

## **EGLL Board Meeting 12/11/13:**

### **Members Present:**

Chris DeJesus

Shane Fairbairn

Wayne Guilmartin

Michele Marin

Darcy Walsh

Ray Fagnant

Dwayne Douglas

Guest: Mike Mentone, District 6 Administrator

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

### **Mike Mentone:**

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- There has been some restructuring of District lines for 2014. They added a 12<sup>th</sup> district to the shore area; this was created by splitting up Districts 10 and 11.
- If we want to look into moving into District 8, we need to send a letter to Mike and he will forward to Bristol for review/approval. This would not happen until 2015 season.
- New Hartford and Winsted have expressed interest in joining Little League, and would also be part of District 6.
- By adding a new District, we are now in Section 1 (Districts 1 – 6), Section 2 is made up of Districts 7 – 12.
- There will now be a subsectional tournament instead of going straight from Districts to Sectionals. Districts 3, 5, 6 will have a subsectional tournament. Districts 1, 2, 4 will have a subsectional tournament. The winner of each of the subsectionals will play each other to determine a Sectional Winner. No format for the subsectionals determined yet. Could be pool play or double elimination.
- Concern was brought up about kids going to school in other towns due to various reasons. What are the reasons around that? Why would a small town with a low population allow that if kids were going to smaller towns?
- 50/70 Intermediate level was the biggest growth area in little league in the past 15 years.
- Little league is thinking about leading and stealing at the 11/12 age (majors) potentially for 2015.

### **Assessment Dates Update:**

- Dates are March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at EGHS – COST - \$175 per hour for both gyms (EGHS - \$2100). Ray to touch base with the owner of the bubble for dates. Ray to get back to the board. (Potential cost \$200) If the Bubble is used, the dates would be Sundays (16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March)
- We are entertaining breaking out groups moving forward for assessments based on the level they HOPE to play in. If a player is hoping to move from AA to AAA and attends the AAA assessment, it does not guarantee they will be placed on a AAA team.
- Assessments will only be done for players at the AA, AAA and Majors levels. There will not be assessments for Farm Level players this year.
- Potential Assessors:
  - Baseball: Paul Dippel (Ray to check with him), Ed Lavoie, Steve Holt, Eric Raabe
  - Softball:: Suzanne Fagnant, Gordon Longley, Mike Gothers, Jim Gothers
- Once dates and times are finalized, calls will be made to these individuals.
- **ACTION:** Separate meeting to go over details around assessments.

### **Setup clinic dates for players and coaches in the off season:**

- Bubble is out of the picture.  
**ACTION:** Shane to talk to Bob Bromage (HS Baseball coach) about the HS team running the player clinics  
**ACTION:** Ray to talk to Mike at SSA to see if we can use their facility with the HS team running the clinics
- Ray would like to do coaching clinics after the New Year. These clinics would be mandatory. **ACTION:** Ray to reach out to Corkum to get dates on the calendar, targeting the first week of February.

### **Volunteer Tab:**

- Michelle has concern about the # of hours we should have volunteers should have give back to EGLL. We reviewed the hours each family should give back to EGLL to meet the commitment for the refund. 6 hours per family was agreed upon.

**ACTION:** Michele will make a few minor changes to the documents that we reviewed, and email out to the board for one more review before they are posted to the website.

### **Set Registration Fees and Dates:**

- Board agreed to keep the fees as is for 2014. \$50 per TBall Player, \$95 for Farm, AA, AAA, Majors and Juniors. \$200 Family cap.
- Registration will be January 1 – February 28. Late fees will apply as of March 1. We will hold firm on the late fees.

### **Begin sponsorship committee and strategy:**

- **Opening Day** – Proposed date Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Without a committee, there won't be an Opening Day this year.

**ACTION:** Shane will craft an email about Opening Day and the need for a committee to coordinate the day's events.

**ACTION:** Shane to look into Pitch, Hit and Run for Opening Day

### **Talk Turkey + Friday Folders:**

- **ACTION** – Shane to talk to Allgrove / Seymour about the submission dates for the next Friday Folders for Registration, and to Betsy Cutting about posting the information on Edline
- **ACTION:** Darcy to nail down PDF.s for the information from LL.org
- Let's Talk Turkey: Deadline is Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00 AM. Information must be in Word document and sent to [Newsletter@egtownhall.com](mailto:Newsletter@egtownhall.com). The name of the submitter and a daytime phone number must accompany the information.

### **General Q&A / Parking Lot:**

- Pictures
  - **ACTION:** Ray to send Shane a link for a potential Company out of RI
  - **ACTION:** Tom Walsh to send a name of someone he knows for pictures to Shane.
- **Proposal – Lining field**
  - Do we switch over to paint? **ACTION:** Chris to talk to Lance S. about any extra liners from soccer organization and what the cost is for new liners and paint. Per Ray, we should be able to line the field 4 times per one can of paint, and there is no spoilage like there is with lyme.
  - **ACTION:** Need to find out if we can use the spray paint on the MS and HS fields (softball and Juniors)
- **Apple Tree Field**
  - Do we want to put any money into Apple Tree? **ANSWER – NO.** Use Allgrove more, but keep Apple Tree as a backup for practices and potentially make up games in 2014.
  - We may have negotiation points to go back to Appleseed with.
- **Next Board Meeting** January 8<sup>th</sup>. / **Assessment Meeting** January 16<sup>th</sup>
- **ACTION:** Tee up exception forms for 12 year olds in 2014.
- **ACTION:** Wayne to look at the list of players from last year to help with assessment schedule.

- Age Groups by Level (based on age as of 4/30/14 for baseball and 12/30/13 for softball)
  - TBall: 4 -5 years old
  - Farm: 6 – 8 years old
  - AA: 7 – 9 years old
  - AAA: 9 – 11 years old
  - Majors: 10 – 12 years old
- **ACTION:** Shane to submit charter information prior to 12/31/13 so EPLL can save money using the same number of teams as last year. The numbers can be adjusted if needed after assessments/draft.