Balance: \$2,500.00

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval by Valerie Hardy.

- Approval
 - First:
 - Second:

Old Business

- Thank you letters were sent to Sysco, Bob Hardy, and RJ Kraus.
- Fall letters were mailed to the Local Townships.
- Val applied for the Dick's sponsorship.
- All sponsors from both spring and fall are up on the website.
- Drew cannot get in contact with Sprow about the fields. Drew does not want to use S&S. Eric is going to contact Natural Sand to see if they have any other contacts who

could give us a price for the fields. Alice Gretch is going to contact her contact from Beaver since the Beaver fields are in such good shape.

- Lisa will order the new pitching rubber.
- Geri Lynn submitted the building request form for February 28 for the draft.
- Night at the Races
 - Lisa contacted Rudy Spielvogel. His price is \$750. Of his available dates, March 21 was chosen.
 - Lisa will reserve the North Sewickley Fire Hall
 - Val will stop at the Beaver County Courthouse to get the \$25 small gaming license
- Sponsor plaques
 - There are still 2013 and 2014 sponsor plaques that need to be distributed.
 - Clyde Excavating
 - Sportswear Graphics
 - Lake Forest Gardens
 - LGKG
 - Signs by Sam
 - Emerick
 - LTR
 - Nalco
 - Starting next season, the schedules will be given to the sponsors so that they know when their team is playing.
 - At the coaches meeting, the board will communicate that the coaches are responsible for delivering their sponsor plaques at the end of the season.
- Eric gave Lisa and Val the tax id number.
- Val has the information for the Pirates grant and will attempt to fill out the application.
- Val will need to have flyers ready to be sent out early January for registration. Included in the flyers will be a note about donating gently used equipment (cleats, bats, helmets) at registration which will then be made available at the draft.
- Chuck verified with the school district solicitor that RGAA's liability insurance would cover a playground, not the school's insurance.

New Business

- Registration can be advertised on North Sewickley's electronic billboard
- Night at the Races can be advertised on the Fire Hall's billboard

- Bronson Bailey made a motion to get catcher's gear and face masks for all teams that need it. George Hayson seconded the motion
- Bronson Bailey made a motion to have coaches sign out their equipment and sign it back in at the end of the season. George Hayson seconded it.
- Bronson Bailey made a motion to combine the slow pitch 5-8 year old and 8 and under fast pitch teams into an in-house coach pitch league.
 - The current 5-8 year old league rules were reviewed.

- The following changes were discussed and agreed upon. These will be read and reviewed at the next meeting. (**Red font is new; struck through will be eliminated**)
 - ARTICLE XXVI C. The coach will be the pitcher. He/She may opt to have a player try to pitch, to gain the experience, but should only place that player in the pitching position if it is safe for her. This player should only be given a few chances (2-4) to pitch correctly to each batter. The coach should make sure defensive players are set before pitching. If the coach is hit with a batted ball, the batter will bat over resuming the count from there. The coach should pitch in a manner so that the batter can hit the ball. The coach and any other pitcher should pitch from a distance of 35 ft., ~~but may move up for weak hitters only.~~ **A coach must pitch with one foot within the 8ft radius circle around the 35 ft pitcher's mound.**
 - ARTICLE XXVI G. ~~One coach~~ **Coaches** will be permitted to move around in the field to instruct defensive players, but must be positioned behind the infielders and away from the baseline when the pitch is thrown.
 - ARTICLE XXVI H. One defensive player will be positioned beside the pitcher (coach), all other infielders **and outfielders** will be positioned at normal softball positions, ~~with the addition of a defensive player positioned at the 2nd base bag (optional).~~ A coach does not have to play a Rover position. ~~All other girls will be outfielders and will be positioned in the outfield grass area, well behind the infielders.~~
 - **ARTICLE XXVI O. 5 runs constitutes the end of an inning.**
 - **ARTICLE XXVI P. A player positioned in the pitching circle is required to wear a facemask. It is recommended all defensive players wear a facemask.**
 - **ARTICLE XXVII I. 5-8 and 9-12 Leagues will have the ability to have a 5th outfielder as needed.**

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2014 at 7pm in the Riverside Middle School Old Cafeteria.

Adjournment

Drew Boots adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm