

GEYA Baseball Meeting Agenda

Eagle, PA

November 15, 2012

Order of Business

1. Attendees / Roll call
 - a. Attendees – Tony Alberton, DJ Massa, Dave Vrobel, Tom McClain, Jere Geib, Stephen Mullen, Jay Shelton, Brian McGonagle, Tom Downie, Todd DiFonzo, Mike Walter, Rob Welsch and Gray Lambe
2. The October 17, 2012 minutes were approved
3. February 1, 2013 Spring Evaluation – Rick Harrison Norchester Legion
 - a. All 9-12 year old players will be required to attend an evaluation.
 - b. Evaluations will primarily be administered through different stations and administered by independent evaluators - Rick Harrison and his Norchester Legion team coaches
 - c. The evaluation process will be focused on form vs results and include, throwing accuracy / mechanics, arm strength, fielding mechanics, hitting, pitching and timed running.
 - d. Other intangibles will also be assessed, including “coachability”
4. Officer reports
 - a. President’s report
 - i. Spring 2013 registration opens December 1, 2012. Key website communications include
 1. ALL head and assistant coaches will be required to have background searches completed prior to being allowed to coach – this will be communicated via the website registration. You will not be allowed in the dugout unless the background search has been completed
 2. Birth certificates will be required as part of registration
 3. Copies of the parent handbook will be available on the website
 - ii. The FY 2013 charter and insurance process has been completed. As a reminder, our insurance covers only GEYA sanctioned events, such as practice / games, D28 tournaments, etc.
 1. Coach specific or specific team functions such as paid lessons or travel team tournaments are not covered by the GEYA insurance
 - iii. New spikes have been ordered for the groomer. There will be a “groomer” training program in the spring for coaches to learn

- iv. New batting cages will be ready spring 2013 – the old cage poles have been removed
 - b. Sponsorship plaques will be delivered before Christmas holidays
- 5. In accordance with Little League By Laws, the Safety Officer position, currently held by Tony Alberton, was formally approved as a GEYA baseball board position
- 6. GEYA baseball Survey results / Action Items / Themes
 - a. Thanks to all that participated
 - b. Overall participation was great and feedback very positive – A summary will be posted on the website – areas for improvement included
 - i. Fall ball improvements – primarily focused on the following
 - 1. If truly developmental – there are too many games and not enough practices
 - 2. In consistent coaching – consider adding specific training for coaches (clinics will be held in the spring)
 - 3. Consider playing GEYA teams only
 - 4. Consider changing the grouping of ages
 - c. Continued training for coaches (spring ball comment)
 - d. Healthier snack bar choices
- 7. New Business
 - a. In accordance with Little League by laws, there is only 1 “majors” division. Therefore, for 2013 the divisions will be Majors (ages 12 and 11 based on need of 11 year olds), Minors A (ages 11 and 10, with some 9 year olds based on need), Minors B (ages 9 and 8s based on need) and Rookie 8s, Rookie 7s and Tee Ball (ages 5-6)
- 8. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned