

GEYA Baseball Board Meeting - October 17, 2012

Board members in attendance: Rob Welsch, Todd Difonzo, Tony Alberton, Mike Walters, Jere Geib, Tom McClain, DJ Massa, and Brian McGonagle

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Minutes from September meeting were approved.

I. Safety Officer (Tony Alberton):

- A. No injuries were reported this fall.
- B. Defibrillators will be available at all fields this coming spring.

II. Treasurer/Sponsorship (Mike Walters):

- A. All scoreboard sponsorship slots have been sold and the signs are almost made.
- B. Sponsorship plaques have arrived and will be distributed during the next few weeks.

III. Coaching Coordinator (Jere Geib):

- A. In work on drafting 5 goals for each age group (similar to Ripken) that coaches can use as a guide.
- B. Agreement that there needs to be a separate rules discussion for each age level prior to spring season.

IV. Player Agent (Tom McClain):

- A. Worked with DJ Massa to reserve USTC for spring player evaluations and indoor practices. Refer to his notes.

V. Information Officer (DJ Massa):

A. Reserved USTC for spring player evaluations and indoor practices. Tentative schedule is as follows:

1. February 1, 2013 coaches clinic with Norchester Legion.
2. February 2, 2013 player evaluations. Independent evaluators (Norchester Legion) will be conduct the evaluations.

B. Reserved USTC for three indoor practices per team. One hour time slots for weekday practices; one and half hour time slots for weekend practices. Exact format and use of USTC for indoor practices will be determined at a later time.

C. GEYA Facebook Page is operational.

D. An invitation to complete the Fall Baseball Survey will be sent via blast email by the end of the week. The questions were discussed and a few were added. The Board agreed that this survey should be conducted on an annual basis to provide an accurate assessment of the program and improve any identified areas.

E. Improvement to the GEYA Basesball Website will be continuous.

F. Upcoming communications will be the survey invitation and November 3rd fall cleanup.

VI. Vice President (Todd Difonzo):

A. The Liberty Union run generated \$460.

B. Discussed drafting a program for opening day and the Finnegan tournament. This program would promote our league and provide another opportunity for our sponsors. The Board agreed that this should be pursued.

C. The Board needs to select an opener day speaker. The Philly Phanatic has been tentatively reserved.

VII. President (Rob Welsch):

- A. There need to be a process for requesting special uniforms.
- B. The Township is pleased with Hickory Park (HP) field conditions. They will cut the overgrowth at HP 1 & 2 to limit the loss of baseballs.
- C. The new HP batting cages were approved by the GEYA Executive Board. Discussed the possibility of installing a fence on HP 2; to be determined at a later date.
- D. Chuck Mahon will be honored at the D28 banquet on November 9, 2012.
- E. Rob attended the D28 Meeting:
 - 1. Stressed the importance of background checks on ALL coaches. The safety officer will run these checks.
 - 2. Discussed the possibility of adding birth certificates for the younger ages at registration. This will avoid difficulties for the older ages during tournament baseball.
- F. Fall cleanup will focus on removing the batting cage netting at HP and SM, removing the First Aid Kits and PA systems, installing the scoreboard sponsorship signs, and winterizing the SM dugout roofs.
- G. D28 50/70 Baseball:
 - 1. Will be limited to one team per league with games on Saturday and Sunday. Although nothing is solidified, it should resemble the pilot program that was conducted this past spring.
 - 2. Rules will be published in the next few weeks.

VIII. New Business

- SM Water Source
- Fall Cleanup on November 3rd at 9 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.