

ETJ Baseball Meeting



February 10, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Wyrwas at 7:05 p.m. at the municipal building.

Motion to accept the minutes for January 2014: Eric Grecek and Rick Williams.

Treasurer Report: Matt just made a deposit from baseball sign-ups, so the balance stands at \$9, 639.36 with all bills paid. Motion to accept the treasurer report: 1st Tom Polka 2nd Stephen Ruddek.

Members Present: Paul Wyrwas, Kurt Lecorchick, Chad and Amy Forcellini, Rick Williams, Shawn Sipe, Dan Vivian, Mike Rodkey, Stephen Ruddek, Terry Hall, Eric Grecek, Jim Lamer, Mark Svencer, Tom Polka, Mark Fetzer, Randy Howard, Ron Brown, Brian Yackulich, Mike Merritts, Mike and Nikki Burkett, Marty Bezek, Gary Screchengost, and Al Conrad.

We had baseball and softball sign-ups on January 4, 2014 and January 9, 2014. We also had another sign-up date on February 1. The total kids signed-up to play in the ETJ baseball and softball leagues at this time include: 160 players. The draft will take place on February 15th.

We will have four major teams, three minor teams and four instructional teams for the baseball season. Softball will have one 14 and U, one 12 and U, three 10 and U, and two 8 and U teams this year.

Gun tickets will be sold for our major fundraiser for the year. We had 143 packets of tickets with 7 tickets in each packet given out. The guns will cost the league \$3800; the league should make a profit of \$6200 if all of the tickets are sold. Jackson Township paid for the cost of the tickets.

The softball teams will not hold a draft now. Steve said that their final rosters need to be complete by mid- March. Softball had a rule proposal meeting on January 28- Steve said that there may be some new rules for playing this year.

Based on the voting from Boosters in November, ETJ will maintain its relationship with Blacklick for the upcoming season. 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. Paul mentioned that he is looking for people to meet with Blacklick to work on rules for the upcoming season. Nanty- Glo reports to have two minor league teams to play with our three.

Paul made some phone calls about nicer shirts for the players. The cost would be around \$2. Ron Brown mentioned a friend from Nanty- Glo that does screen printing; he was going to look into pricing for us as well.

Work days will be set for the fields next month. Leidy needs a fence to keep players inside and to protect the fans. Also, Paul wants to talk with Craig Gibson about a gray water tank for the concession stand.

We will be getting new score boards for Mitchell this year also. Paul will once again apply for the Pirate matching grant. We will also be getting new helmet boxes. Penn Metal is going to be making them for us.

After the meeting, coaches met to go over the rules from the draft.

Meeting Adjourned around 8:00 pm by: 1st Jim Lamer 2nd Eric Grecek