**FBTAA Meeting Minutes/Agenda**

**Meeting Called to Order: February 7, 2019 at 8:08 pm**

**Roll Call:** Jennifer Felix, Jack Callery, Jarrett Taranto, Steve Zapata, Rocky Gencarelli, Eric Vernon, Adam Eureyecko, Bill Walczak, Steve Felix, Gene Medei

**Special Presentation: Perfect Game - Coleen Barth**

- Starts off with apologizing for the miscommunication that occurred with naming FBTAA a hosting site for their tournaments.

- Perfect Game has been in existence since 1995 and is one of the largest scouting companies, it is not a tournament company. They try to get kids to the next level of baseball play through social media. Another purpose is to try to clean up the mess of travel baseball.

- They broadcast live games through Diamond cast, where stats are kept and archived so recruits can see how players have advanced throughout their career.

- They provide an official scorekeeper at each game and their own umpires. They make their tournaments progressive, and if you win, you receive a paid bid to go to the championship game.

- Last year there were 1200 teams that ran thru the Mid-Atlantic region with Perfect Game; typically traveling 90 minutes/90 miles.

- Games aren't usually canceled due to weather, they prefer to delay unless it is absolutely necessary to cancel. They would cover the cost of extra materials used if needed due to rain.

- Perfect Game does not come and disrespect our fields, they work with us and do what's best for our facilities.

- They are over-covered with a $2 million insurance policy.

- It's a Plug and Play situation. They bring everything with them and they just need a facility to play at. Perfect Game is just starting a Minors/Majors bracket play in the Lehigh Valley. It's open registration; around $495/team fee for 10U - 46/60, 11-12 year olds - 50/70. Age cut-off of April 30/May 1. They allow Minors to play up, but do not allow Majors to play down. At present, there's about 8-12 Minors teams and about 16+ Majors teams.

- Perfect Game and other outside vendors set up tents and sell merchandise during the tournaments. (Yes, Coordinated Health can come and do that, too.)

- No need for announcers or scoreboards. They use an app to run the games.

- Perfect Game promotes the tournaments through national marketing.

- Perfect Game will charge an entrance fee at the top of FBTAA's hill. \*\* Exception - all Freemansburg/Bethlehem Township residents will be free. They like to promote community baseball and allow the community members to come and watch the best kids in the game play.

- Right now they would like to use our facilities for 4-5 weekends in the spring/summer, and they have postponed the 3-4 weekend dates they had for the fall until after this meeting and our decision. (There is a May tournament that teams are already signing up for, and the dates of June 7, 8, 9 are on their website for Freemansburg.)

However, they can schedule their games around FBTAA games and start them earlier or later so they are not at the same time.

- In the future, Perfect Game can provide any assistance FBTAA might need in getting equipment, materials, uniforms, vendors, etc. that Perfect Game has a relationship with. This could be at a discounted cost, or not, it depends on what we find as the best deal for us.

All FBTAA is responsible for during each tournament date is the following: supplying 1 field groomer that has a key to everything. This person will get paid $35/game to drag the field, line the field, fix the plate and mound after each/every other game, clean up trash and empty cans; and provide an open snack stand to serve around 120+ people per game/day (?).

Perfect Game will pay a rental fee for the snack stand. Can put a sign - no outside food/drink - but then Perfect Game will supply water in the dugouts for the players. [The field groomer can be split among many people and the money can go directly to the league instead of to any person.]

FBTAA has the opportunity to do any kind of fundraisers during the tournaments.

FBTAA can promote this through our Facebook page.

FBTAA can send Perfect Game a copy of our facility rules to send out to all the teams prior to their arrival. Whether or not they read them and abide by them, is up to the individual parties. However, Perfect Game does not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior from parents or coaches and if that occurs, those individuals will be removed immediately.

**Discussion among Board Members will take place after the meeting and a decision will be made on whether or not FBTAA will move forward with Perfect Game and allow them to use our facilities for their tournaments beginning in May/June.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.**

**Next meeting will be held on March 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm.**