



Branchburg Baseball Club

Minutes of the January 21, 2015 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lew DeAngelis, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Roche, Umpire-In-Chief |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Kalinak, Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Muratore, Tournament Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Rossi, Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Fitzgibbon, Softball Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Brong, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Lawson, Field Maintenance Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natalie Wong, Business Agent | |

Membership Attendance

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| Anglim, Dana | Lauber, Mark | Rizzi, Kate | Tutunjian, Dawn |
| Duffy, Jerry | Miceli, Sandra | Sasiak, Sean | Wengryn, Phil |
| Gorodisch, Joanne | Noone, Paul | Sokol, Steve | |

- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the meeting minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting.
- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the financial report dated January 19, 2015.

Officer Reports

President: Lew DeAngelis

- Rec winter training program has started at BSC and is running well
 - BSC coaches are leading the training and are assisted by BBC trained coaches
- Rec baseball and softball registration is currently trending a bit higher than 2014
- Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee
 - 204 sponsorship letters will be mailed out this week
 - Thanks to Sandra Miceli and Brenna Murphy for assistance in getting more letters out than in previous years
 - Super Bowl Fundraiser
 - E-mail blast sent out last weekend and responses are coming in
- Events Committee – Mark Lauber
 - Committee will coordinate Opening Day, BBC Day at the Somerset Patriots and All-Star night
 - Committee kick-off meeting held last week
 - Topic of focus was planning for Opening Day
 - Looking for new / additional ideas for parade pre-game activities
 - Money is needed for opening day items. Ralph - Money is available in the 2015 budget

- Discussion regarding All-Star game night will occur at the next committee meeting
- Next meeting February 4th at BSC

Vice President: Mike Kalinak

- Rec baseball player drafts are coming
 - Rookie and Single A will be held Friday February 27th at 7 p.m.
 - AA, AAA, American and National League Drafts will be held Saturday February 28th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 - Draft Committee is being led by Paul Noone
- Travel Committee – Sean Sasiak
 - All travel managers have been selected except for 8U Gold and Blue
 - All players have received notification
 - Tryouts were more productive than the past
 - Travel fee of \$185 is due February 1
 - Travel player evaluations will continue into the travel season
- Player Development Committee - Jerry Duffy
 - Rookie and Single A leagues will now be used for building fundamentals for all players
 - Clinics will be held with all Rookie and Single A teams on Monday nights
 - BSC coaches will run the clinics with assistance from team managers
 - Games will be held only on Saturdays
 - Looking at the possibility of scheduling weekly rec team practices during the season

Treasurer: Ralph Rossi

- No Report

Secretary: Doug Brong

- No Report

Business Agent: Natalie Wong

- Storage shed at White Oak Park has been organized for winter with items placed into bins
- Uniforms, Equipment and Awards Committee – Dana Anglim
 - Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 01-28-15
 - Survey regarding travel uniform options was sent to travel parents and players for feedback
 - Evaluating travel uniform options and attempting to create a Branchburg brand to be used yearly
 - In the process of interviewing potential travel uniform vendors

Umpire-in-Chief: Ed Roche

- No report

Tournament Director: Rich Muratore

- Lew from Rich
 - BBC Summer Tournament dates have been posted on the website
 - 5 tournaments this June and July with same format as 2014
 - Registrations are coming in

Softball Director: Kevin Fitzgibbon

- Softball registration numbers are currently lower than expected but they are actively recruiting players
- Thanks to Kate Rizzi for getting registration forms out to the schools
- 6th through 8th grade and 3rd through 5th grade divisions will play games with Bridgewater
- Younger divisions will play games with Readington
- Winter training on-going

Field Maintenance Director: Tom Lawson

- Meeting with town pending to discuss field improvements. Many options on the table.
- Field clean-up day has been scheduled for April 11

Old Business

- Discussion as to why the BBC pays \$40 per month for phone service.
 - Phone is mainly used by umpires to check field conditions
 - Mike will investigate more cost effective options
- All-Star game discussion
 - Some parents are concerned that not all rec players are able to participate
 - BBC Board to discuss options for additional inclusion of players not elected to all-star teams
- Lew – Addressed concerns from parents regarding the rec registration fees
 - The 2015 rec registration base fee has been increased by \$5 to \$115
 - A \$50 fee for field improvement raffle tickets is still included in registration cost. Families have the ability to recoup this money if they sell their tickets.
 - A \$75 fee is being charged for volunteer work at the snack shack. This money will be refunded to families at the completion of their snack shack volunteer shift duties.
 - Individuals who volunteer to be rec managers will have the \$75 fee refunded

New Business

- John Z – Presented proposal to make add an umpire dressing room onto the new snack shack
 - He has written a memo which will be sent to the town to request this
- Chris Banos - Somerville High School baseball coach
 - Introduced himself to the BBC community as the new Somerville HS varsity coach

Open Forum

- No Report

Next Meeting

February 18, 2015

8:00 PM

Whiton Hills Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Brong, Secretary
BBC, 2014 - 2015