National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey
Sports & Recreation Division 20th Conference Call Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019

1. Roll Call: 28

Officers:

Geri McGinty, Treasurer
Vee Gaspa, Secretary

Board Members: Trish Ebel, Misty Hagan, Tony Santiago

Spot Light Speaker: Trish Maunder

Guests: Brian Mackey, NFBNJ State Affiliate Webmaster

Participants: Linda Anderson, Debbie Bloomer, Kathy Butzler, Ada Crandle, Linda Deberardinis, Jerry Fontenelli, Rick Fox, Willy Franqui, Rene Freiling, Linda Halm, Michael Halm, Ken Lawrence, Marian Lee, Denise Lesko, Joanna Mallard, Mary Jo Partyka, Andrew Rees, Sherry Rollins, Joslin Santiago, Andy Smith, Marie Soyer, Roseanne Weinstein

2. Board Member, Tony Santiago called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm. Tony thanked Vee Gaspa, division secretary for taking the minutes. Tony also thanked Misty Hagan, Chair of the Reminder Call committee and committee members for making these very important calls and believes this is why we have such a high level of membership participation on our division conference call meetings.

3. Conference Call Etiquette:
Tony Santiago went over the etiquette for our meetings. To review what the etiquette is, please refer to the August 2019 Sports & Rec Line-Up.

4. Welcome & About Us:
Tony welcomed and thanked everyone for taking the time to participate in our Sports and Recreation Division conference call. He explained that the division has two purposes; the first is to promote and share our organization with other blind and vision impaired individuals so they can become members of the National Federation of the Blind, The National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey and the NFBNJ Sports and Recreation Division with paying their yearly division dues. The second is to encourage and promote our members to become involved in sports, recreational and spectator activities on a state, local, and individual level.

5. NFB Pledge:
Tony Santiago led everyone in reciting the NFB Pledge. Our pledge will be recited on all conference calls. Please reference the August 2019 Sports & Rec Line-Up for pledge text.

6. Secretary Report: Vee Gaspa
Minutes are distributed through our division paid member’s only listserv and Vee inquired if all paid members received the July 2019 minutes; minutes were received by all members.

Sherry Rollins motioned to accept the July 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Ken Lawrence, and unanimously approved.

7. Treasury Report: Geri McGinty
Combined Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2019: $2,067.30

No new Income

Expenses:
PAC Plan $20
KJ Scholarship Fund $50
BELL Program $100

Combined Division Ending Balance as of July 31, 2019: $1,897.30

Working Division Balance: $457.30

Motion to accept: Linda DeBerardinis

Seconded by: Ada Crandle

All in favor of accepting the treasurer’s as presented please signify by saying “I”.
Any opposed? Any abstained?

Minutes approved

8. Division Business:
a. Verona Park Event: Debbie Bloomer
The NFBNJ Sports & Recreation Division and the Northern Chapter, invites all to participate in our “Verona Park Day” set for Tuesday, August 20th, from 11:30 am to 3 pm. For additional information and Debbie's contact information visit our webpage at WWW.NFBNJ.ORG .

b. New Jersey NFB Book Club: Janie Degendshein,Book Club Moderator and member
Our 4th quarter book club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18 from 6:45 to 7:45 pm and the book chosen is Thunder dog: the true story of a blind man, his guide dog, and the triumph of trust at Ground Zero; DB73300; Hingson, Michael; Flory, Susy. Reading time: 7 hours, 19 minutes. Please reference the August 2019 Sports & Rec Line-Up for details and registration link.

c. September Division Conference Call Schedule: Linda Melendez
The next Sports and Recreation Division meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 18th at 8:00 pm on the NFBNJ Conference Call Line. Please reference the August 2019 Sports & Rec Lineup for participation instructions.

9. Old Business: All

10. New Business: All

11. Spot Light Speaker: Trish Maunder of Philly Touch Tour; Professional museum educator

Our 2019 NFBNJ Sports and Recreation Division event will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm for an on-site accessible program for 25 division members at JKTC. The division will provide water and light snacks from10:00 to 10:45 am. Philly Touch Tour will provide participants with a first-hand learning experience about Roman life two thousand years ago through a 90 minute multisensory and interactive program beginning promptly at 11:00 am; followed by lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Access Link pick up times must be scheduled by 3:00 pm. The cost will be $20 per participant and open to Sports and Recreation Division Members only from August 1st through August 31st. On September 1st any unpaid registrations or remaining spots will be open to all NFBNJ members. We encourage all to pay through PayPal.

Add one or two paragraphs from Trish Maunder.

 Trish mentioned that the tour will talk about the social structure of Rome, how big the Roman Empire was, and what the Romans did in their everyday lives. There will be sencery sections about their homes, their bathing habbits, and some of their perfumes. There will also be snack samples of snacks they may have eaten. There will be a section on the war. There will also be a section on games the Romans may have played. Participants will have the opportunity to dress up in a mock toga.

12.  Vee Gaspa motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ken Lawrence and unanimously approved. Tony Santiago adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vee Gaspa, NFBNJ Sports & Recreation Division Secretary
Minutes reviewed by Linda Melendez, President NFBNJ Sports & Recreation Division