

# ETJ Baseball Meeting

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## July 8, 2013

**Meeting was called to order by Secretary, Amy Forcellini at 8:00 p.m. Paul was coaching an All Star game tonight.**

Motion to accept minutes from 6/10/2013: 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Polka 2<sup>nd</sup> Shawn Sipe

Treasurer Report: Matt gave the treasurer's. The balance roughly stands at: **\$7, 719.00**. Motion accepts the treasurer report dated 7/8/13. 1<sup>st</sup> Kurt Lecorchick 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Selfridge

Members Present: Amy Forcellini, Shawn Sipe, Tom Polka, Kurt Lecorchick, Matthew Evans, Stephen Ruddek, Gary Schrekengost, and Chris Selfridge.

In the majors, the regular season and playoffs are all over. The Yankees won the regular season and the Brewers took second place. The Yankees won the playoffs and APC took second place. In the minors, the Pirates won the regular season and the playoffs, and the Mariners took second place in both.

Two coaching positions are open. Brewers will go to Chris Selfridge and Yankees which will be coached by Cliff Ritchey. Both are based on years of a booster and assisting in coaching.

Minor teams will be evaluated after sign ups. We will decide after sign-ups if we will have 3 or 4 teams. Depending on the number of teams will determine the need for any more coaches.

\$500 was donated to scoreboard from Dave Hessler. Matt said that Jeff Voyda's work place is also willing to donate \$500. Tom Polka said that his sister-in-law, who sponsors the 12U team would also be willing to donate some money to a scoreboard. Paul is throwing around the idea of a possible slow pitch tournament in August to raise money for new scoreboard. The response from those at the meeting was positive towards this idea. Shawn mentioned that Sheetz tickets may be another easy way to raise money- if we are looking to buy scoreboards and enhance our fields.

Dolan welding donated time and labor and material for shields on pitching machines.

Chris Selfridge and Paul moved MF2 field mound to 46 ft. and field crew stained dugouts and benches along with moving fence back to 200 ft. MF1 mound is 6 inches higher than Williamsport LL rules so must be lowered for our tournament. Temporary mound will be installed at Leidy if needed to use that field. Many people present discussed the need to bring in a professional to fix the minors field. A lot of discussion about a t-ball field and just expansion was mentioned. Member present would like to see a pony league developed. The

big picture idea is to keep our kids in our area- knowing they can stay and play longer within the league.

ETJ will celebrate and hold their 25<sup>th</sup>, tournament for the 11-12 and 9-10 year olds. This will take place the weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup>. ETJ will also hold their first ever pitch machine tournament over the weekend of July 12<sup>th</sup>. All players that are in All-Stars are required help in our tournament. Amy has been working on a schedule for the concession stand for the pitch tournaments.

Requests made from members present include diaper changing stations in the restrooms. Also, the t-ball coaches would like to have catchers' equipment for their players. The softball coaches made a request to have some of their girls sent to pitching camp/ instruction, and they are asking the league for help with the cost. Their main complaint is that they cannot compete with other teams because they don't have pitchers. Amy is going to talk with Jaime Dixon (Central Cambria's coach) to see if she can hold some instruction for the girls. Chris had a good idea to bring someone in monthly to work with the baseball players also- to have clinics to improve our kids. Holding these clinics may be a draw to the public to have their kids play and stay with ETJ.

Tom said that the camera at Leidy need to be checked- he noticed some suspicious things at the field.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm by: 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Polka 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Ruddeck