FBTAA Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to order:**  Thursday, July 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

**Roll Call: Attendance -**  Eric Vernon\*, Bill Walczak\*, Jen Felix\*, Steve Felix\*, Joe Fancera, Jack Callery\*, Chuck Shields, Ross Griffith, Steve Zapata

\*\* 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:**

Bill - motion to accept Steve - seconded All eligible to vote, vote yes. Motion passes. Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** See June Cash Walk that Steve Zapata emailed  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

- motion to accept - seconded

**President Report: Eric Vernon**

- **Norco Tournament** (All-Star players) coverage needed for July 26-28. Chris Medei will take care of the field. We will need help with the Snack Stand. Once we get confirmation of times for the games, a Sign-Up Genius will go out.

- **Fall field care** - will need help when the Men's League players go back to school. Miller Heights is a mess again. The new sprayer is broken.

- Court Case - man was found guilty, $400 fine, 30 days to appeal.

- June 14, a credit card was stolen from a purse of one of the volunteers in the snack stand by another person working in the snack stand. This event was caught on our security camera and shown to the police when it was realized the card was missing and $1000 charged. The person was arrested and will be prosecuted. We will need to establish guidelines for next year's volunteers and personal belongings.

- July 29 at 3:00 pm - meeting with Northampton County to prove we are a nonprofit organization.

**Vice President Report: Jarrett Taranto (absent)**

**Eric -** BTAA Softball is coming to help sort the uniforms in the trailer

- looking to get a generic Coach shirt for Fall to carry over to the Spring in order to avoid the snafu with what happened this spring and the coaches' shirts' order

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

**Eric -** will look to change from Dick's to Sports Engin for next year

**Senior Commissioner Report: Joe Fancera**

- suggestion for Senior Legion team next year: cut down the size of the roster

**Minor Commissioner Report: Steve Felix**

- Purchase additional Cal Ripken Coaches Certification Courses for next spring

- Need to open communication lines with Senior Field Divisions for background clearances and screenings (with other leagues within these divisions also). They are not including the Safe Sports Act in their requirements. Senior Legion did not contact Steve to receive a link to take the course.

- Will be creating End of Season Player Evaluations to be done by Head Coaches and Coach Evaluations to be done by Parents that will include Head and Assistant Coaches with Comments boxes. Will utilize Google Forms.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Equipment -**
* **Communications - Jen** - Thank You letters were sent out to donors for FBT Day BBQ, Mike Klabunde for paper towel dispensers, and Eric Davis and Jason Steigerwalt for work around the facility.

**Eric** - we need to do a better job at posting things on the website. Our Minors Gray team won the LVCR championship, LVCR 8U made it to States (which consists of 6 FBT players), and one of our own coaches was Head Coach of the LVCR 9U team. Things like this need to be made more aware to our community and beyond.

* **Facilities - Eric** - Senior Field water supply has been fixed, the new shed has been painted.

July 22 paving of the parking lot and walkways will take place.

1500 bags of popcorn have been donated.

* **Snack Stand - Bill** -June sales: $10,215 which includes $596 from Community Day

Purchase receipts, especially online, need to email a copy of the receipt to Bill so he can record it properly

Bank fees - TD Bank is charging $10/mth for deposits and if it's over $5000 there's more fees included. Possibly look into another bank that does not charge fees for nonprofit organizations.

* **Boosters -** **Eric** - for Community Days next year, a suggestion would be to sell something other than soda because so many of the other stands sold drinks, too.

**Jack** - Golf Outing on October 7 at River View: looking for donations, baskets, signs. Need help promoting the event.

**Coaches’ Reports: Chuck Shields** - suggestions: less games, break up into divisions, earlier season start, keep travel down during the week, schedule rain outs better, pitching issues - pitch count vs. days rest, innings in a row vs. splitting innings pitched

**Ross Griffith** - questions allowing steal home on past balls in Minors due to the fact that they allow it in tournament play, start games at 6:00 pm

**Discussion Items:**

- LVCR Meeting July 21, 6:00 pm, the Scorecard in Wind Gap (Cal Ripken rep will be present) - Steve will be attending. Main issue being brought up is why should Lehigh Valley stay with Cal Ripken?

- No In-person Registration dates for Fall Ball - pay by credit card on the website

- Steve is looking into clinics at Hazleton and Crossfit: pitching, catching, and hitting, more than 1 weekend was suggested

**Unfinished Business:**

- Sponsor update on website - A request will be made to Steve Zapata for him to supply Jarrett with a list of paid sponsors in order to update the website with current and correct sponsors

- Will need to get Spring Baseball Registration flyers out to all the public and private schools in October

**Courtesy of the floor:**

Next Meeting: **Thursday, August 8, at 8:00 pm**

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Bill - secondedAll eligible vote yes. Motion passes. **Time: 9:27 pm**