FBTAA Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to order:**  Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

**Roll Call: Attendance -**  Eric Vernon\*, Jarrett Taranto\*, Bill Walczak\*, Gene Medei\*, Wayne Shupp\*, Rocky Gencarelli\*(call-in), Steve Felix\*, Jen Felix\*, 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 acceptEric - seconded All eligible vote yes, motion passes, Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** **Steve Zapata (will be stepping down at the end of October)**

**See August Cash Walk email**  
**Changes/Corrections/Motion to Accept:**

Jarrett - motion to accept Bill - seconded All eligible vote yes, motion passes, Cash Walk accepted.

- League credit card was hacked. Charges at a hemp store in NYC. Present credit card was cancelled and a new one will be issued with charges being credited back to FBTAA. Steve Z mentioned that he does not like have a credit card because of issues like this.

**President Report: Eric Vernon**

**- Golf Outing:** cancelled for this year and will work to get it back for next year.

**- ABI Machine:** still want to move forward with purchasing this piece of equipment. No loan would be tied to Board Members. We can do a layaway program for 6-8 months, if desired, or an ROI for 3 years.

Steve Zapata brought up that we need to decide if we want this ABI machine or an indoor facility due to the high costs of both and the budget being due soon. He recommended asking Bethlehem Township for a loan with reduced donations each year thereafter. Eric will come up with a presentation for the Township.

**- Spring Registration Ideas:** We need to get a mailer out to all the schools FBTAA services, put a trailer at the end of the parking lot with signs on each side, offer a registration credit if you join a Committee (good only for one child).

Rocky suggested to build a Snack Stand Bond into registration. Bill said that it would be too much to pay back through the year, Eric doesn't want to raise registration costs in order to attract more players. A Bond Check that is not cashed and returned to a family that fulfills their duties is a better option.

**Vice President Report: Jarrett Taranto** - No Report

**Webmaster Report: Rocky Gencarelli**

- Need to increase exposure.

- No need for a formal template if anyone wants something posted, just email Rocky, or others can post as well if you are comfortable doing so.

- The Golf Outing information has been taken off the website due to its cancellation.

**Senior Commissioner Report: Joe Fancera (absent)** - No Report

- Eric mentioned that Joe is looking for a place for his 18U Softball travel team to play. Eric suggested Miller Heights, and he and Joe will present more at a later date.

**Minor Commissioner Report: Steve Felix**

**- Ground Rules prior to games on Cal Ripken field:** please stress to teams, especially those traveling to FBT, that there are NO warm-up areas for pitchers. It has been happening and has become a danger to others. It is ok to use the Rookie field, IF open.

**- AED Training:** at one of our recent games, a grandparent needed medical help and luckily Dr. Binstead and Ken and Courtney Monahan were present to assist. We need more of our coaches trained on the AED, as well as First Aid. The AED is in the snack stand, but if the stand is not open, coaches do not have access to it. Eric said he will be moving the AED to the bay, which all coaches have access to, and will put up an AED sign so people know where it is. Unfortunately, our Coordinated Health representative has had medical issues and is on leave, and CH has not found a replacement yet.

**- Results from Family Survey and Post-Season Player Evaluations spreadsheet:** shared with the Board the results of the questions in the Family Survey. Discussed some of the items we can control and what needs to be brought to Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken. As far as the complaints are concerned, we will acknowledge them and try to fix what we can moving forward. Steve will put a document together to present at the next LVCR meeting and to send out to the parents. Eric will send the email.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Equipment - Jarrett**

- Fall Ball uniform update

- Equipment Locker Cleanup: Ross Griffith's Explosion Softball team came and did a fantastic job. They expressed interest in continuing to help and earning Community Service hours. We should send out thank you letters to the team.

* **Communications - No Report**
* **Facilities - Eric**

- Sprayed and cleaned up the fields.

- Jarrett is planning on pruning the trees near the Ripken field in order to improve visibility from the stands.

* **Snack Stand - Bill**

- August sales: $1682

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

- Golf Outing has been cancelled

**Coaches’ Reports: No Report**

**Discussion Items:**

- Rental of Miller Heights fields - did not occur

- Insurance Bill Payment - payment was sent out

- FBTAA is hosting the Bushkill Tournament the weekend of October 19/20. Snack Stand is set up for the 19th.

- Our October meeting is the last one before November elections. Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, Senior Program Commissioner, and Minors Program Commissioner are the seats up for election.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Facility Signage: NO DOGS, NO SMOKING, NO WARM-UP AREA, DUGOUT signs need to be redone in a brighter, bolder color so all visitors know the rules of the FBTAA facility.

**Courtesy of the floor:**

Next Meeting: **Thursday, October 10, at 8:00 pm**

Motion to Adjourn: Jarrett Steve - secondedMotion passes. Meeting adjourned. **Time: 10:25 pm**