



Branchburg Baseball Club

Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:04 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

Anglim, Dana	Gromko, Dan	Rizzi, Kate
Duffy, Jerry	Miceli, Sandra	Sasiak, Sean
Gorodisch, Joanne	Migliore, Cindy	Wengryn, Phil

- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the meeting minutes from the January 21, 2015 meeting.
- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the financial report dated February 16, 2015.

Officer Reports

President: Lew DeAngelis

- Sponsorship for the 2015 season is off to a good start. Chris Anczarki is following up with businesses that did not respond to the initial letter.
- Rutgers coaching clinic will be coming soon. Date and location will be communicated once it is finalized.
- Winter training has been on-going at Branchburg Sports Complex.
 - There has been good turnout from both players and BBC volunteers
- Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee – Sandra Miceli
 - Working on companies that have not replied
 - The Super Bowl pool made \$1000 for BBC
 - Committee is working through some additional ideas for future fundraiser. Focus may change from a general fundraiser to funding specific BBC projects.
- Events Committee – Natalie / Dana
 - Next meeting to be held March 5th
 - Planning for Opening Day is in progress
 - Somerset Patriots players are scheduled to attend as well as Sparky Lyle, Sparky the mascot and Branchburg Township Committee members

- Effort is being placed on obtaining corporate donations
- Lew asked that the committee reach out to Dave Lanka to ensure the Challenger League is present
- The committee is working with Angela Muratore on the Bill Mosca bench dedication
- Committee would like to hang a sign from the snack shack. Ed Roche will check on the allowable sign and banner ordinances with the township parks and recreation committee

Vice President: Mike Kalinak

- 2015 Rec baseball registrations are about 80 less than 2014
 - Coaches have been selected for rec teams and will be notified soon
 - Drafts for Rookie and Single A leagues will be held February 27th 7 - 8 p.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse
 - Drafts for AA and AAA will be from 8 – 10a.m. on Saturday February 28th at the Little Red Schoolhouse
 - American and National league drafts will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday February 28th at the Little Red Schoolhouse
- The schedule for the 12U district tournament has been moved up to early June
 - This is due to a request from Fox Sports who will now broadcast the 12U Ripken World Series in July
 - This scheduling change may impact National League rec playoffs and a revised schedule will be evaluated.
- Travel Committee - Sean
 - All 8U players who tried out have been combined into one team.
 - 9 players were on 8U Gold and 7 players were on 8U Blue
 - All of the 8U Gold players will dress and play every game. A rotation will be worked out for the 8U Blue players.
 - 8U Gold Manager is Matt Ponpipom, assistant coaches will be Bobby Wright and Angel Torres

Treasurer: Ralph Rossi

- No report

Secretary: Doug Brong

- No Report

Business Agent: Natalie Wong

- Travel uniform design has been selected.
 - Blue shirt with white trim and white pants, blue hat.
- Travel uniform vendor will be selected prior to the end of the week.
- Travel uniform try-on date has been scheduled for March 3rd at BSC
- Work to begin soon on ordering rec uniforms

Umpire-in-Chief: Ed Roche

- Blurb on website shortly requesting new cadet umpires.

Tournament Director: Rich Muratore

- No report

Softball Director: Kevin Fitzgibbon

- Pre-K and Kindergarten softball registrations are down compared to 2014. All other divisions are looking good.
- Team set-up is underway
- One more softball clinic will be held on Sunday at BSC. Clinic attendance has been good.
- Games for the older divisions will also be played against Hillsborough.

Field Maintenance Director: Tom Lawson

- Steve Sokol has been working with the DPW and parks department on a couple possible field improvement projects
 - New back stops on WOP 1, 2 and 17 are possible
 - Higher fences possible on WOP 17 to guard against foul balls being lost

- Another WOP field clean-up day will be added on Saturday March 21

Old Business

- All Star Games / Family Fun Night
 - Joanne has concerns regarding inclusion of all rec players in the event
 - Mike has spoken to some parents regarding their concerns, but the BBC Board still needs to discuss some ideas
- Mike investigated changes with the BBC weather hotline phone. It was decided that the phone is necessary and it will not be going away.
- Joanne expressed concerns regarding the baseball fields and why all the field improvement money that has been collected the past several years has not been put to use. She would like to know if a plan is in place for field improvements that will happen soon and not 3 or 4 years down the road.
 - Lew stated that a field improvement priority list has been created, but that the projects need to be coordinated with the town.
 - Ed is now part of the township parks and recreation committee. He stated that along with the backstop replacement, which the township budgeted money for in 2011 or 2012, the town may have money for infield improvements on WOP 1 and 2, including irrigation and grass. He advised the group that the township does move slowly on these projects, so these delays in field improvements are not full attributable to the BBC.

New Business

- Brick fundraiser for Bill Mosca family – Cindy Migliore
 - Proposal to sell engraved bricks which will be set in front of the new snack shack
 - Tent to be set up on Opening Day for sales, possibly also use the BBC website
 - 4" x 8" and 8" x 8" sizes can be made available
 - Possible donations of \$100 or \$150 will be asked for
 - This fundraiser will be opened to the South Plainfield community as well
 - Volunteers will be needed to help install the bricks
 - Cindy will need to check with the township to see if this is allowed. Lew suggested starting with the DPW.

Open Forum

- No Report

Next Meeting

March 18, 2015

8:00 PM

Whiton Hills Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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