

RAYSA General Meeting Minutes

Location: Ringgold High School

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Time: 6:15-7:40

Welcome: Ryan Pergola, RAYSA Vice President

Introduction of Current Board:

Treasurer: Michelle Loar, Monongahela President: Jim Horning, RAYSA Vice President: Ryan Pergola, New Eagle President: Matt Graham, Finleyville President: Jen Czaniecki, Monongahela Member at Large: Alicia DiBernardo, Communications Director: Christine Cox, Finleyville Member at Large: Jessica Dahm, New Eagle Member at Large: Kelly Odille and Lynne Thompson, Vice President of Development (all new board members)

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Loar reported that we currently have \$16, 569.31

Spring Season:

- Registration will open on January 1st and will close on January 31st. Registration flyers will go out to the Elementary schools (RESS, RESN, Madonna) and the 5th and 6th graders at the middle school in December.
 - The Season will run from April 6th-June 8th (with a week off for Easter)
- Christine Cox reported that the RAYSA website will be updated by January. Currently she is posting information on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. She will also be posting camps and clinics for winter and summer. She encourages everyone to share her posts so we can reach more people.
- Coaches' t-shirts will be coming this Spring. There will be a coaches' meeting (for each community) prior to the Spring season.
- New Uniform Rule – Uniforms ordered late will be ordered through Sparkles instead of Dick's for a faster turnaround rate.
- Uniform Day – Blue and Gold Day at schools – Tentatively January 14th – Include RESS, RESN, RMS, and Madonna
- Cash Bash Fundraiser – Tickets will be part of the registration fee – 2 tickets per child – Families can sell more if they would like to add to our success. We are possibly partnering with baseball again, as we did last Spring.
- Concession Stand Update- Ghost checks are due by the first game or the player will not play in the game. He/she can participate in practice, but will not be able to play in games until a check is received. (Possibly have parents sign up to line the fields instead of working at the concession stand?)
- Palmer Park will now be used in place of the Monongahela fields. The Monongahela fields were often flooded and were not well maintained. Palmer Park has more parking and a concession stand. We will also be able to empty the storage unit at Peno's Plaza where the Monongahela equipment was stored. Palmer Park is funded by a grant so it will be free for us to use.
- End of Season Tournament and Picnic -The tournament will be held at Palmer Park on June 8th. The winners of each age group will receive trophies. All RAYSA players will receive a t-shirt. Families will bring covered dishes/desserts according to their age level. Families can eat and enjoy activities when they are not playing in soccer games.

- Questions and Answers:
 - Training/Teaching coaches how to coach - It's being discussed on how we can do this within a year, but it may not be feasible for Spring.
 - Please add first aid kits and game balls to the list of items to buy. Local hospitals may donate everything needed for first aid kits.
 - Travel teams will possibly play at the high school field in the Spring?
 - Our numbers were down this year. 17-18 total teams for in-house and travel
 - We are hoping with the new board and organization that we will bring families back and new families will join RAYSA.
- Voting for President, Secretary, and Registrar:
 - Matthew Graham was voted in as RAYSA President
 - Leigh-Ann Scheponik was voted in as Secretary
 - Amy Round was voted in as Registrar
 - Brianna Kenavey was appointed as Procurement Director