

ETJ Baseball Meeting



October 14, 2013

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

Motion to accept the minutes for September 2013: Kurt Lecorchick and Terry Hall.

Treasurer Report: Matt gave the treasurer's report. The balance roughly stands at: **\$5,007.42**. We will no longer have a water bill; the water has been turned off for the year. Paul also told Matt that he will need to pick up the bills at the municipal building for each month. Motion to accept the treasurer report: 1st Al Conrad 2nd Dan Vivian

Members Present (Biggest Showing): Paul Wyrwas, Kurt Lecorchick, Amy Forcellini, Chad Forcellini, Cliff Richey, Dan Vivian, Stephen Ruddek, Eric Miller, Brandon Stump, Logan Brandis, Terry Hall, Eric Grecek, Mark Svencer, Tom Polka, Mark Fetzer, Brian Yackulich, Mike Merritts, Mike Burkett, and Darren Thorton.

The officers for the 2014 season are: President- Paul Wyrwas, Vice- Cliff Richey, Secretary- Amy Forcellini, Treasurer- Matthew Evans, Softball Rep.- Steven Ruddek, Commissioner- Chad Forcellini, Equipment Manager- Kurt Lecorchick, Fundraiser Coordinator- Mike Rodkey, Uniform Coordinator- Dan Vivian and Head Umpires- Logan Brandis and Brandon Stump.

Positions still open: Tournament Coordinator, Schedule Coordinator, and Sponsor Coordinator. If you are interested in any of these positions please talk to one of the officers-soon.

Baseball registration will be January 4 and January 9 at the municipal building. Baseball sign-ups will also be in February and the draft will take place on February 15th. Flyers will be handed out on Conference night at Jackson Elementary. Al mentioned also sending them to Saint Andrews school. Flyers will also go to Blacklick and Conemaugh Valley Schools. At sign-ups, tickets for the gun sales will be given; they will once again be a ten dollar ticket. 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.

It was also suggested that the umpires go to umpire school. The league will pay for it. The information that we have is that there is a class offered in 2014 in Williamsport. We will at least be sending our two new umpires- Logan Brandis and Brandon Stump.

Field work for the upcoming season was mentioned. The minor league mound- which is currently 6 inches to high, the equipment shed at Mitchell needs a roof redo- shingles, and the minor field needs a drainage system. Finally the 1977 tractor at Leidy, it is in need of some parts.

We had a quick review of what Ebensburg is offering us. 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. It was mentioned that if we choose this option that we may lose a lot of Conemaugh players because these players could not participate in All-stars due to the district lines. This is something else to consider when we make the vote in November.

Flood City was supposed to come and talk to the league about joining with them for the upcoming season. They once again did not show. They did invite interested parties to attend their October 24th meeting. Paul and/or Cliff are hoping to attend. Paul passed out some of the information that Flood City has on their website including: their rules, schedule and other general information for boosters to review. It was mentioned that joining this league would call for a lot of travel and we do not know how joining would affect our concessions.

Nanty-Glo coaches were present at the meeting. Gary Wurm spoke about the two leagues joining to play together from t-ball through the majors. They are looking to restructure their teams, so that we would be able to play and participate in playoff all together like the major teams did last year. We would have to work together to combine our rules. This option allows ETJ to basically stay the same, but have more games and teams to play.

We had a group discussion of what joining with Nanty-Glo would 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 need to spread the word to get our booster members here to vote, and others may still purchase a booster card for \$5. Bottom line- November is a very important meeting; we need people here to vote!

Meeting Adjourned around 9:00 pm by: 1st Eric Grecek 2nd Al Conrad

