

GEYA Baseball Meeting Agenda

Eagle, PA

January 16, 2013

Order of Business

1. Call meeting to order / attendees
 - a. Todd Cottingham, Chuck Mahon, Jason Gosselin, Tom Cliggett, Peter Kern, Darren Diamond, Tom Kent, Tony Alberton, Greg Grissom, Dave Vrobel, Greg Englehardt, Kevin McWilliams, Chris Williams, DJ Massa, Tom McClain, Brian McGonagle, Todd DiFonzo, Rob Welsch and Gray Lambe
2. The December 19th minutes were approved
3. President Report
 - i. Based on discussions with township personnel, the expectation is that Hickory Park will become a baseball only park within the next 5 years.
 - ii. Assuming the weather cooperates, the batting cage – construction is beginning the week of January 28st
 - iii. Registration – as of January 15, 2013, total numbers were ahead of the same time prior year amounts; however, due to school demographics, the expectation is that numbers will decline year-over year.
 - iv. Evaluations are February 2, 2013 – the Norchester legion coaches will be facilitating and performing all evaluations (except for timed running) for player ages 9-12.
 - v. Regarding 50-70 and the implementation – FAQs will be made available to parents during the February 1, 2013 tryouts
 - vi. In accordance with Little League By Laws, a copy or confirmation of each child's birth-date is required.
 - vii. Commissioners have been identified at all levels
 - viii. The bylaws / rules continue to be updated / amended (the commissioners and Tom Kent and Brian McGonagle will drive this)
 - ix. The president covered the player agent report - There continue to be requests he had received, primarily relating to parents requesting their children "play-up". These requests primarily relate to the League Age 8 and 9 year olds. Parents are being informed that that such requests that players will be asked to "play-up" based on needs at the various levels. (e.g., minor A has player needs and therefore players of Minor B age are pulled up).
- b. Additional reports

- i. Mike Walter presented the current status of sponsorship status. Including proceeds from the May “beef and beer” at the Lionville Firehouse, total sponsorship / fundraising is expected to approximate the prior year amount
- ii. Additionally, the Board and attendees discussed various other fundraising ideas, including the use of programs (and related sponsorship) to be distributed during opening day ceremonies
- iii. It was agreed that the Board will assess these opportunities and discuss at the next meeting
- iv. Tony Alberton discussed the status of background searches and reminded everyone that you cannot assist or coach if such forms haven’t been completed.
- v. Jere discussed various scenarios to drive development of players. The primary objective is to ensure that player age 7 continue to develop such that by league age 8 each player can accomplish basic fundamentals, including being prepared to face kid pitching
- vi. Due to the continued requests from parents of league age 6 kids to play – up with 7 year-olds, Jere discussed the concept of expanding the 2nd year of tee ball for kids to include coach pitching (in essence splitting the tee ball into two divisions – this will be discussed at future board meetings and will be Spring 2014 event).

4. February 2013 try-outs/evaluations

- a. Coaches clinics – the Norchester Legion coaches will hold a coaches clinic on February 1, 2013. The purposes of the clinic is to provide guidance to GEYA volunteers to further enhance their understanding of the game

5. Unfinished business

- a. 50-70 District 28 Baseball
 - i. After lengthy discussion amongst board members and parents, the Board agreed that the former Majors division will be converted to the 50-70 format.
- b. GEYA Fundraising Ideas
 - i. These will continue to be discussed at future meetings

6. General Meeting Adjournment

7. Executive Session