



Branchburg Baseball Club

Minutes of the January 17th, 2018 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:06 p.m.

Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Muratore, President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Brong, Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Rossi, Treasurer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Ciccarone, Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Lew DeAngelis, Business Agent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Roche, Umpire-In-Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Fitzgibbon, Softball Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Ciesla, Travel Director |
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Membership Attendance

Pete Christopulos	Luis Figueiredo	Susan Resto	Angel Torres	

Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the minutes from the September 27th, 2017 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the membership unanimously approved the financial report dated January 15th, 2018.

Officer Reports

President: Rich Muratore (via text)

- Scheduled to meet with Glen from the township to discuss:
 - Field #17
 - Losing balls in the woods
 - Safety concerns & hitting parked/moving cars

- Wanted to put up netting but township will not agree to this as nobody has complained
- Agreed to upgrade backstops similar to field #1
- Field #7- township may build dugouts

Vice President: Doug Brong

- Rec registration
 - Numbers are similar to this time last year
 - Anticipate numbers to pickup later in January & into February
 - 125 players registered so far
 - Broadcast emails will continue to increase in the coming weeks
 - Registration closes on February 16th
 - Softball sent out brochures at schools
 - Branchburg Newspaper & Facebook used to promote registration
- League setup will remain the same as last year
- Opened up registration all the way through 12th graders
 - Approached by Readington to play in a 16-18 year old league
 - League run by Bridgewater
 - Registration not good as of now
- Draft
 - Will take place on February 24th
 - Exception: Pony League (will take place in March)
- Winter clinics
 - Setup & paid for
 - Working on creating separate registration
 - Rich will send out soon
 - First 3 Sundays in March (Rookie, Minors, & Majors)
- Important dates:
 - 1st rec game: Saturday April 14th
 - Rec will run through June 15th (playoffs will be done by this date)
 - Opening day April 21st
 - Looking for someone to take control of planning and/or other volunteers
 - All-Star Night: Friday before Memorial Day
 - Will split up Minors from all other leagues similar to last year
 - Minors will use Fields #1 and # 2 on Thursday as this was met with positive feedback last year
- Unsure the nights each league will play as it's too early to tell & will be contingent on the numbers

Treasurer: Ralph Rossi

- Reviewed yearly financial report
 - Registration numbers similar to this time last year
 - Tournament fees- USABL (6 week fall tournament) generated \$14,000 plus \$18,000 from Snack Shack
 - Expense- county fees annual audit
 - \$20,000 payment to township in December
 - Explained \$10,000 per year for 10 years for replacement of field
 - Confusion over who kept it. Township wants it. Turned up heat to make payment. Every August another \$10,000 will be sent to

township. In 10 years, there should be enough money to replace fields if necessary.

- Reluctance but signed off as there was nothing we can do
- Special trust fund account
- Will ask for statement for financial records
- League website, propane, registration for travel tryouts, in-town, refunds for tournaments
 - Some teams ask for them, some do not. Some checks are written & mailed but not deposited
- Agreed to pay Branchburg Soccer \$1300 not to run Snack Shack
- Clarified question on line item related to Snack Shack
 - Expenses to pay high school kids to work fields, garbage, Snack Shack assistance
 - Answered question related to waiving work bond & how it impacts budget
 - Should be a wash
 - \$30 per family should cover
 - This year no volunteers as Angela will hire staff

Secretary: John Ciccarone

- No report

Business Agent: Lew DeAngelis

- Travel
 - Uniforms not changing
 - Fitting day with Destination Athlete...working on date

Umpire-in-Chief: Ed Roche

- In-town season...looking for umpires
 - 8th grader or older
 - Info will be on website
 - Rich wants to pay umpires out of the Snack Shack this year
 - \$20 for kids with a \$5 raise each year up to \$40

Softball Director: Kevin Fitzgibbon

- Started winter clinics
 - Turnout for 1st session was 20 players
- Divisions similar than last year
 - Readington, Hillsborough involved

Travel Director: Tom Ciesla

- Teams formed & managers selected
- Meeting Monday, January 22nd to explain expectations
- Registration fee all taken care of
- Tournaments out of pocket
- BBC will pay for districts, umpires for league, & no charge for any BBC tournaments
- Gold team at each age group (8-14)
- Couple of blue teams (8, 9/10, 11/12)

- Still trying to form 14 blue team (from Branchburg and other towns)
- At Monday's meeting, the topic of which level the combined travel teams will be play at will be discussed (i.e., playing up or down)
 - One thought was to only play in Branchburg tournaments for controllable purposes
 - One B coach only wanted to play in a league

Old Business

- No report

New Business

- Question asked by a parent related to description of the Field Maintenance Director position on the board
 - Response: position has been taken off although it's still in the by-laws
 - Used to deal with town, coordinate field updates, rainouts, getting managers out to get fields ready, ordering field-related items, etc.
 - Recently the duties of this position have been absorbed by Board members
 - Parent followed up by asking if BBC is interested in volunteer
 - Still in by-laws but it will be a board appointed position who will report to Rich
 - Anyone who wants to help is welcome to do so

Next Meeting

March 21st, 2018

8:00 p.m.

Branchburg Sports Complex

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Ciccarone- Secretary
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