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Minutes of Meeting Held on March 3, 2008

Location: St. Fidelis Church, Buttercup Road, Butler Township, Butler County, PA at 8:00 p.m.

- 1.) The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.
- 2.) ATTENDANCE REGISTER: An attendance register was passed around. Absent were Geoff Forringer (Federation), Butch Master (Legion), and Greg Michaels (work).
- 3.) READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Dan Slomers handed out a copy of the meeting minutes from February 4, 2008 for all to review. The minutes were read aloud. A motion was made by Gil Rickert and seconded by Mike Kowalski to accept all Meeting Minutes as presented. There were no objections.
- 4.) TREASURER'S REPORT: Jake Friel was absent, Red Slater read and presented a copy of the Treasurer's Report. The account balance is \$13,503.17. A motion was made by Gil Rickert and seconded by Dan Reamer to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. There were no objections.
- 5.) UNION COMMITTEE REPORT: Gil Rickert reported that the last meeting was on Sunday, March 2 and that the discussions on the 12 and under leagues went well. The draft for the 12 and under leagues commenced immediately after the meeting. There are 7 teams in Little, 8 teams in Minor, 10 teams in Farm and close to 8 teams in Coach Pitch. Another Union Meeting is being planned to discuss Softball.
- 6.) STATUS OF SPONSORS: The sponsor forms were prepared by Jake Friel and Butler Township and provided to Red Slater. Meridian needs to obtain sponsors for its share of teams for a total of 22 sponsors. There will be 8 teams in Softball, 2 teams in Pony, 3 teams in Little, 4 teams in Minor, and 5 teams in Farm. Everyone was asked to take a sponsorship form and start soliciting area businesses.
- 7.) PICTURE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Picture Committee reported that Picture This by J.M. Heller is tentatively scheduled during the week of April 28th for team photos.
- 8.) STATUS OF UNIFORMS: Dan Slomers updated the membership of his understanding of the uniforms. Butler Township representatives have been working with Kim Culbertson and Mary Schnur of Meridian to solicit prices for uniforms. There were no objections.
- 9.) SPRING CLEANUP OF BASEBALL FIELDS: A spring cleanup date of April 5, 2008 at 9 a.m. was announced. The rainout date for this is April 12, 2008 at 9 a.m.
- 10.) SIGN COORDINATOR: Red Slater agreed to be the sign coordinator for 2008.

- 11.) FIELD SCHEDULE COORDINATOR: Red Slater requested a volunteer to be field schedule coordinator this year with the joined league. Jamie Jamison volunteered to be the 13 and over coordinator and Gil Rickert volunteered to be the 12 and under coordinator.
- 12.) EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: There was discussion to have storage boxes purchased to house the equipment for the expanded league in lieu of furnishing keys to the large number of people involved this year.
- 13.) FEDERATION UPDATE: In lieu of the absence of Jake Friel and Geoff Forringer, Dan Slomers read aloud a printed update from the two to the membership. Gil Rickert and others voiced their dissatisfaction with the whole Federation arrangement this year.
- 14.) CONCESSION STAND REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVE: Dan Slomers reported to the membership that the treasurer of Butler Township and Meridian Baseball agreed to eliminate the Concession Stand Reimbursement Incentive for this year to save costs. In lieu of the program, additional raffle tickets would be offered to those aggrieved by this. Ron Henderson and other voiced they are not happy with this and other arrangements.
- 15.) NOMINATIONS FOR 3 BUTLER TOWNSHIP BOARD VACANCIES: The Union Committee needs three Meridian Representatives to fill the remaining seats on the Butler Township, 12 and under Board which currently only has 9. The following people were nominated: Bob Greaves, John Weinel, Dan Reamer, Mike Ollio, Mike Kowalski, and Jeff Collins. There were no objections to the nominations. Additional nominations will also be taken at the next regular meeting when the matter will be voted upon.
- 16.) LOWER FIELD SHED ADDITION: The question was posed as to whether or not to build an addition or purchase a shed for the new tractor. Tim Lyon reported that he is working to obtain materials from businesses willing to donate them. Mike Ollio offered his existing shed as an alternative to be donated to the league.
- 17.) NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church on Buttercup Road.
- 18.) ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Gil Rickert and seconded by Dan Michalek to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. There were no objections.

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