



## Branchburg Baseball Club

### Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:02 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

Duffy, Jerry	Miceli, Sandra	Wengryn, Phil
Gromko, Dan	Noone, Paul	

- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the meeting minutes from the April 15, 2015 and May 20, 2015 meetings.
- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the financial report dated September 14, 2015.

#### Officer Reports

##### President: Lew DeAngelis

- Year in Review
  - 2015 rec baseball season was a success
  - Received positive feedback on changes in structure to Rookie and Single A leagues
- Changes to PONY league planned for 2016
  - Play against neighboring towns possible - Readington, Somerville and Bridgewater
- Changes to structure also possible for the younger leagues due to reduction in registration numbers

##### Vice President: Mike Kalinak

- Reviewing possible rules changes to rec leagues, pitch counts, player rotation for example
- Reviewing feedback from parents regarding last season's managers and commissioners to assist with 2016 selections
- Commissioner Committee was very helpful is getting the rec leagues organized and run effectively
- Looking for ideas on better player development for AAA, American and National leagues

- Travel program - working with Diamond Nation to identify tryout dates in November
- Weekday field prep team used for summer travel games was helpful in ensuring fields were ready for play
  - Phil - not a fan, thinks travel managers should take on more of this responsibility

**Treasurer:** Ralph Rossi

- Financial records are on their way to the accountant for annual audit

**Secretary:** Doug Brong

- Thanks to all the voting members for their quick responses and feedback on the latest By Law revision

**Business Agent:** Natalie Wong

- Uniforms sizes for rec shirts ran large
- Received positive feedback on the new travel uniforms
- Spirit-wear sales went over well, received multiple requests to re-open the store
- Next BBC newsletter will be coming this fall

**Umpire-in-Chief:** Ed Roche

- Received minimal complaints and negative feedback in 2015

**Tournament Director:** Rich Muratore

- No report

**Softball Director:** Kevin Fitzgibbon

- Softball ran well and enjoyed a successful season
- Playoffs were held in the older divisions for the first time ever
- Game scheduling with other towns worked well
- Winter training information for 2016 will be coming soon

**Field Maintenance Director:** Tom Lawson

- New gates were installed on field 17 for the on deck area and 1st and 3rd base line fence openings
- New mound covers purchased. Make sure they are used.
- Fall cleanup will be underway soon. Travel managers will be assigned specific tasks to complete which may be delegated to their teams

**Old Business**

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- Sandra has received several questions regarding the tent raffle money. That money was in fact used to purchase new tents for the summer tournaments

**New Business**

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- Turf Fields - WOP1 and WOP2
  - Turf with portable mounds will be installed.
  - Nearly have clearance to move forward with this project and the BBC is working with the township on completing all final requirements
  - Plans are needed from the turf contractor for the township engineer
  - Once started the project should be completed in 2 weeks
  - The township will make improvements to the backstop fencing
  - Also trying to get permanent floors in the dugouts
- BBC By Law Revision
  - Tournament Director will no longer be an elected BBC board position. It is now an appointed position by the BBC Board of Directors which reports to the BBC president.
- 2015 - 2016 BBC Board of Directors Elections
  - President - Lew DeAngelis
  - Vice President - Mike Kalinak
  - Treasurer - Ralph Rossi

- Secretary - Doug Brong
- Business Agent - Natalie Wong
- Umpire in Chief - Ed Roche
- Softball Director - Kevin Fitzgibbon
- Field Maintenance Director - Tom Lawson

### **Open Forum**

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- No Report

### **Next Meeting**

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October 21, 2015

8:00 PM

Whiton Hills Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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