



## Branchburg Baseball Club

### Minutes of the January 20, 2016 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 type="checkbox"/> Natalie Wong, Business Agent                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Kalinak, Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Ed Roche, Umpire-In-Chief                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Rossi, Treasurer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Fitzgibbon, Softball Director               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Brong, Secretary        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Lawson, Field Maintenance Director |

#### Membership Attendance

Duffy, Jerry

Lanka, Dave

Willard, Bill

- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the meeting minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting.
- Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the financial report dated January 19, 2016.

#### Officer Reports

##### President: Lew DeAngelis

- Sponsorship
  - Fundraising letters have gone out to sponsors as well as electronic versions to sponsors who have provided email addresses.
  - Responses are coming in.
  - The sponsorship form has been posted on the BBC website.
- Events Committee
  - Committee Chairperson is Mark Lauber.
  - Meeting to be held soon to begin planning for opening day.
- Somerset Patriots Game
  - This will be split into two separate events in 2016.
  - The May event will be held on a Sunday afternoon. This will be for the players to attend and march on the field during the pre-game.
  - The June event will be BBC appreciation night. It will be held on a Friday, fireworks night and the BBC will ask volunteers and sponsors to attend.
- Travel Baseball
  - A committee will be formed soon to address travel baseball planning for the 2017 season.
  - The 10U, 11U and 12U blue teams all are short on players and are actively recruiting players from

- inside and outside of Branchburg.
- Babe Ruth baseball has asked Branchburg to form a 16/18U travel team this summer. Planning is underway to attempt to form a team.

**Vice President:** Mike Kalinak

- The fee for travel baseball is still being finalized and will be announced soon.
- Rec Baseball
  - Winter clinics at BSC for each rec league begin on February 6th.
  - The full schedule has been posted in the calendar on the BBC website.
  - The cost of these clinics is included in the rec baseball registration fee.
  - Drafts are scheduled for February 26th and 27th.
  - Registration for rec baseball closes February 15th.
  - Registration flyers have been distributed around town and are out in some local businesses.
  - Registration signs have been set up around town at some residences to advertise that registration is open.
  - Managers and league commissioners are in the process of being selected.
- The summer BBC travel tournament schedule has been posted on the website.

**Treasurer:** Ralph Rossi

- TD Bank has given approval on a 4 year loan to finance the remaining portion of the turf field project.

**Secretary:** Doug Brong

- No report

**Business Agent:** Natalie Wong

- Mike reported that travel uniform fittings will be held in early March.

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

- Lew reported that recruiting for cadet umpires will begin soon.

**Softball Director:** Kevin Fitzgibbon

- No report

**Field Maintenance Director:** Tom Lawson

- Repairs are on-going for the Gators
- The Sandpro is scheduled for service in February.
- Looking to purchase new L screens for the batting cages and wheeled screens for WOP 1 and 2.

**Old Business**

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- WOP 1 and 2 Turf Fields
  - Pictures of the on-going work have been posted on the BBC website.
  - Curbing has been installed on WOP2.
  - Work has stopped due to the current cold temperatures.
  - Confidence is high that the work to install the turf on both fields will be complete prior to opening day.
- Bulldog Bricks
  - They have been received.
  - Will be installed in a 20' x 30' area near the snack shack.
  - Goal is to have installation complete prior to opening day.

**New Business**

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- The BBC will be putting in a bid to host the 12U District tournament in June.

## **Open Forum**

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- Bill Willard had several questions regarding tournaments and leagues to enter for 11U Gold travel team. The BBC board had many suggestions and ideas for his team.

## **Next Meeting**

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February 17, 2016

8:00 PM

Whiton Hills Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 8: 35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Brong, Secretary  
BBC, 2015 - 2016