

MEETING MINUTES – January 31, 2011
EPHRATA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Ephrata Baseball Association was held at the Ephrata Baseball Academy, 300 Chestnut Street, Ephrata, Pennsylvania on Monday, January 31, 2011. EBA President Sean Molchany Called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

All Board members present; Steve Risser absent from Management team.

1. Budget Update

Treasurer Tracey Rebeck reported that the figures have been updated from the last meeting. She reported that there was one registration check that was returned for nonsufficient funds. Currently, the policy is to collect the amount of the check that was returned as well as the fee that is imposed by the bank. Sean Molchany asked if the board would like to also assess a penalty for returned checks. Tracey's opinion was that it would not be of significant consequence to impose an additional fee. The rest of the board agreed. She will send a letter requesting the outstanding bank charge as well as the amount to cover the check. Dave Albright will create letterhead containing the EBA logo and will email it to Tracey for her use.

The treasurer asked if the storage fee to *Kwik Stor* could be paid quarterly rather than monthly and perhaps realize a discount on the charge. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to find out if the rental fee can be paid quarterly or yearly and authorized Tracey to contact *Kwik Stor* to make the inquiry.

Sponsors – so far, Cloister Flooring is the only \$250 confirmed sponsor. Sean asked that everyone make an effort to secure sponsors for the season and provide him with the forms as soon as possible. He suggested offering additional recognition for sponsors, such as a window sticker, as an added incentive for sponsorship.

2. Registration Update

To date, there are 98 registrants in the A division (8 teams); 73 registrants in the AA division (6 teams) 52 registrants in the AAA division (3 or 4 teams) and 45 Rookie registrants. Rookie teams will consist of about 8 players per team. February 27, 2011 will be the final day that registrations will be accepted.

3. Evaluation Update

All evaluations are completed. The process went very smoothly.

4. Draft Update and Team Announcements

Draft will take place after the February 27th registration deadline. Once all players have been placed, teams will be announced.

5. Baseball Clinics Report

Mike Molchany will provide the dates of clinics to Sean who will see that the information is distributed via email.

6. Coaches Clinics

Sean reported that the coaches will be instructed to develop level specific skills with their teams. They will also be asked to keep older players at their strongest positions for a minimum number of innings.

7. Committee Reports/Director Reports/Fundraising

Picture Day Coordinator Deanna Cilento announced that Picture Day is scheduled for May 5th and suggested that no games are scheduled for that evening.

Sub Sale Coordinator was announced as Joanne Weber.

Opening Day is April 16th. The three fields at the Loyd Roland Park will be used for the games. Deanna Cilento will ask a few EMT's and Fire Co. volunteers to make an appearance with their vehicles at the park on Opening Day.

Safety Officer Kristin Haws said it is important that each coach is instructed on first aid. It was suggested that a copy of the section on first aid in the manual is distributed to all the coaches at the clinics. She requested the names of all the coaches and their contact information to follow up on the selection of a liaison for each team. Kristin also reminded everyone that background checks are required and asked that paperwork be returned to her as soon as possible.

High School – Coach Adrian Shelly told EBA that the parents of the High School team would like to get a gaming license in order to hold raffles and other such fundraising events. Nicole Wagner said she will investigate Games of Chance License. He also requested funds for about one hundred 2010 League Championship Pennants. Thirty five would be for the team, staff, etc and the remainder could be sold as fundraisers. The **motion** by Dave Fassnacht, seconded by _____ was approved unanimously to authorize the purchase of one hundred 2010 League Championship pennants.

Coach Shelly brought up a few ideas concerning the High School games. He proposed making every night home game an “EBA Night”, offering hot dogs for a dime to any EBA student player wearing a team hat or shirt.

Mike Molchany offered EBA magnets that can be sold.

Website Coordinator – Adrian Shelly reported that the coordinator is looking at several designs for the site and it should be up and running soon.

Coaches – no report

Friends of EBA – no report

Rookie League Director – no report

A League Director – no report

AA League Director – no report

AAA League Director – no report

Umpires – Kevin Hoshour said he is looking for teens who are 14 and older (9th grade) who would like to work as base umpires. Discussion followed regarding acquiring shirts for the base umpires.

Wiffleball Tournament – scheduled for February 18 and 19.

Comment [O1]: Sean - I have Adrian as the second but that doesn't make sense to me since it was *his* request – besides he's non-voting, isn't he? Did he second the motion or did I write it down incorrectly?

8. Other Business

EBA president Sean Molchany asked the board to consider including an **additional fee** to registration for new pants. The board agreed that it was a good idea to add the fee up front when registration is paid.

Wolf Field requires a new drag and there is a hole in the shed's roof that requires repair. Sean was informed by the Ephrata Township Manager that the equipment that is stored in the **shed at the Ephrata Township field** must be removed.

Kendra Steffy has contact information for a number of potential **Sponsors**. She will email a list of these sponsors to everyone for verification of information.

A meeting at Clay Township is scheduled for February 1, 2011. Kendra Steffy, Nicole Wagner and Dave Albright have indicated they will attend to discuss the new **Clay Township ball fields** that are proposed to be available for the 2012 season. Suggestions they will take to the meeting from EBA include dugouts that are not below ground level to avoid drainage problems, lights for night games, and a scoreboard.

9. Adjournment

The **motion** was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Beever, secretary