

ETJ Baseball Meeting

November 11, 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 October 2013: Kurt Lecorchick and Tom Polka.

Treasurer Report: Matt is out of town, so he was not available to give the treasurer's report. Paul estimated that the balance roughly stands at: **\$4,600.00**. After the water and electric bills are paid; plus the cost to make the baseball flyers was between \$200- \$300. Motion to accept the treasurer report: 1st Shawn Sipe 2nd Eric Grecek

Paul also mentioned that a trophy needed to be ordered for Trey Butts. He was the winner of the homerun contest for the year.

Members Present (Biggest Showing): Paul Wyrwas, Kurt Lecorchick, Amy Forcellini, Chad Forcellini, Cliff Richey, Shawn Sipe, Dan Vivian, Mike Rodkey, Stephen Ruddek, Cory Menett, Terry Hall, Eric and Melanie Grecek, Jim Lamer, Ron Ochienrider, Mark Svencer, Tom Polka, Mark Fetzer, Brian Yackulich, Mike Merritts, Mike and Nikki Burkett, Bob Jones, Jeff Dietz, Daren Cuppett, Rick Williams, Kristy Vaught, Darren Thorton and Al Conrad.

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. On-Line registration will begin in December; 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 planning to have three signs made notifying people of baseball sign-ups. Cooper's signs will be making metal signs.

Paul said that baseball sign-ups have been \$35 since 2007. With the rising costs of everything, he would like to raise the price of registration to \$40, which is a \$5 increase. He asked if anyone had a problem with this proposal; no one spoke up, so he is likely to raise the price to \$40, with a five dollar decrease for the second child and so-on. Jim Lamer mentioned that other leagues are raising their prices to \$50- then providing the parents with a \$10 kick back

once they have worked their turn at the concession stand. Paul said he would think about this option.

ETJ will be decorating a tree for light-up night. Paul said the tree is only \$10 to decorate. He was asking for people to donate any Christmas lights that they have unused for the tree this year.

Steve gave a softball update: Steven mentioned that the group wanted to draft between all of the leagues, however this wasn't going to work. The softball teams will now hold a draft within the ETJ league for all new girls entering softball. The softball group will meet again in January. Steve said that their draft needs to be complete by the end of March. Paul said that he has reserved the gym for February 15, from 9-4, so the girls should be able to hold their draft following the boys on this date.

The meeting then opened up for public comment about our joining with the other leagues. Many people spoke and shared their views before heading into a vote.

Based on the voting from Boosters at the Monday night meeting, ETJ will maintain its relationship with Blacklick for the upcoming season. We had 25 boosters available to vote. 22 votes were in favor of playing more games with Blacklick. 3 votes were for joining with Ebensburg, and zero votes went to Flood City. Blacklick has said that they will form a minor league to play games with us. We will also need to get together to restructure our rules.

Meeting Adjourned around 8:00 pm by: **1st Al Conrad 2nd Eric Grecek**