



Branchburg Baseball Club

Minutes of the May 20, 2015 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:06 PM.

Roll Call

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

Membership Attendance

Lauber, Mark
Rizzi, Kate
Wengryn, Phil

- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the financial report dated May 20, 2015 (1: Wengryn; 2: Rizzi).

Officer and Committee Reports

President: Lew DeAngelis

- Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee Report
 - All prizes for the annual Field Improvement Raffle have been purchased (Steve Sokol).
 - The 50/50 raffle will be drawn on June 12.
 - Some amount of pushback from membership regarding the purchase of a large tent for summer tournaments.
 - Main concerns are volunteers to put up and take down, as well as storage and potential rodent damage.
 - The Board will take this under advisement.
 - Cost to BBC to run the raffle is approximately \$400.
- Events Committee Report (provided by Mark Lauber)
 - All-Star and Family Fun Night expected to be a fantastic event.
 - Between-innings activities include Dizzy Bat Races, Musical Chairs, Potato Sack Races.
 - Field Improvement Raffle drawing is 8:00pm behind field 2 backstop.
 - Pony Home Run Derby has more than 20 participants.
 - Setup to begin Friday afternoon at 2:00pm.

Vice President: Mike Kalinak (Sean Sasiak provided report)

- Travel Committee Report
 - Rosters have been submitted to the various leagues for summer travel teams.
 - Gold rosters have been officially submitted to Babe Ruth. Managers have been emailed the official rosters for their team binders.
 - ID cards have been ordered for all Gold players for whom we do not presently have them. These will be delivered to Gold managers as appropriate.

Treasurer: Ralph Rossi

- No additional report.

Business Agent: Natalie Wong

- Travel uniforms and all spirit wear from the early Spring order have been completely distributed.
- One more spirit wear order will be available this season, opening at the All-Star night and continuing through the second week of June.
- Awards ordered for the summer tournaments:
 - Champions 7U through 15U: Crystal Trophies (one per team)
 - Champions 14U and 15U: Championship Rings
 - Finalists: Medals
- Ice packs have been replenished. Contact Natalie if the inventory is low.

Softball Director: Kevin Fitzgibbon

- The softball season is going well.
- In addition to their Branchburg opponents the girls have played against Bridgewater and Hillsborough this season.
- Two softball All-Star Games will be played on All-Star and Family Fun Night.
- Softball playoffs to being in early June.

Umpire-in-Chief: Ed Roche

- All is going well for the umpires thus far this season.
- A reminder that umpires will be paid directly by Ed Roche for the last regular season game for each team as well as the playoffs.

Field Maintenance Director: Tom Lawson

- Hand drags have been assembled and brought to the storage closets and boxes at the fields.
- Will purchase a few more “L” screens so that they are no longer removed from the batting cages.
- Strike zone targets are now installed on all four batting cages.
- The dugout gate in the 1st base dugout of field 2 has been repaired.
- Scoreboards on both field 1 and field 2 are working well.
- There have been holes dug in the outfield of field 2. These have been filled. Need to contact all managers to ask for their help in keeping the players from digging in the outfield with their cleats.
- The hose connection on field 2 has been repaired.
- Spray paint for All-Star and Family Fun Night will be stored in the shed.
- New bases are needed on field 17.

Old Business

- (Wengryn) Voiced concern about the purchase of a tent for our tournaments.
 - Who will put them up and take them down?
 - How will we store them?
 - Will they get damages over the winter in the shed?
- Board agreed to continue discussions before we make any purchase.

New Business

- Turf Infields on fields 1 & 2
 - The Board has received estimates from The Field Turf Company to install artificial turf on the infields of fields 1 and 2.
 - Approximate cost is \$240,000 in total.
 - Discussion as to whether we can impose restrictions on field use if we are to finance the installation of turf. General opinion is that we cannot.
 - Discussion about the pitching mounds on these fields and how the mounds and bases will be implemented to allow for 46/60 to 50/70 conversions.
- Branchburg News
 - Kate Rizzi is submitting articles and photos to the Branchburg News for All-Star and Family Fun Night.

Next Meeting

June 25, 2015

8:00 PM

Branchburg Sports Complex

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM (1: Lauber; 2: Rizzi).

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Brong, Secretary
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