FBTAA Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to order:**  **Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 7:02 pm**

**Roll Call: Attendance -** Eric Vernon, Jarrett Taranto, Jennifer Felix, Steve Felix, Bill Walczak, Gene Medei, Joe Fancera, Courtney Monahan, Jenna Bufanio, Jose Rosario, Jack Callery, A.J. Guidon, Wayne Shupp, Adam Eureyecko, Jason Steigerwalt, David Schneck, Chuck Ciganick, Keith Schifano, Joshua Waldorf, Mark Peerson, Zac Dillow, Rick Hasonich

**\*\* Special Vote: Joe Fancera as Senior Field Commissioner**

Eric Vernon motions to have Joe Fancera fill the position of Senior Field Commissioner. Steve Felix seconds. Jen Felix votes Yes. Motion passes. Joe Fancera is on the Board as the Senior Field Commissioner.

**Minutes Review:**   
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

Steve - motion to acceptJarrett - secondedMotion passes. February minutes accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** **No February Cash Walk Provided**  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

- motion to accept - seconded

**President Report: Eric Vernon**

**- Norco Tournament:** spoke to Chris Medei, this tournament is similar to what we have already hosted here in the past. It is a Plug and Play tournament at the end of July, we would need to supply a snack stand. \* The Men's League already has a game scheduled at FBT on July 28.

\*\* Put this discussion on the April Agenda for approval.

**- Coaches Meetings:** a Sign-Up Genius went out to all the Head Coaches to host an hour long meeting with parents over the next 2 weeks to discuss expectations for the season. Eric, Jarrett, and/or Steve will be in attendance at these meetings as a representative from the Board.

**- End of Year Banquet:** Eric proposes to do an End of the Year Banquet. Jarrett seconds with a date and time TBD. All those eligible to, vote Yes. Motion passes. This banquet will be a formal event where awards can be handed out (i.e. Majors players graduating from Ripken Field to Senior Field, Fekula Award, and Founders' Award)

**- Improve Sound System:** a quote was provided to replace the outside sound system (omni speakers, wireless microphones, pre-loaded MP 3 player for National Anthem, dual announcements for both fields, installation, etc.) **See attached quote document**

Steve motions to approve the quote for a new sound system up to $5000. Jarrett seconds. All those eligible, vote Yes. Motion passes.

**- Liberty vs. Freedom High School Game:** Monday, May 6, no alternate date provided. 4:30 pm JV game (bus usually arrives 2:45 pm), 7:00 pm Varsity game.

**Vice President Report: Jarrett Taranto**

**- Keystone Pub Fundraiser:** $580 + $20 handed in at the meeting for a total of $600

**- 20 Teams and only 12 Sponsors**: if you know of anyone who would like to be a sponsor, let Jarrett know.

**Webmaster Report: (Eric Vernon in Rocky Gencarelli's absence)**

**- League Calendar:** one will be up on the website for this season

**- Updates Needed:** Jen noticed link for "Leagues We Play In" for Bushkill Valley and American Legion bring you to the Sponsor Page, also update all of our sponsors to the current ones. Steve noticed the FBI Fingerprint link is a dead link that needs to be corrected.

**Senior Commissioner Report: (Eric Vernon)**

**- Jr. Legion Update:** no full team yet, or a coach; however, we are still paying the $400 dues to hold for a team in the future

**- Bushkill Valley Baseball meeting is on Sunday, March 17**: (who will be attending?) Frank Olshefski is still slated to be the Head Coach. A poster for this team is being sent to Freedom and Liberty High Schools to garner more interest.

**Minor Commissioner Report: Steve Felix**

**- Evaluations feedback and for end-of-season team evaluations process:** a little disorganized in the beginning, but once they got rolling it was good

- 8U needed an area to warm up

- NCCC baseball players were a great help

- spreadsheets provided good data

- Coaches should have received rosters and contacted their parents by now. Make sure coaches completed their clearances and required training. Rookie level on up are required to be Cal Ripken Coach certified.

- We will be instituting and End of the Season Evaluation Form for the Coaches AND Parents in order to received feedback on how the players developed throughout the season, and how our coaches taught skills and communicated with players and parents.

**Committee Reports: \* Each Committee has a vote at the meetings. One person from the committee acts as a representative and can cast a vote on league matters.**

* **Equipment -** **Jarrett:** High School volunteers will be helping cleaning out the old gear in the trailer, but will accept any other help.

- Players will receive hats, belts, and socks (to match their uniform jersey color this year in certain divisions) Jerseys are the same style as last year. Players will be getting pants, too.

- AdStarr baseballs were ordered for game balls that have the Blue Barons logo on them.

- Dick's upgraded the balls they gave us, but it is now only 12 balls, and no bucket, no score book.

- More bats were ordered at the lower levels.

- Looking into providing 2 hitting nets at Miller Heights and 4 at FBT for use during practices.

- 8U and down have the use of a mechanical Louisville Slugger Blue Flame Pitching Machine.

* **Communications -Eric:** heavy use on social media and email. Always looking for other ways to communicate with families. Still trying to get out a revised newsletter.
* **Facilities - Eric:** water will be turned on this week, 3/16. Hopes to open the fields by March 23. Scouts will clean around the facility.
* **Snack Stand - Gene Medei:** power washer is coming on 3/18 to clean the fryers and will do the ramp by the Ripken Field stands so that it can be painted with non-skid paint.

- Will begin ordering items this week and would like to meet with the Committee soon.

* **Boosters - Jarrett:** FBT Day: final date - June 2. Skills Showcase and BBQ.

**Coaches’ Reports:**  Questions on field clean up and set up like in the past years. Eric mentioned there's not as much to do, signs are already up, what does need to be done shouldn't take long. March 23 in the morning is slated for when this would take place. An email will be sent out.

**Discussion Items:**

- Adrian Yaguez (absent, so Eric spoke on his behalf): March 23 - NCCC baseball players coming and offering a clinic to our players. 12-2 pm, all divisions (Coach Pitch-Majors).

- Consistent uniform design and style moving forward for FBTAA identity. Still working on it, but we think that this year we are getting closer to a permanent design reintroducing Bethlehem Township into the name on the jersey.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Update on Perfect Game: contract - Eric will send an email asking for one, dates locked in - yes, other dates removed - PG was told to remove them, they still need to do so

- Opening Day/Pictures update - Eric will contact Kaboly to set up dates and will email out. May see about getting him here for FBT Day.

**Courtesy of the floor:**

**- Men's League - Chuck Ciganick:** looking for players, especially pitchers, and host families.

- They are competing with other leagues in the area, and unfortunately, need to get the players in the Fall.

- However, right now they do have 14 players, would like 18. Seniors, right out of college looking to play in the next level of baseball are ideal, but the age range is 19-24.

- They would like to play a couple games at night and double headers. 80% are scheduled for Sundays, 1 Saturday night, and 1 Friday.

- They will need to know ASAP on field date availability in order to finalize his own schedule.

- Also thinking about offering a baseball camp for FBT players at the end of June. They will do the field work, but will need our help with the paperwork and promoting it. Thoughts right now are $100/3 days.

**- BTCC Community Days:** June 19, 20, 21, 22. Rick Hasonich suggested we set up a tent and sell soda and water. Can also sell our own swag. In the past, this event has had around 10,000-15,000 people in attendance.

Next Meeting: **April 11 at 7:00 pm in the field house**

Motion to Adjourn: Jarrett Steve - seconded **Time: 8:56 pm**