

FBTAA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order: Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 8:03 pm

Roll Call: Attendance - Steve Felix *, Jen Felix *, Eric Vernon *, Jarrett Taranto *, Rocky Gencarelli *, Bill Walczak, Jim Campana, Eric Davis, Dustin Rego

* Names of those in attendance who are eligible to vote on any League matters at this meeting.

Minutes Review:

Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:

Jarrett - motion to accept Eric - seconded Motion passes.

Approved Minutes will be emailed out to the registered FBT families and posted on our website.

Treasurer Report: There was an issue with TD Bank, so the report will be sent later. The check from Bethlehem Township did come in.

Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:

- motion to accept - seconded

President Report: Eric Vernon

- Norco Tournament: weekend of July 27. Jr. and Sr. Legion Futures Plug & Play Tournament. Chris Medei will have some of his players take care of the field. We will need to have volunteers for the Snack Stand. Jarrett motions to host the tournament at FBT on the weekend of July 27. Steve seconds. All those eligible to vote, vote yes. Motion passes.
- We have signed a contract with Coordinated Health. They will get us the First Aid bags soon.
- Gene Medei will be taking the next month off due to health issues. George Horwath will step in to order food and help out, just not do any cooking. Bill Walczak will also help out with the money-side of the stand.

Vice President Report: Jarrett Taranto

- Update on FBT Day (June 2): Wegman's has given \$100 gift card, Starbucks gave a mug and 1lb. coffee, Shop Rite needs specific amounts on their sheet. Jarrett would like each team to donate a basket.
- Dick's gave coupons that are good for the rest of the season. Rocky will put them up on the website.

Webmaster Report: Rocky Gencarelli

- Remain active on Facebook with lots of reactions on our posts. Discussion about when parents take pictures and post of Facebook, putting in a line #playFBT
- Perhaps start an Instagram account, especially after Kaboly live action photos are taken.

Senior Commissioner Report: (Eric Vernon in Joe Fancera's absence)

- Steve Felix and Joe Fancera will be meeting to discuss transitioning what Steve has been doing for the Senior Field up until a Commissioner had been found.
- There will not be a Jr. Legion team for FBT this year. However, we will be able to hold onto our territory. We need to see if Medei wants the 3 players who did register to play on the Sr. Legion team or give those players waivers.
- There are now 17 players signed up for Bushkill Valley. 2 late sign-ups who will join the team in May.

Minor Commissioner Report: Steve Felix

- Scheduling: if there are any changes to games or practices, let Steve know asap. We will be using the Calendar on the website to post games and practices during the season (utilize Batting Cages and Miller Heights for practices once games begin). SI Play also has a player's finalized schedule.
- Coach Clearances: only about 4 coaches still need to finish. If the Abuse Training is not completed, that coach is NOT allowed on the field until it is completed.

Committee Reports:

- **Equipment - Jarrett:** Uniforms and baseballs from Schuylkill Valley will be ready for pick-up/delivery tomorrow. They will be distributed to the teams through the Head Coaches.
 - One of Dean's team bat (brand new Easton from Dick's) has something rattling on the inside. Jarrett will collect it and bring it back to Dick's for a return and exchange.

- **Communications** - no report
- **Facilities - Eric:** Both bathrooms are cleaned, floors are finished, and toilets are sturdy. Coaches need to remember to lock both doors if they are the last ones at the facility after a practice/game.
 - Shed has been delivered, hoses and bases for Sr. field are inside.
 - Parking lot will be done once 50% deposit is paid.
 - Outside speaker system will be installed beginning 4/12.
 - Reached out to Merry Maids, one of our sponsors, to see if they'd be interested in cleaning our 2 bathrooms and perhaps the snack stand 1-2 times per week and at what cost. Waiting to hear back.
 - Still need to reset Home Plate, measure the placements for the new pitching mound on the Ripken Field, purchase and install a metal chain to block off driving behind the Sr. field to the batting cages, do something to cover up the Little League Pledge on the Rookie field (will be painted after painting the ramp).
- **Snack Stand - Eric:** Committee Meeting was held on Monday, April 8, about 8 people attended.
 - Keurig coffee maker was purchased
 - purchased 2 countertop grills - one to be used for burgers, another one as a backup for busy nights
 - Sign Up Genius will be utilized for duties for the season. 3 volunteers for every shift. You pick the date that works best for your schedule.
 - New foods to be introduced and some price increases. Looking at getting breakfast rollers, more combo meals with french fries, no combo meals with pierogies (wasn't a big seller)
 - Last Spring and Fall, the snack stand brought in about \$21,000
 - Will look into getting recycling cans from Coca Cola and use them for all the plastic bottles instead of the regular garbage cans. Then dispose of them in the recycling dumpster (left dumpster). No more soda cans being sold.
 - Register will start with a minimum of \$200.
 - Discussion of dropping Credit Card charges to \$5 minimum or \$10 with a surcharge of 50 cents (if this is possible)
- **Boosters - Jarrett:** we have a couple new sponsors this year. Will need to update the website accordingly.
 - Need to start promoting the Golf Outing. Put pamphlet out on Facebook and on our website.

Coaches' Reports: **Eric:** Need to remind the coaches that now that we are in season, each team needs to be represented at each league meeting.

Discussion Items:

- Signage around the field: Men's/Women's Bathroom, promote that we are Cal Ripken Baseball
- Formation and function of the Committees: active and timely communication of committee meetings and events/work parties; bringing ideas/plans to the Board at the monthly meetings for approval or any necessary votes; Committees must have a representative at the league meetings per the bylaws.

Unfinished Business:

- Update on Perfect Game: No contract has been sent yet. Eric will email and let them know that we need a contract by April 30, 2019, or we will cancel hosting the tournament on June 7-9, 2019.
- BTCC Community Days: June 19-22 - we will be selling soda, water, and candy, along with any FBT merchandise. Volunteers sign up for times. (keep on agenda)

Courtesy of the floor:

Next Meeting: **Thursday, May 9, at 8:00 pm**

Motion to Adjourn: Jarrett Steve - seconded

Time: 9:24 pm