

PRAA Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2022

- I. Welcome and Introductions– Alan Gray
- II. Open discussion - All
 - a. Soccer Field Drainage and Condition of Fields
 - i. Mike Sutton (guest) - Drainage on the soccer fields continues to be a challenge
 - ii. Director of Soccer Marcus McIntyre – suggested planting Kentucky Blue Grass in the next seeding season due to the field maintenance – too much rain tears up the fields
 - iii. Rec Commissioner Jake Roberts – locking up goals in the off season will help condition of the grass and discourage people from using the fields
 - b. Restrooms and Concession Stand
 - i. Getting the Snack Shack staffed has always been a challenge to be scheduled
 - ii. Vending machines are on the plan to be added to the facility – previous board topic
 - iii. Email to be sent to association to get volunteers
 - iv. Bathrooms – remodeled for the spring season
 - 1. Donations were collected when parents registered their kids to go to a cleaning company that will clean the bathrooms twice a week (Friday and Tuesday)
 - 2. Restroom supplies have been purchased and secured on the premises for refills
 - 3. Switch to a digital lock for the bathrooms where the code changes each month was suggested
 - c. Coaching Concerns
 - i. Concerns about coaches not getting proper training
 - ii.
- III. Sports Updates
 - a. Basketball – Ricky Nichols
 - i. Union County League – Waxhaw, Monroe, Weddington, Indian Trail, South Union, PRAA
 - 1. Same rules but all associations hire their own refs
 - 2. Centralized issue with Monroe – refs did not follow the rules, issues with parents, coaches and teams
 - ii. About 120 kids played this season
 - iii. New commissioner will be required for next season
 - b. Soccer – Marcus McIntyre
 - i. Coaches meeting - everyone must be risk managed prior to season start
 - ii. Academy visit – kids are working hard and moving up in levels
 - iii. Classic – u15 boys are coming back
 - 1. U12 kicked off last weekend
 - 2. U11 will kick off March 4-6 Race City Classic
 - 3. U13 girls will also play in that tournament
 - iv. NCYSA Meeting – increase in referee fees for next season
 - v. Continuing Education – courses available for coaches to attend, must be licensed at a minimum at grassroots level

- vi. Sponsorship to purchase the VEO cameras for the spring – tracks the ball and the game video will be uploaded to the PRAA Soccer You Tube page
 - c. Baseball – Jon Grella
 - i. Registration closed Friday
 - ii. 10 teams - will be in-house for T-ball
 - iii. Cal Ripken Meeting upcoming for minors and rookie levels
 - iv. Plans to meet with Facilities Director for dirt for the t-ball field and may need rakes
 - v. Equipment needs
 - 1. 4 rakes – one for each field
 - 2. Balls
 - 3. Pirate flags – 8
 - vi. 120 registered for the spring season
 - vii. Online course required by all coaches through Cal Ripken
 - viii. Opening ceremonies are still be planned
- IV. Facilities Update – Mike Smith
 - a. Holes on soccer field filled today
 - b. Fields have been set up for play
 - c. Asphalt between the softball and soccer fields – needs to be resurfaced or filled
- V. Taxes – Alan Gray
 - a. 2019-2020-2021 – sales tax returns were not filed
 - b. Association will be looking for a new CPA firm
- VI. Vice President Role Opening
 - a. Forrest Johnston has been motioned and approved as the new Vice President for PRAA until the term expires in July 2022
 - b. Prior involvement with City of Gastonia softball and baseball