

ETJ Baseball Meeting



November 3, 2014

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

Motion to accept the minutes for October 2014: Mark Svencer and Gary Sechrengost.

Treasurer Report: Shawn Sipe gave the treasurer's report. The balance stands at: **\$2,715.02**. Shawn provided print outs of the bank statement. He is going to continue with this practice by providing a statement at each meeting; incase, anyone is ever questioning the account. Paul also deposited a check for \$600.00 that was not reflected in this statement. The check was a donation from the family of Rich Thomas. This donation was from a softball fundraiser. Amy will send out a thank you note to the family for this donation. Motion to accept the treasurer report: 1st Cliff Richey 2nd Gary Sechrengost

Members Present: Kurt Lecorchick, Amy Forcellini, Chad Forcellini, Terry Hall, Mark Svencer, Stephen Ruddek, Gary Sechrengost, Ron Brown, Shawn Sipe, Charlie Nagle, Cliff Richey and Paul Wyrwas.

We set dates for Baseball/ Softball registration. The dates will be January 10 (Saturday) and January 15 (Thursday evening) and the final sign-ups will be February 7 (Saturday). The draft will follow shortly after sign-ups. We would like to get a flier out to the community. Charlie Nagle has offered to help with this. We have the signs out at Leidy that need to be placed around the township. Paul mentioned that the signs need to be taken over to Cooper, so that he can replace the new registration dates. He also said that Cooper has the 2X4 stands that we can use to display the signs. Terry Hall said he could pass fliers out at Bilo. And Steve mentioned the idea of getting sign-ups printed in church bulletins. Any way we get the word out!

Chad mentioned that he would like to once again raise the sign-up fee by \$5 to help with cost. The price of registration will would now be \$45. We will continue with a five dollar decrease for the second child and so-on. Motion to accept: 1st Stephen Ruddek 2nd Gary Sechrengost

Fundraising ideas came up. Amy has already been in contact with Hunting and Fishing. Kurt mentioned and gave us a name of a competitor for the gun tickets. Chad will check into this contact. We will take the best offer. Gun tickets will be ready and passed out at registration. Ron discussed a basket party idea. He shared how Blacklick Valley Football runs their party. Finally, Amy has also set up a community night with Hoss's Steak and Sea House. This event is no cost to the league. The league will simply pass out tickets for day in March. Anyone who shares this ticket upon eating will be giving a donation to the league. Hoss's gives 20% back to the league. These tickets will also be handed out at registration.

ETJ will be decorating a tree for light-up night. The tree is only \$10 to decorate. It's good for community involvement. Paul said the decorations are in the concession stand. Amy will head up the decorating and hopefully getting some kids involved in doing the tree this year. Time and place to be announced.

Previously, Gary Sechrengost expressed that he wants to see rules followed with having a draft for the upcoming season. We have gone two years now not following this rule accordingly. Chad said that we will have a draft this year in both baseball and softball. Steve and Gary, who were present, both agreed.

We also discussed the role of a head coach, and the responsibilities that go along with being a head coach. It is also a concern, of the group present, that either a head coach or an assistant coach needs to be present at meetings. Field work days will be scheduled for the first two weekends in April. All coaches are asked to attend as least one of these work days. The league would like to see the fence completed at Leidy. It was brought to our attention that we may not have a coach for the Brewers for the upcoming season. Chad will contact Al Conrad on this issue.

Cliff discussed uniforms and the pros and cons. The present members have decided to continue with the BC Graphics for the upcoming season. Softball said that they will continue with American Eagle.

We also discussed an ETJ Spirit sale. This would not be a fundraiser- just making ETJ apparel available for those interested.

ETJ sent a fruit basket to Braves manager Dan Vivian. Dan fell out of his tree stand and broke 9 ribs along with his collar bone. Well wishes to Dan!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 by: 1st **Cliff Richey** 2nd **Steve Ruddek**

