



**EBYA Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes  
East Brandywine Township Building  
7 PM  
November 8, 2021**

**Attendees:**

John Montgomery	Ryan Anderson	Jessica Serrano	Richard Warner
Chris Breittfeller	Jody Anderson	Michael Barth	Michael Mize
Mark Snyder			

**Committee members not in attendance:**

Brian Lindros	Tommy Ngyuen	Tim Bailey	Janet Helms
Vic Ameye	Nick Cronauer		

The original agenda is included at the end of this document.

**Discussion:**

- Meeting minutes from 10/11/21 were approved.
- Updates from EB Parks and Rec meeting, in addition to what was mentioned in the agenda:
  - Hopewell Field
    - Roadmaster is open to clearing tree line back, but we did not get a solid commitment
    - There is no longer topsoil available to us.
    - We may be on our own if we want to get it usable for the 2022 Spring season.
  - Field C
    - Reconfiguration could be 50-100k
  - Spatola
    - They will remove stumps
    - Insurance claim not likely
  - Grant writing
    - Township grant writer is willing to help but EB Township currently has a grant in progress to do a comfort station at the park. We will not likely get another grant while that one is still in progress.
    - John's accountant is willing to do some research for us at the rate of \$50/hour. Estimates 10-20 hours of research on this, for a total cost of \$500-\$1000. Some thought we could do most of the work ourselves. This topic is not settled yet.
  - West Brandywine – [Cross Creek Field](#)
    - Not being used currently



- Can we work with them to use it more often and not have to pay for each individual use?
  - Can we supply Diamond-Tex to cover the cost of our use? Informally yes we think we can get this agreement done. **Rich and John will follow up further.**
  - This would take some pressure off us needing to use Hopewell right away.
  - Would we have a scheduling issue once we get it playable?
  - We would use it for overflow games; we would not be putting an entire division on it.
  - We should also attend the West Brandywine meetings more regularly.
- Bulls update – we will have 9U, 10U, 11U, maybe 12U, at least one 14U team, maybe 2
- Legion ball – Brian Titus still interested in using our fields
  - He needs to identify coaches now
  - Would we expand rec past 12? That would get us into Babe Ruth which can be tough at the older age groups. Legion ball might be an easier way for kids at older ages to keep playing.
  - **Chris Breitfeller will follow up with Brian** on this to start getting ready for Spring. John will share his new email with Chris.
- Budget and Registration Fees – Rec
  - Bulls fees will be \$525 per team
  - Rec – are we covering our costs?
    - **Vic – what pricing do we have on shirts and hats?**
    - Umpire costs – we will hire umps for the majors only. Minors will use kids
    - What about field maintenance costs?
    - Compare our prices to what's around us
  - We are always trying to increase our rec numbers. John can take flyers to local schools in early January, once registration is open.
  - Signs also need to be put out when registration opens.



- Calendar
  - November 20 field cleanup and winterization day – meet at Field A
  - January 1 registration opens
  - January 8 put signs out, mainly along 322, baseball and softball signs should go together
  - Jan 30-Feb 27 - Winter clinics – 5 winter clinics on Sunday afternoons leading up to evals. 12:30-2PM time slot
    - Cost would be \$100 for all 5, or \$25 if doing a la carte
  - Week of Feb 7 – Coaches meeting
  - February 25 registration closes (soft close)
  - March 12 hard stop for registration
  - March 5 evaluations
    - Would like to have at ASC. **Rich will follow up on this.** We will need 4 hours upstairs + 2 cages.
  - Week of March 7 – Draft - **Vic**
  - April 9 opening day
    - Concerns about conflicts with soccer (parking and volume of people)
    - Start 9AM, be done by 10:30
    - Possibly limit picture day to certain divisions or have some pictures done at Spatola
    - **John will talk to SNAP about this**
  - Week of May 7-14 – All Star Tryouts
  - June 11 – Blue and Gold Day
    - Baseball and softball together.
    - Events like HR Derby, food trucks, face painting, dunk tank
    - Start in the afternoon to avoid conflicting with soccer picnic on same day
  - Do we want to sign up to host any Cal Ripken All Star Tournaments in 2022? **NO.**
- Org Chart – Please review descriptions and provide feedback. It is included in the agenda attached at the end of this document.
  - Open positions were advertised via email blast on 11/9 and also added to the website. **Please spread the word** about help needed on the committee.



