



# ETJ Baseball Meeting

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## September 9, 2013

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

**Motion to accept minutes from August 13, 2013:** It was noted that a change needed to be made to the August minutes regarding the possibility of merging with another league to secure the future of ETJ- which explains why Ebensburg and Flood City will be speaking at our meetings over the next few months. After this change, the minutes were accepted motioned by:

**1<sup>st</sup> Cliff Richey 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Evans**

Treasurer Report: Matt gave the treasurer's report. The balance roughly stands at: **\$5,007.42**. The balance is about \$42 off- Shawn Sipe is going to look over the check book to help find the error, as he has done in the past. The league spent about \$45,000- \$49,000 this year, but we had some major work done(shingles, field work, cameras, equipment) and the score boards. The money was all reinvested back into our league for our kids. Motion accepts the treasurer report: 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Ruddeck 2<sup>nd</sup> Kurt Lecorchick

Members Present (Biggest Showing): Paul Wyrwas, Shawn Sipe, Kurt Lecorchick, Amy Forcellini, Chad Forcellini, Cliff Richey, Dan Vivian, Stephen Ruddek, Brian Alexander, Eric Miller, Jeff Dietz, Brandon Stump, Logan Brandis, Terry Hall, Dave Hessler, Gary Sechrengost, Kristy Vaught, Eric Grecek, Darren Cuppet, Mike Rodkey, Dave Meckley (Ebensburg), Richard Quick(Ebensburg), Ben Gorman, Mike Merritts, and Darren Thorton.

Paul said that we have a \$200 credit with Hunting and Fishing for the next season- to put towards our gun raffle. One of the guns from the June raffle went unclaimed, so the money will be there as a credit for the 2014 season.

Before the Ebensburg representatives spoke, Paul went over the job descriptions for the officers and the delegate positions that are needed to help run the league smoothly. Paul has been doing most of the jobs, but we need people to step up and help for next year. We had a sign-up sheet placed out for people to sign-up for various positions. I will have those attached here as well. We are still looking for people to help out- please let someone know if you are interested.

It was also suggested that the umpires go to umpire school. The league will pay for it. Chad Forcellini offered to find out the information on the schooling. We will at least be sending our two new umpires- Logan Brandis and Brandon Stump. These two will fill the position left vacant by Cody Kendra.

Ben Gorman is going to make it so that people can do sign-ups for baseball next year on-line- using paypal. Cooper's signs will make a banner to put up in the township to alert people of sign-ups. We are looking to place at least three signs up.

Paul also mentioned that there is a coach's guide and handbook that was created in 2009- if anyone would like to review it.

Rich Quick and Dave Meckley spoke to the league. They are from Ebensburg, which is a sanctioned league. They want to invite us to be part of their league, since many of our kids will play together in the future. We have three options with Ebensburg: 1. Join with them completely where we are no longer our own league. We would then be picked on to all new teams. 2. Co-join. This option allows us to register through the Ebensburg league- allowing our kids to be sanctioned players. We get our registration money back to our league. We pick our teams, but play Ebensburg throughout the season giving our kids more competition. With this option, any of our league players can play All-Stars with Ebensburg- getting a chance to advance through the state. 3. We remain separate or join another league- not playing Ebensburg at all.

Many questions about registration fees, fields, players, age groups, and all-stars were addressed to Rich and Dave. Please talk to someone who was at the meeting if you have any questions.

We had a group discussion of what Ebensburg had to offer to us. It brought up a lot of questions, and a lot of different views. We will be voting on this at a future meeting. We will need boosters to vote. We had a couple people purchase booster cards to be eligible to vote. We need to spread the word to get our booster members here to vote, and others may still purchase a booster card for \$5.

Paul is planning to have the flood city league here at the October meeting- please try and attend. We will hopefully be finishing up our league elections then also. Please see attached sheet to see where you can help within the league!

Meeting Adjourned around 9:20 pm by: 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Vivian 2<sup>nd</sup> Shawn Sipe

