FBTAA Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to order:**  Thursday, June 13, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

**Roll Call: Attendance -** Eric Vernon\*, Jarrett Taranto\*, Jennifer Felix\*, Bill Walczak\*, Steve Felix\*, Joe Fancera, Ross Griffith, John Rohal, Michael Lewis, Adam Swercheck, Roger Morales, Adrian Yaguez, Todd Kowalski, A.J. Guidon, Emily Vernon\*

\*\* 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:**

Jarrett - motion to acceptBill - secondedAll eligible vote Yes, motion passes.

**Treasurer Report:** Delayed. Bill now has access. (Steve Zapata absent.)  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

- motion to accept - seconded

**President Report: Eric Vernon**

- BTAA sent out an email about a single mom in the Raiders Organization that recently passed away. Eric motions to write a check for $100 to the family. Jarrett seconds. All eligible vote Yes, motion passes.

- BTAA Board is having trouble filling Board vacancies. Something we should keep an eye on, especially with their softball program. Jarrett is especially interested in this due to his daughter playing softball in their program.

- Skills Showcase was fun but chaotic. Next year we need to start earlier, be more specific with sign-ups and send them out earlier. We can discuss this further at a later date in more detail in order to improve for next year.

- Perfect Game: frustrated with the lack of help that was promised/hoped for when we agreed to host this tournament months ago. Men's League players backed out last minute, Chuck Ciganick did come help drag the field. Tyler C, Nate R, Julius J, all helped tremendously with the fields and snack stand during the tournaments on both days. Other than that, things went well, there were no big complaints at all from PG. We do need to address parking if we were to do this again, and definitely not during our regular season time frame. An invoice was sent to PG requesting $2500, they need to pay within 14 days of the tournament.

- Apparently Gene received a letter from Northampton County a while ago asking FBTAA to prove that we are a nonprofit organization on July 1.

- Emily does need to go to court on July 20 in regards to the incident in the parking lot during the Liberty/Freedom High School game.

- The June 24th Men's League Baseball Clinic being offered to our age 8-13 year old players is in question due to the Safe Sports Act and background clearances. Chuck would need to find FBT Coaches to run it or get his players to be cleared with the proper clearances and courses for being around minors.

**Vice President Report: Jarrett Taranto**

- FBT Day and BBQ: will discuss later in detail to improve for next year

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

- no report

**Senior Commissioner Report: Joe Fancera**

- will make sure Senior Legion coaching staff takes the Safe Sports Act training

**Minor Commissioner Report: Steve Felix**

- no report

**Committee Reports:**

* **Equipment - Jarrett**

- New bats

- Will send an email out with date on when to return equipment

* **Communications -**
* **Facilities - Eric**

- Men's League players have been taking care of the fields

* **Snack Stand - Emily**

- Good year, although there were about 30-40 players' families that did not sign up for any duties. We should seriously consider a minimum $100 work bond for next year.

- FBT Day revenue: $1208 and PG Game revenue: $2000

* **Boosters -** **Eric**

- Golf Outing new date: October 7

- FBT Day revenue: $1208

**Coaches’ Reports:**

\*\* Rules Meeting - July 21 at the Scorecard for Cal Ripken

- issues with umpires

- tight schedule, lack of practice time

- tough to mix advanced players with 1st year or less advanced players

- Equipment: 8U chest protector straps were big for those kids

**Suggestions from the 8U Coaches:**

- met 5 of their goals; however, did not meet developing catchers

- produced a much better product of players and they all had fun

- their understanding was that this was to be a competitive division where you keep scores, keep standings, and have playoffs; however, that really did not happen. Since this did not happen, why then, were they forced to make up rain-out games?

- need to have assigned umpires

- start the season earlier, end it corresponding with the calendar-scheduled end of school year

- 5:45 pm start time is stressful to make (especially traveling to distant fields). Suggested start time of **6:05 pm**, which will also help with some traveling umpires.

- 8U moves to a 5 inning game instead of 6 innings, which were rarely met

- eliminate Coach Pitch altogether in 8U - do machine pitch right from the start

- Player Requirements: why does everyone need to play in the outfield at least 1 inning/game?

- further discussion on pitchers is needed at a later time

- Clarification of rules needed for ALL teams to follow. Struggled with the courtesy runner for catcher rule.

- 5 Coaches are needed in the dugout, 4 are not enough, 1 is needed as a bench coach while team is batting

Fall Ball dates are coming out soon. Team counts are due by July 24.

**Discussion Items:**

**Unfinished Business:**

- Feedback on Perfect Game (see President's Report)

- BTCC Community Days: June 19-22. Sign Up Genius. Some soda is ordered, will need to order more.

**Courtesy of the floor:**

Next Meeting: **Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 pm (out of season time)**

Motion to Adjourn: Jarrett Bill - secondedAll eligible vote Yes, motion passes. **Time: 11:12 pm**