- Sponsorship
  - We reviewed the sponsorship levels from 2020. **Jess will update numbers** for 2022 and share with the team. This has been completed and will be shared when these minutes go out.
  - [List of sponsors](#) – **please review this list and sign up** for any business you are comfortable reaching out to. A column has been added to indicate whether they have sponsored us in the past.
  - Should we do sponsorship nights at local restaurants? Team was undecided on this; some thought there was not much return. It was suggested to have an EBYA rep handing out coupons at the door to increase sales.
  - We did agree that we would offer discounted registration to families who bring in a sponsor.
  - Messaging for this needs to indicate we need help. We paused during COVID and now we are starting from scratch.
- Quickball for ages 4-6
  - Training dates – need to nail this down. **Rich will follow up.** Janet wants to include softball too. Need links and info so that we can share with the EBYA community.
- General concerns raised by Mike M on behalf of others who have come to him:
  - When will we fix the shed window at Community Park?
  - What about the hole in the door leading into the snack bar?
  - Field A shed door is falling off the hinges.
  - Scoreboard manufacturer has reminded us to turn off the circuit breakers for the scoreboards, not just flipping the switch inside the snack bar. This is to prevent damage from the elements when not in use.
- Fall Ball recap and looking ahead to Spring Rec Ball:
  - Wrapped up last Saturday 11/6
  - 85 registered; it went well
  - Most will come back in the Spring
  - Mike wants to coordinate with Bills for Saturday schedules. Can we have the fields occupied at least ½ of the Saturdays so they are not sitting empty on weekends?
  - Field time was difficult for Majors in 2021 with practices and games.
  - Need to do a better job recruiting non-Bulls coaches so there are less conflicts
  - Responses:
    - It can be tough to schedule multiple age groups on the same weekends.
    - An easier answer could be to distribute Bulls players



- Softball update. Janet was not in attendance but sent in this update to the team prior to the meeting:
  - Monday, 11/8 Meeting Notes from EBYA Rec Softball
  - • Softball season concluded 11/4. Successful season.
  - • Spring outlook: teams at 8U, 10U, 14U. Would love to have numbers for 12U.
  - • Quickball Softball- Can we get enough girls for an all girls team? Can we start to spread the word about this possibility? I think it's a great idea based on Mike's suggestion at the last meeting. Ages 4+?
  - • Winter clinics- looking to schedule a ASC weekly 2/21-3/28.
  - • Pitchers/catchers beginning late January weekly at ASC.
  - • Would like to align evals to happen around the same time as baseball.
  - • Proposed Spring season begins first week of April. Concludes the last week of school.
  - • Also looking to sponsor a coaches clinic for volunteer coaches, probably at ASC, with Stef Feinstein prior to season start.
  - • Registration for Spring opens 1/1. Closing date?
  - • Field Strategy for Spring- expecting lack of volunteers, but will definitely include this in the registration portion. Considering I may need to push issue a bit and require each family to sign up to rake/line fields for one practice and one game for the season. Extremely low interest from parents to help in this area and the brunt of it fell on me which I wasn't always prepared to handle.
  - Other Notes • Dr. Sarah Bond of Bond's Eye Care is interested in returning as a sponsor. She requested we email her the information. I'd like to do that this week, but wanted to get confirmation on levels/pricing.



