FBTAA Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to order:**  Thursday, August 8, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

**Roll Call: Attendance -** Eric Vernon\*, Jarrett Taranto\*, Bill Walczak\*, Jen Felix\*, Steve Felix\*, Jason Steigerwalt\*(Facilities), Wayne Shupp

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

**Minutes Review:** **Jennifer Felix emailed prior month's minutes for review**  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

Eric - motion to acceptJarrett - seconded All eligible vote Yes, motion passes.

**Treasurer Report:** **Steve Zapata (absent) sent out July Cash Walk**  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

Bill - motion to accept Jarrett - seconded All eligible vote Yes, motion passes.

Perfect Game approved the request of payment for $2500. The check is in the mail.

Big expenses coming up: pay remaining 1/2 of parking lot paving fee, pay for Fall Ball uniforms

**President Report: Eric Vernon**

- Fall Ball Update: 102 players signed up, making 1 Bushkill team, 2 Majors teams, 3 Minors teams, 1 Rookie team, and 2 Coach Pitch teams. Team rosters are done and will be sent out shortly.

Coaches: Bushkill - John Sweitzer, Majors - Dean Stonehouse and Bob Brandt, Minors - Jason Steigerwalt, Adrian Yaguez, Chuck Shields, Rookie - Todd Kowalski, Coach Pitch - Travis Savoia and Keith Davis.

- FBTAA has been cleared by Northampton County as a nonprofit organization.

**Vice President Report: Jarrett Taranto**

- Sponsor List update: trying to color code the sponsors on the list in a spreadsheet in order to make it easier to track those that are up to date with payment.

**Webmaster Report: Rocky Gencarelli (absent)**

- will continue to add periodic content to Facebook page

- let him know if there are any web related information topics

- Eric: stated that we need a form/formal way to get Rocky information to be posted on Facebook

**Senior Commissioner Report: Joe Fancera (absent)**

- Steve will follow up on clarification of background checks regarding Senior Legion and Men's League for next season

- Address roster sizes for Senior Legion

- Field Maintenance: (Eric) 4 Senior team players have been taking care of the fields. A new sprayer has been bought since the previous had been broken, along with extra pieces for a total of 5 sprayers.

- (Eric) - many players on the Men's League were unhappy with the season. Eric will reach out and have discussions with the players and the future of the Men's League. Men's League uniforms will be collected on Sunday.

Frank Olshefski plans to not coach Bushkill next season, may move up to Jr. Legion.

**Minor Commissioner Report: Steve Felix**

- LVCR Meeting Updates: Rules Committee - there are some changes for the Fall season which will then be proposed for the Spring season at a later date. Last Cal Ripken League meeting: a meeting with the PA Cal Ripken rep was held to discuss whether to stay chartered in Cal Ripken. Other organizations within LVCR questioned what they get out of Cal Ripken for the money they spend to belong. These organizations looked to FBT to see what we would do and what we see as our benefits of being in Cal Ripken as opposed to Little League since we once were Little League. Cal Ripken rep suggested making our own district since we are comprised of areas in Lehigh, Northampton, and Monroe counties. Also, shifting us to a North/South Division, where the North would be Pen Argyl, Bangor and Bushkill, and the South would be FBT and Nazareth.

- Fall Ball coach clearances: 2 people that did not coach in the spring are in the process of getting cleared. Anyone else that did not coach in the spring and would like to in the fall needs to get in touch with Steve as soon as possible.

- Final approval for Family Survey: discussed and will add one question to the end. Eric will look into Dick's site to see how we can have families submit more than one survey since some families have multiple players in different divisions. Post-Season Player Evaluations spreadsheet: good to go. Steve will send out to the Head Coaches soon.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Equipment - Jarrett**

- Fall Ball coaches uniform update: purchasing from Schuylkill Valley. Would like coaches to have a generic shirt for the Fall that can carry over to the Spring so as to cut down on purchasing so many shirts; however, also would like for the coach to match the team. Possibly thinking of a Polo shirt or a Batting Cage jacket, and may ask for Coach shirt size during the Registration process.

- Bushkill uniforms: John Sweitzer is getting in touch with Frank Olshefski to collect from him since they weren't returned yet.

- Ross Griffith's softball team is scheduled to help clean out the trailer either this weekend or next weekend.

* **Communications -** no report
* **Facilities - Eric**

- Jason Steigerwalt will oversee the facilities and make repairs as needed.

- Eric Davis will help move the old wooden sponsor signs to donate to Freemansburg's bonfire in October.

- Eric suggested we potentially pour concrete in the batting cage and put astroturf in the batter's box in order to help maintain that area. Steve suggested we look into a pulley system for new nets for the batting cages.

- Eric is interested in purchasing a abiFORCE Multi-functional Ballfield Maintenance Machine, priced at $33, 633. This will enable trained volunteers to turn over the and maintain the fields ourselves at both FBT and Miller Heights. Eric will send out the information to the entire Board for a vote, which will also include Jack Callery (eligible to vote), Emily Vernon (Snack Stand), and Jason Steigerwalt (Facilities).

* **Snack Stand - Bill**

- Norco Tournament sales was $1565. Total for July sales was $1794.

- Will do the Sign Up Genius for Fall Ball snack stand duties for registered families.

* **Boosters -** no report

**Coaches’ Reports:** no report

**Discussion Items:**

- Snack Stand Work Bond proposal for next Spring season - $100 per registered player. Parents can get their check back immediately after fulfilling all required numbered shifts.

- School Flyers for next Spring season. Need to work on them now and get them out at the end of October.

- November Elections: Vice President, Webmaster, Senior and Minor Programs Commissioners. All those that wish to run for any of these positions need to meet the required meeting attendance number (5).

**Unfinished Business:** no report

**Courtesy of the floor:**

Next Meeting: **Thursday, September 12, at 8:00 pm**

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Jarrett - seconded **Time: 9:56 pm**