

# RGAA

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## Meeting Minutes - Monday, January 5, 2015

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### Call to order

Drew Boots called the regular meeting of RGAA to order at 7:06pm on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the Riverside Middle School.

### Roll Call

The following persons were present:

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

### Treasury Report

Submitted for approval by Lisa Boots. See attached

- Ending Balance: \$8,758.80
- 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

- Dick's responded to our sponsorship request with a \$924 Donation Value
  - \$300 Check To be used towards the purchase of Softball items needed for the league
  - (4) Coaches Starter Softball Kits (4-11" & 1-12") (\$324)
  - (1) Rubber Batting Tee's (\$25)
  - (1) XL Team Duffle Bag (\$35)
  - (3) 7' Hit Net (\$240)

- In exchange for some of these items, Dick's would like RGAA to post the Dick's Coupon on our League's Website Homepage and would like RGAA to host a 20% off Discount Shop Day for the entire league in February or March. Also, Dick's would like their logo visible at Pantherette Park via a banner being hung or on a Team Uniform.
- Alice Gretch contacted
  - Joe Molorach, Beaver 12u fall ball coach. He said they did their fields themselves and got topping from Vance's on Route 18 in Beaver Falls. Their number is 724-624-9637. Texted him with other questions on who had knowledge in how to slope the fields, etc. but he never responded.
  - Laurel just had their community fields redone. S & S in Wampum was involved with the project. Phone is 724-535-3110. Ask for Chris Collier and tell him that Teri and Frank Duddy from Laurel referred you. She thinks they also did the new varsity field at Laurel, but is checking.
  - Gene Coccia in Ellwood to ask him where the L'il Angels field topping came from. Waiting for response
- Lisa ordered the new pitching rubber. It is not in yet.
- Draft will be February 21
- Night at the Races
  - Lisa paid Rudy Spielvogel. His price was \$700. She will send the contract in once we have small gaming license.
  - Lisa reserved the North Sewickley Fire Hall for March 21.
  - Val will stop at the Beaver County Courthouse to get the \$25 small gaming license
- Vote on the motion Bronson Bailey made at previous meeting to get catcher's gear and face masks for all teams that need it. Unanimous Yay.
- Vote on the motion Bronson Bailey made at previous meeting to have coaches sign out their equipment and sign it back in at the end of the season. Unanimous Yay.
- Vote on the motion Bronson Bailey made at previous meeting to combine the slow pitch 5-8 year old and 8 and under fast pitch teams into an in-house coach pitch league. Unanimous Yay.
- Vote on the following changes to the rules that were discussed and agreed upon at previous meeting. Unanimous Yay. (**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> outfielder as needed.

## New Business

- George Hayson asked that the scheduling of rainouts be discussed. Current rules state that ‘All rain out games during the week will be made up on regular season days, if available, and if not available, will be held on Saturday in the order they were cancelled, beginning at 9:00 AM.’ In the past, there was a lot of push back on the reschedule date, and there were too many games pushed too far into the season. The reschedule date will be firm this year, and teams will forfeit if they do not play on the reschedule date.
- Officer meeting set for February 16
- Coaches meeting set for February 19
- Bronson Bailey made a motion and Jerry Koller seconded the motion for the rules to state:
  - For all Fastpitch age groups, a team will need a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 13 girls. If more than 13 girls sign up, a tryout and draft will be held. Any girl that does not make the team will have the option to be drafted to a Slowpitch team in her age group.
- Even though RGAA will have a combined 5-8 year old Coach Pitch league, RGAA will form an 8U Fastpitch roster for the Beaver County Fastpitch League of girls who can be called up to 10U Fastpitch when needed.
- Nicole Crawford accepted the Snack Shack Manager position. Further discussions will be held on the opening/closing process. Anyone interested in helping Nicole, please contact the board.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2014 at 7pm in the Riverside Middle School Old Cafeteria.

## Adjournment

Drew Boots adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm