

GEYA BASEBALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11-22-11 Eagle Tavern 7:30pm

Attendees: Rob Welsch, Mike Walter, DJ Massa, Gray Lambe, Todd Cottingham, Wes Hollis, Craig Mermelstein, Tom McClain, Todd DiFonzo

FALL BALL

238 players signed up...most ever. Springton Manor Baseball Fields were closed for improvements. We were able to use HP 1 for the first time with MCE moving to Fellowship Fields. This increased our costs as we needed to pay field usage fees at both HP 1 & WV. Previously we didn't pay any field usage fees because we used SM & WV didn't charge in years prior.

Team/Division Structure:

Big League (Ages 16 to 18)	1 Team	15 players	HP 3
Jr/Sr (Ages 13 to 15)	3 Teams	40 players	HP 3
11/12 year olds	4 Teams	53 players	HP 1
9/10	6 Teams	70 players	WV
7/8	<u>6 Teams</u>	<u>60 players</u>	BW
TOTAL	20 Teams	238 players	

We used paid umpires at Big, Jr/Sr, 11/12 and 9/10 level but not 7/8's.

SPONSORSHIPS

Netted 46k for 2011. Record amount! Thanks Todd Cottingham and Steve Meyer and all for their hardwork on making this such a big success!
Todd Cottingham will organize for 2012.

IMPROVEMENTS

Springton Manor

Looking for contractor to concrete the floors of the dugouts and the on deck areas before Spring season begins...preferably in the fall...Todd DiFonzo will look for contractor.

Chain Link fence will be put in at Springton Manor in the next few weeks cost of ~\$13k

Field Leveling was completed in June 2011 at a cost of \$15k

Fertilizing, seeding & power raking we completed at a cost of ~\$2,000

Hickory PARK

UUT has approved us for new scoreboards and a permanent chain link outfield fence on HP 1

Cost for scoreboards on HP 1 & HP 2 is ~\$25k.

Cost for outfield fencing on HP 1 is ~\$7k

Although UUT approved, most costs must be paid by GEYA. UUT did offer to put in scoreboard support poles.

UUT wants to control bidding & work process but will work with GEYA for specifications. Tom Graybill will work with UUT to see process through with target completion date of March 2012

SOFTBALL

GEYA Board would really like to add softball as part of our portfolio. We need someone who is willing to chair this. Format would be similar to baseball w/ community basis and a recreational league. Would be great to partner with Glenmoore Girls Softball. They have the structure and knowledge in place. We can market to our existing participants and with GEYA backing will come with a strong reputation. With a lot of field improvements going on with baseball, we have decided to table this for 2012 and revisit for Spring 2013. If anyone knows someone that would be willing to be a point person, please contact us at bballpresident@geyabaseball.org

UNIFORMS

Jay Shelton will head up uniform ordering for Spring 2012

Get three quotes...Schuylkill Valley Sports, Jay's contact in Downingtown and John Rowe

The idea of ordering uniforms earlier to avoid back orders and rush of getting them together was brought up. The Board is fine with ordering early. We asked suppliers and they will not give discount if we order early though.

We need to screenprint Glenmoore Eagle Little League on sleeve of shirts. We have forgotten this last couple of years.

Spring Baseball Status

Use USTC instead of All Star Baseball Academy for indoor practices for ages 9 through 12

Bigger area...Cheaper...Better Time slots as we can do Saturday's

Approximate cost would be \$9k including evaluations(\$265 per hour) ASBA wanted \$18k

Parking and drop off needs to be organized...back door

Registration December 1st, 2011 to January 31st 2012 After Jan 31st, \$25 late fee and no guarantee of availability

Field Requests are in for Hickory Park, Brandywine Wallace, Springton Manor

West Vincent is not in yet, will be in soon

EQUIPMENT

New equipment to be ordered for 2012

Catchers mitts, Tees, backstop screen, new equipment bin for Brandywine Wallace

New Locks for bins/sheds...lets do combination locks instead of key locks. Keys get lost quite often plus cost of making keys each year and distributing to coaches is cost prohibitive. We can add combo locks to SM sheds, WV shed, combo door locks to HP press boxes. BW might use combo lock depending on what happens to equipment bin

Todd DiFonzo will see if he can get them donated

Commissioners for 2012 Season

Tee Ball ?

Rookie 7 Craig Mermelstein

Rookie 8 Todd DiFonzo

Minors Rob Welsch

Major Blue Steve Meyer

Major Red Larry Hall

Baseball Ceremony 5/5/2012

Headed by Todd DiFonzo and Tom McClain

Speaker is confirmed for 5/5

Dunk Tank, Phanatic, D28 championship presentation to GEYA 9u's

We should be able to use our new soundsystem this year versus bringing one in!

Beef & Beer night of 5/5/2012

Date is set and Welsch's are hard at work. Thanks for a wonderful job in 2011!

Would be great to build committees and get more support from league

Will be a GEYA Baseball and Soccer event in 2012

50/70

Will be teams in 2012...11 and 12 year old age groups...possibly similar format for 10's at 46/60 Tryouts will be in March after we get evaluations, drafts and everything in motion for regular season

Respectfully Submitted

Wes Hollis
GEYA League Administrator