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Minutes of Meeting Held on March 17, 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 Butch Master (Legion), and Tony Slomers (work).
- 3.) READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Dan Slomers handed out a copy of the meeting minutes from March 3, 2008 for all to review. The minutes were read aloud. A motion was made by Gil Rickert and seconded by Tim Lyon to accept the meeting Minutes as presented. There were no objections.
- 4.) TREASURER'S REPORT: Jake Friel provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report. The account balance is \$13,408.75. A motion was made by Gil Rickert and seconded by Mike Kowalski to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. There were no objections.
- 5.) UNION COMMITTEE REPORT: Dan Slomers read aloud the meeting minutes from the March 11, 2008 Meridian and Butler Township Union Committee meeting. A motion was made by Gil Rickert and seconded by Ron Henderson to accept the Meeting Minutes as presented. There were no objections.
- 6.) BUTLER TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Daryl Patten informed the group that all is proceeding well. There were no questions.
- 7.) SPONSORS REPORT: Dan Slomers informed the membership that 43 team sponsors are required and that nearly all are filled. Dan Slomers is meeting with Curt Gross March 19 to assign team sponsors to team managers so that uniforms can be ordered. Red Slater reported that due to the significant increase in the sponsorship fee this year, Meridian sponsors will be provided with a sign along with their team sponsorship this year.
- 8.) PICTURE COMMITTEE REPORT: Sheri Henderson reported that Picture This by J.M. Heller is tentatively scheduled from April 28th to Mary 3rd for team photos. Sheri will provide order form packets to all Commissioners/Managers prior to that date.
- 9.) UNIFORMS REPORT: A sample copy of the league logo to be used was passed around for all to examine. There were no objections.
- 10.) CONCESSION STAND \$25 OPT-OUT PROGRAM: Jake Friel reiterated that everyone is obligated to work the concession stand as part of their membership. The Concession Stand is a major source of league income needed to make field improvements and to keep registration fees affordable. He and the Concession Stand Committee for Meridian have developed a \$25 Opt-Out Program. Those who do not desire to work, (or those who refuse to work) the concession stand are required to make a \$25 contribution to the league. This contribution will offset the cost of employing a concession stand attendant in the absence of the league member who does not work. The Concession Stand Committee will be providing a packet of information to the Commissioners

to hand out to their managers explaining the program. A motion was made by Jake Friel and Seconded by Dan Slomers to implement the \$25 Opt-Out Program. There were no objections

- 11.) CONCESSION STAND REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVE: Dan Slomers reiterated that the Concession Stand Reimbursement Incentive was eliminated this year to save costs. In lieu of the program, additional raffle tickets would be offered to those aggrieved by this. To date, no one has requested additional raffle tickets.
- 12.) FUNDRAISING REPORT: Tim Lyon reported on the Pizza Fundraisers. Dan Slomers reported on the Egg Hunt Fundraiser. Everyone was reminded to visit the website on these and other fundraisers such as the Golf Tournament and the Garage Sale.
- 13.) EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Gil is to meet with the Butler Township Equipment Manager to coordinate needs and purchases.
- 14.) FIELD SCHEDULE COORDINATOR: Ron Double obtained input from the membership and will be working on a league schedule.
- 15.) COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Coach Pitch: Tim Lyon reported that there are 67 kids and 8 teams, managers are picked;
Farm: Mike Kowalski reported that there are 108 kids and 10 teams, managers are picked;
Minor: Paul Clawson reported that there are 82 kids and 8 teams, managers are picked;
Little: Gil Rickert reported that there are 75 kids and 7 teams, managers are picked;
Pony: Jamie Jamison reported that there are 24 kids and 2 teams, managers are picked. There are 18 teams in the league with a 20 game schedule and 3 tournaments. The next meeting is March 30;
Colt: Red Slater reported that there are 14 kids and 1 team;
Softball: Sheri Knox reported that there are 109 kids and 8 teams, managers are pending;
Federation: Geoff Forringer summarized the report read aloud at the March 3 meeting . Thursdays are the home game date with Saturday at 11:00 a.m. being the alternate home date.

There were no objections to these reports.
- 16.) NOMINATIONS FOR 3 BUTLER TOWNSHIP BOARD VACANCIES: Final nominations were approved and secret ballots were handed out to all eligible voters. The top three vote getters were appointed to the Butler Township Board. Mike Kowalski (21 votes), Dan Reamer (16 votes), Dan Michalek (12 votes), Jeff Collins (8 votes), Bob Greaves (8 votes), John Wienel (7 votes), Mike Ollio (3 votes).
- 17.) NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church on Buttercup Road.
- 18.) ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Tim Lyon and seconded by Dan Michalek to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. There were no objections.

SECRETARY