**EBYA Baseball Committee Meeting Agenda  
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7:00 PM  
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Call to Order

Committee Members Roll Call

John Montgomery  
Mike Barth  
Ryan Anderson  
Mark Snyder

Richard Warner  
Chris Breitfeller  
Jody Anderson  
Brian Lindros

Jess Serrano  
Nick Cronauer  
Tommy Nguyen  
Mike Mize

Janet Helms  
Vic Ameye  
Tim Bailey

**1) Presidents Report/Comments**

a. Meeting with EB Township Parks & Rec Board

**i. Hopewell Field**

1. Township Road Master seems open to clearing back tree line growing into the field.
2. Township does not have topsoil to spare for the outfield.
3. Hopewell field was formally the township dump and will continuously be in a state of settling.
4. Will consider expanding the parking area if field usage is shown to be more consistent.

**ii. Field C**

1. Parks & Rec Board has no opposition to converting Field C into two smaller fields.
2. Township Road Master feels that no environmental study would be required to convert the field.
3. EB Township Rec Board would like field conversion drawing to be submitted as next steps.

**iii. Spatola Field Fencing**

1. Township Road Master confirmed that they will be removing the stumps, but gave no specific timeline.
2. A second request will be made to look into the possibility of an insurance claim for the damaged backstop on the Rookie Field, yet they didn't seem to feel that it was likely.

**iv. Funding**

1. No funding from the Township was offered for these projects.
2. Grants may, or may not be available for us to seek for these projects depending on the status and language in their existing grant they have for the new comfort station they are planning to install.

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v. **Lorri Sarosi** – Grant Writer

1. Has proposed to do investitive research on the possibility of getting grants for EBYA Baseball & Softball for capital improvement projects.

**2) Vice Presidents Report/Comments**

- a. Travel Bulls
- b. Budget and Registration fees
- c. 2022 Season Calendar
  - i. Spring Baseball & Softball Registration Opening dates
  - ii. Spring Registration Closing date
  - iii. Winter Clinics
  - iv. Coaches Meeting
  - v. Evaluations for Majors & Minors
  - vi. Majors & Minors Drafts
  - vii. Opening Day Ceremony (No Bulls Tournaments Scheduled)
  - viii. All Star Team Try Outs
  - ix. Blue Gold Day (No Bulls Tournaments Scheduled)
  - x. Hosting Cal Ripken All Star Tournaments

**3) Secretary Repots/Comments**

- a. Organizational Chart
- b. Sponsorship Spreadsheet

**4) Program Coordinator Report/Comments**

- a. Mike Barth updates

**5) Field Maintenance**

**a. Spatola Field**

- i. Rookie Backstop & Safety Fencing
- ii. Minor Field dugout roof shingles
- iii. Storage shed roof repairs

