



## ETJ Baseball Meeting

### March 11, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Wyrwas at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to accept minutes for 3/11/2013: 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Polka 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Ruddek

Treasurer Report: Matt gave the treasurer's report for the month of February 2013. After paying several bills and making several deposits the balance stands at : **\$15,491.61** Motion accepts the treasurer report dated 3/11/13. 1<sup>st</sup> Nikki Burkett 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Markiewicz.

Members Present: Paul Wyrwas, Al Conrad, Amy Forcellini, Shawn Sipe, Tom Polka, Kurt Lecorchick, Dan Merkiewicz, Eric Miller, Mike Burkett, Nikki Burkett, Cody Kenderia, Matt Evans, and Stephen Ruddek.

Draft Report: The draft was held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Jackson Elementary Gym for the minors. The draft for the majors was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2013. The majors will have four teams playing and they found a head coach for the Cardinals. The group as a whole would like to review the rules for drafting.

Softball reported that rules are in the works. They will also consider drafting in the future.

Request went out again for updated background checks- Amy will be going through and make a spread sheet to show who has updated clearances and who needs them.

A grant will be sent out to the Jackson Recreation committee for the purchase of new scoreboards for Mitchell and Leidy. Regardless, a new score board will be purchased for Leidy at the approximate cost of \$2,800. Tom suggested finding a new spot for the new scoreboard.

A team from Westmont will be joining the league. They will be the Red Sox team. They have their own team sponsor. They will be part of our league, and they will work in the stands. A trophy discussion came up- no one present had a problem or saw a problem with the Red Sox team receiving trophies if they earn them.

The Easter egg hunt will take place on March 23, 2013. The league will sell hot chocolate. We will also have sign-up forms available for any new players.

A work day for the fields has been scheduled for April 20, 2013. Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will also have pictures done on this day. Teams will be selected to play on opening day.

A practice schedule will be coming out soon for all of the teams. Paul would like to offer two days a week to the minor and major league teams. Scrimmages will begin with umpires the week of April 22. Cody gave his phone number out- please give this number to any head coaches. His number is 242-1062. Cody will hold an umpire meeting on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00- coaches are welcome.

Al mentioned the idea of a double bag for first base for in the minors. Cody was okay with this idea. The idea will be discussed further.

Nikki discussed the new rules for small games of chance. Paul will put in place the new 50/50 rules for the field.

Paul mentioned that the camera for the field is under warranty and will be fixed. Also mentioned- there will be new locks placed on the batting cages, the shed and the concession stand. We are also requesting that coaches call their scores into the Tribune Democrat after each game. **It is important for sponsors to see their names in the paper.**

Additional games may be added with Conemaugh and New Germany. We will know more at a later date. Softball will have more to update on once they have their meeting later this month.

We received a \$600 donation from the Rich Thomas family from a slow pitch tournament. A letter will be sent out in thanks to them from ETJ. Rich Thomas was an umpire for 38 years. Amy suggested that someone from this family can throw out our first pitch for opening day. Other possibilities for the first pitch were mentioned. We will get a plaque in Rich's name for the dugouts that are repaired with this money.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm by: 1<sup>st</sup> Al Conrad 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Markiewicz