

ETJ Baseball Meeting



March 13, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President, Amy Forcellini at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building. Chad was unable to attend and Jon was away.

Motion to accept the minutes for February 2017: Terry Hall and Dave Spochart

Treasurer Report: Shawn Sipe gave the treasurer's report. The balance stands at: **\$19, 905. 44**, with sponsorships coming in and basket party tickets. Motion to accept the treasurer report: 1st Steve Ruddek and 2nd Josh McHugh

Members Present: Amy Forcellini, Terry Hall, Stephen Ruddek, Shawn Sipe, Tim Spicher, Paul Wyrwas, Cliff Richey, Kurt Lecorchik, Gary Sechrengost, Dave and Nikki Spochart, Lisa Hessler, Dan Blasko, Josh McHugh, Jerrod Nixon and Joe Jacobs.

The draft was weekend, February 18 at the Upper Deck. They did not charge us for the use- we will be hanging a sign up at the fields for them. Teams are all formed and many teams have started to practice.

Uniforms for Softball and Baseball have all been ordered. Cliff is accepting parent orders until March 31st. Coaches- please check with your parents and get these orders in. All shirts are \$14.50 from this order.

Graphic Connections in Northern Cambria is working on hats for the season.

We are going to use Molly Stein for pictures this coming season. Her packages are as low as \$5. Baseball pictures are set for April 22 (Saturday) and Softball will be May 13th- per softball's request from the original April 30th date. Molly has a \$40 daily fee for coming out to take the pictures. ETJ will pay this fee.

Decals and magnet orders are in. I gave many out tonight during ticket drop off. We will look to have another decal/magnet sale in early May.

Coaches and helpers if your clearances are more than two years old, please turn them into Amy. The clearances are now free to volunteers- so please get these done and turned in.

Fundraisers:

Reminder we have Saint John Vianney booked for the basket party on Sunday, April 2nd. Tickets and money were due tonight to Lisa. Many people still need to turn their tickets in. Players need both check marks to get their uniform on April 10th. Lisa reported that Nikki Spochart has been very active in collecting donations for the basket party. So thank you Nikki and Lisa! Everything is falling into place- baskets can be dropped off the morning of the party.

Lecorchik's is supplying the guns for the league this year. All of the tickets have been given out. The gun ticket will go off May 14-20, money will be turned in to Amy. All money must be collected by April 10th in order to receive player uniforms.

Amy and Lisa will have the check lists ready to go this week, so that we can contact people who have not yet turned in their tickets.

Additional- New

We have set tentative work dates at Leidy and Mitchell- please help if you can. April 1 will be Mitchell with a rain date of the 8th. Although, it will have to be after the Easter Egg Hunt at noon. Leidy will be April 2 in the morning from 9-12.

Opening day is set for April 17th. We discussed who will throw out the first pitch of the game. Softball is encouraged to do something similar. This year we are asking TJ Adams and his dad. The Adams family was involved in the league for years- his dad is ill (we can do a pass the hat activity again).

Reminder- T-Ball will start in May- exact date TBA.

Also, this is the last year that Little League will allow the composite bats. Please let parents know that this rule will be enforced, so that they are not spending money on bats that they cannot use after this year.

Paul has ordered the 12 year olds their pull-overs. We have only 5 players this year. Steve will get the information for the softball players.

A \$100 Sheetz gift card was bought for Ben Gorman for updating our website. He does this for nothing and does not have a player in the league, so we needed to send him something for all of his hard work.

Nanty-Glo has decided that they do not want to participate in play-offs with us this year. They want to play regular season games and then hold our own playoffs. The league, as a whole, is

not happy with this decision. They have now scheduled to have their basket party the same day as ours. The relationship between the two leagues is questionable, at this point. Chad and the coaches will try to meet this week to make a decision about moving forward. We talked of ending our relationship with them.

Gary also mentioned that he would like to see something in place about all coaches viewing registration forms and birth ages before that draft next year.

Remember to view and use the Facebook and the webpage for new and upcoming information. Our next meeting is April 10th following uniform pick-up. Weather depending- we may meet at the field to distribute hats and shirts, as we collect the gun tickets.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by: 1st **Gary Sechrengost** 2nd **Kurt Lecorchick**