**b. Hopewell Field**

- i. Coordinate a plan for restoration for the 2022 season

**c. Field Winterizing Plans**

- i. Chris Breitfeller Report

**6) Softball Report**

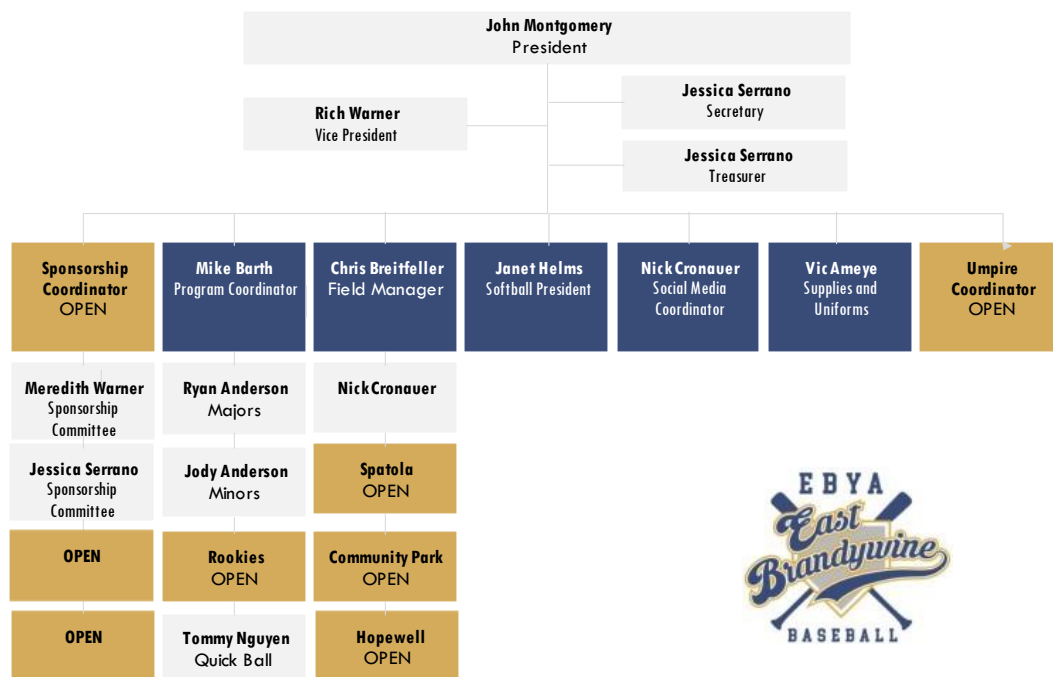
- a. Janet Helms Report

**7) Social Media**

- a. Nick Cronauer Report



# EBYA BASEBALL COMMITTEE 2021-2022



## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preside over league meetings</li> <li>• Full responsibility for operation of local league</li> <li>• Appoint and supervise all committees</li> <li>• Ensure league adheres to Babe Ruth league rules and policies</li> <li>• Ensure charter continuation form is submitted to Babe Ruth headquarters</li> <li>• Responsible for local league protests and disputes</li> <li>• Review finances with Treasurer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presides in absence of the President</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records meeting minutes</li> <li>• Sends out notice of all meetings</li> <li>• Maintains an official record of all league activities</li> <li>• Notifies all officers of election</li> <li>• Updates website as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manages baseball budget</li> <li>• Works with EBYA Financial Officer on how funds are to be classified and dispersed</li> <li>• Reports on status of league funds</li> </ul>





## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Sponsorship Coordinator	Program Coordinator	Field Manager	Social Media Coordinator	Supplies and Uniforms	Umpire Coordinator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runs sponsorship committee</li> <li>Organizes sponsorship information and documentation, reviews annually with committee</li> <li>Maintain master list of sponsors, tracks donations and reach out</li> <li>Order outfield signs as needed</li> <li>Maintain list of business names to put on jerseys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizes registration for all divisions</li> <li>Coordinates schedules for divisions and fields</li> <li>Coordinates Opening Day and Picture Day activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall responsibility for field maintenance</li> <li>Work with field owners to ensure fields are prepped before and after each use</li> <li>Ensure adequate supply of chalk, dirt, drying agent, gas for generators, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintains all social media accounts for EBYA</li> <li>Promotes registration and tryout dates</li> <li>Promotes fundraising and sponsorship opportunities</li> <li>Solicits volunteers from the community</li> <li>Promotes EBYA success stories</li> <li>Updates website as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for ordering and distributing all uniforms</li> <li>Ensure adequate supply of baseballs and softballs</li> <li>Ordering and distributing tournament T-shirts in the case of an EBYA hosted tournament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assign umpires to all league games</li> <li>Conduct clinics on rules and field positions</li> <li>Responsible for notifying umpires of cancellations or schedule changes</li> <li>Recruit new umpires</li> <li>Ensure proper dress and conduct of all umpires</li> <li>Ensure all umpires know proper local league protest procedures.</li> </ul>

Vendor	Contact Info	EBYA Rep	2021 reach out
A-1 Mulch			
All Star Baseball Academy			
Always Best Care		John	
Animal Resorts			
APK Solutions Inc			
Applecross			
APS Dealer Services			
Auger Fabrication			
Bakers of Buffington			
Beaver Creek Tavern			
Blue Moon Florist			
Bonds Eye Care			
Bottle Room		Jess	email sent
Bounce U			
Brandywine Flags			
Brandywine Home Inspectors			
Chick Fil A			