

ETJ Baseball Meeting



September 11, 2017

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

Motion to accept the minutes for June 2016: Terry Hall and Mike George

Treasurer Report: Shawn gave the treasurer's report. The balance stands at: **\$6,296.35**. We only have a few bills currently out and Shawn has the balance listed at 4,943.61 after those checks are cashed. Motion to accept the treasurer report: 1st Sam Amenti 2nd Kurt Lecorchick

Members Present: Chad and Amy Forcellini, Terry Hall, Shawn Sipe, Stacy and Jon Serenko, Tim Spicher, Jerrod Nixon, Cliff Richey, Sam Amenti, Kurt Lecorchik, Gary Schreckengost, Joe Jacobs, Mike George and Josh McHugh.

We held officer nominations, but no one was running against anyone at this time. Chad made it clear that this was his last year to serve as president, as we have a child moving out of ETJ. He will still help and be involved after this year, since we have one still in the league, but he will not be able to carry out presidential duties. We definitely need younger families to get involved to continue growth at ETJ.

Shawn Sipe resigned as treasurer- we want to thank him for his 3 years of service to the league.

The officers for the 2018 season are: President-Chad Forcellini, Vice- Jon Serenko, Secretary- Amy Forcellini, Treasurer-Matt Evans, Softball Rep.- Steven Ruddek, Commissioner- Tim Spicher, Equipment Manager- Kurt Lecorchick, Fundraiser Coordinator- Lisa Hessler, Amy Forcellini and Nikki Spochart, Uniform Coordinator- Cliff Richey, Head Umpires- Cliff 'Buddy' Richey(baseball) and Brian Burkett (softball). Schedule Coordinator- Chad Forcellini and Jon Serenko, and Sponsor Coordinator-Sam Amenti. Concession stand-Mitchell- Stacy Serenko- Leidy- Deanna Bezek. Field Maintenance- Mitchell-Terry Hall, Leidy Maintenance- Gary Schreckengost. If there is a job that you would like to help out with, please let one of the board members know. Please remember that all positions are volunteer positions, and we need more parent participation.

Stacy suggested and has 5 families willing to volunteer to be assigned an opening and closing night for concession.

We will set the dates for Baseball/ Softball registration soon. We will have them in January and February as usual. We talked about doing a Sunday evening too. In late November, the baseball signs will need to be placed in the township. We will place signs at Martins, Kimmie's and Nagle's house again.

Fundraising will remain the same for the upcoming season. Each player will be given only 5 gun tickets to sell, so that every player gets a pack to sell.

Chad and Jon reported that they drained the hot water tank at the concession stand. The township as now turned the water off for the winter season. The concession stand is in need of a new sink. We are looking for a stainless steel one to replace the dry rot one. Mitchell is ready for winter-including the score boards. We just need someone to take down the batting cage net and place it in the new shed.

Bink reported that everything still needs done and Leidy. He is going to send a text out to get some help in getting things down over at Leidy.

Chad said that Blacklick has chosen to play in league with Northern Cambria for the upcoming season. Chad is going to talk with United and Forest Hills to see what he can do to expand our season. He has already talked to Ebensburg- they would like to continue play with the majors, but the rules are too different with the minors. More information is to come about our upcoming season.

We need help organizing the basket party this year. Lisa Hessler and Nikki Spochart will work to organize this again this year. We need to remember that Lisa Hessler is also moving out of the league, and we will need someone to replace her next year.

We are asking that all equipment is turned in by the next meeting to Kurt Lecorchik. Joe Jacobs mentioned that he has Paul's from the Cardinals. Joe will take over as coach of the Cardinals this coming season.

Jarrod Nixon is planning to take over the Pirates next year and Jimmy Fisher for the Braves. All of the coaching positions are covered for the minors and majors- unless we need an expansion team. We will know more at sign-ups.

Kudos to our softball teams on a great season- they certainly did well this year in the Somerset/Cambria League. However, Bink said that the league is looking to set boundaries as far as who can play where. More information on this to come. Bink said he is also figuring that we will have 2- 15U teams this season. Good news- as we continue to grow!!!

Finally it was mentioned that Jeff Day is willing to do an umpire clinic for our umps. We will set dates and times for the early Spring.

Clearances are now free to obtain for volunteers. We will now expect anyone that helps to have their clearances updated every two years.

The next meeting will be on October 9, 2017 at the Municipal Building again.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 by: **1st Sam Amenti 2nd Nikki Spochart**

