Egg Harbor Township Youth Softball 31 Idlewood Avenue Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234 EHTSOFTBALL.com

Board Meeting Minutes: 07/17/2025

Location: 5045 English Creek Ave, EHT, NJ 08234 at 6pm

Board Members:

Executive Officers Present:

Christine Culligan (President)
Bill Reed (VP)
Jenya Gonzalez (Secretary)

Erica Muniir (Treasurer)

Executive Committee Present:

Michael Culligan (Stand Coordinator) Harry Devine (Website Coordinator) JR Gentile (Field Maintenance)

Absent: Ahmed Gresham (Equipment Maintenance)

In attendance: Chilly

Ed Beck Nate Schaffer Sarah Gentile Jessica Hurtado L. Graham

Dan Mitchell (via Zoom)

Proceedings:

Meeting called in order at 6pm by President Christine Culligan June 2025 minutes were amended and approved

Treasurer's report:

EHTYS (TD bank)- as of 6/30/2025 - \$29,441.41 10U Reed (TD bank) - as of 6/20/2025 - \$2,260.15 12U Genitle (TD bank) - as of 6/30/2025 - \$888.66 14U Culligan (TD bank) - as of 6/30/2025 - \$1,048.29 14U Culligan AllStars (TD bank) as of 6/30/2025 - \$5,561.59 18U Sarni (TD bank)- as of 7/11/2025- \$4,197.76

Coaches Strothers and Schaffer will go to the bank with C.Culligan and E.Muniir to open accounts for their travel teams by the end of the week.

M.Culligan makes a motion to approve the June minutes, JR Gentile seconds. All in favor.

President's Report:

The AllStar season has come to an end for the participating EHT teams and has left the majority of the teams dissatisfied due to the low numbers and diversity of the teams that had entered the AllStar tournaments. The division had the same teams to compete against in Districts as well as the States. After having advanced to the Regionals, 14U division had to be combined with 16U division due to just a few participants. Since Vineland's contract to host AllStar Regionals is now approaching its expiration, the Vineland teams announced to no longer be interested in extending that contract, neither participating in BR AllStars going forward. With that said, many EHT coaches share similar opinions about the dynamics of BR Allstars and would love to discuss an option of either joining Little League in spring or refrain from participating in AllStars altogether. Considering a potential change of the leagues, Chilly reminded that Little league has their own umpires, and Chilly cannot use his umpires in LL games. J.Gonzalez offers to consider adding another tournament in place of the AllStars to utilize the fields in that case.

Fall ball: summer is flying by and fall ball registration needs to be open soon. We have teams from Northfield, Ventnor, Vineland and Waretown joining EHTYS this fall.

The board discusses the early bird sign up discount. J.Gonzalez agrees to make flyers for National Night Out flyer. EHTYS will offer a discounted price (one day only, only if signed up and paid on the spot) on August,5 during the national Night Out. Board members are expected to attend, set up a canopy with candy, snacks and drinks for sale, free glow in the dark bracelets will be offered as well.

The season starts on September, 14 and ends on November, 2.

Travel ball: Strothers is staying 16/18U and is currently holding tryouts, Sarni is staying 18U, Culligan stays in 14U, Reed is moving up to 12U, Gentile stays 12U, Beck is the new 10U team. All teams are expected to participate in the home tournaments and the travel parents are expected to give back to the organization helping out with the snack stand duty (2 hours minimum is required).

M.Culligan reminds that EHTYS has been intending to set up some camps or clinics to rec players, bringing travel and rec players together, led by travel coaches. Giving back to the community, will benefit the growth of the softball program and spark interest for development of the new players. M.Culligan mentioned that Coach B is willing to get involved as well with the camps. J.Gonzalez is suggesting to separate the clinics into a two day days - pitching/catching and hitting/fielding.

Starting Monday, July,21, we're losing Field 1 due to the reconstruction. Gentile is currently using Field 7 that has no lights, Reed will adjust the mound on Field 2 for his 12U team. In the meantime, Sarni and Strothers will be affected; however, with the help of JR Gentile, the field availability is easily accessible and visible to the coaches. The teams and coaches will have to work together to accommodate the field availability for all the teams. However, we need new extension cords or jump boxes to set up pitching machines.

The construction of the Field 1 is set to be completed by the end of August.

September 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the death of four local football players who died in a car accident in 1975. Childs Kirk Park is dedicated in memory of those local boys. On September,28, the families of the boys, with the help of the City and EHTYS, are planning an event at the park with the official ceremony of dedicating the Park in the boys names and installing a plaque that tells their tragic story with the QR code linked to the scholarship Fund in the boys' name as well. The families will match any donations made towards the scholarship fund which will be awarded to one EHT graduate and one Absegami graduate.

M.Culligan makes a motion to end the meeting. H.Devine seconds. All in favor. The meeting ajorned at 8:35pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jenya Gonzalez.