

## **ETJ Baseball / Softball**

### **Monthly Meeting – 3/11/19**

Attendees: Chad Forcellini, Amy Forecellini, Terry Hall, Jimmy Fisher, Tim Spicher, Josh McHugh, Jerrod Nixon, Roni Burket, Craig Hicks, Cliff Richey, Ashlie Hildebrand, Joe Gallo, Dave Spochart, Nichole Spochart, Greg Schilling

President Chad Forcellini called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Previous meetings minutes were not available for review.

Treasurer's Report – Current balance is \$22,494.79 (Guns still need to be paid for)

It appears that this year we will have 2 Major Teams (with 9 on each) and 4 Minor Teams.

Majors – Looking at potentially playing Nanty Glo (2 teams) and Northern Cambria (1 team). Northern Cambria would play at ETJ, we would not travel to NC. Jon Serenko is also talking to United about potential games. More details to come.

Minors – Looking at some possible changes this year. 6-7 year olds machine pitch, 8-9 year olds would be kid pitch. Machine Pitch for the minors a couple consecutive games. This will aid in Tournament time.

ETJ Tournament – Increasing Team Entry Fees from \$125 to \$175 & 12 balls

July 15-17, 2019 – 8U – Machine Pitch

July 18-24 – 10 & 12U

Jimmy Fisher volunteered to be the 10U Tourney Director

We need as much help as possible during our Tourney, last year ran very smooth with all the help and we hope it is the same this year. Any time available to help is welcomed.

Energy Transfer (pipeline company) has given us notice that they are going to donate \$5000 towards the purchase of a side x side for the fields. It was decided that we will get the side x side decaled with Energy Transfer graphics. In addition, we are working on a scoreboard sign for MF1 and make them a life sponsor. They would like to do an Opening Day "Check Handover" with the local news station. We need to make this a big deal.

Basket Party Update – we are getting a lot of donations from local businesses. Sheetz is donating 300 hot dogs with ketchup/mustard/sauerkraut. Stagers is donating 300 hot dog buns. Clark Powells Express is donating pizza. Chips/Pretzels are also being donated. We need to make sure we have the

large coolers for drinks. If anyone has one to use for the day it would be appreciated. We can set up at St. John's Saturday from 12-3pm and again Sunday starting at 10:15am. We still need volunteers for the day of to make this the best one yet.

April 27, 2019 will be baseball opening day. Last year was a success and want to do the same this year with all the teams present for introductions. We are considering a "first pitch" family. Nothing set in stone at this time.

Softball will be having an Opening Day on a Friday night "Under the New Lights". This will be a huge deal. More details to come. Steve Ruddek was not present for specific details.

Team Uniforms - Cliff Richey will be handling the uniforms again this year. Once the draft is complete and teams are finalized, we need to get sizes/numbers/names to Cliff ASAP for ordering. It was also talked about having an ETJ uniform hat for all teams, that way it could be used for All-Stars as well. More details to come.

Draft date – Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 6-7:30pm at the Jackson Elementary gym. This will be for the minors only. Players will be notified of tryout time prior to.

Majors – No draft will be held this year.

Softball Update – Softball has 8 teams total across the age groups. The scheduling meeting will be March 30, 2019. The lights at Leidy will be up soon depending on weather.

End of year pool party – We reserved the Ebensburg Pool again this year. The date is June 23, 2019 from 6-8pm.

Field Work Days – due to weather, this will most likely be impromptu. We will keep watching weather and try to plan ahead to the best we can.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Cliff Richey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Schilling