

GEYA Baseball Board Meeting - February 20, 2013

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

Other attendees: Chuck Mahon, Tom Downie, Peter Kern, and Chris Poulson

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes from January's meeting were approved.

I. **President's Report (Rob Welsch):**

- A. The Township removed the bleachers from Hickory Park (HP) Field #1.
- B. Volunteers started the fencing for the new batting cages at HP1. After that is complete, the ground will be leveled off and turf added (as weather permits).
- C. The Township approved an outfield fence for HP2.
- D. New bases, similar to HP, were purchased for Springton Manor (SM).
 - 1. SM Field #1 is 50/70 convertible.
 - 2. An outfield fence topping is still required.
- E. An AED will be located at the HP snack stand.
- F. Every Division will play one game at HP.
- G. Indoor practices for Minor A, Minor B, and the Intermediate 50/70 Division have been reserved at USTC throughout the month of March.
- H. Important Dates:
 - 1. 16 March Field Day
 - 2. 13 April Picture Day
 - 3. 04 May Spring Baseball Celebration
 - a) *Programs will be donated for the event.*
 - 4. 10 May Beef and Beverage at Lionville Fire Hall
 - 5. 08 June Championship Saturday

II. Registration Update:

- A. A total of 485 players were registered as of today.
- B. Intent is for the formation of (6) 7-year old (y/o) teams; (5) 8-y/o teams; (6) 9-y/o teams; (6) Minor A teams; (6) Intermediate 50/70 Division teams; (4) Juniors teams; (2) Seniors teams; and (1) Big League team.
- C. Mike Walters will match sponsors with teams.
- D. All special shirt requests need to be submitted to Gray Lambe.
- E. The 7 and 8 year old commissioners (Peter and Tom) will align the teams for their respective divisions.

III. February Evaluations:

- A. Reaction to independent, third party evaluators was largely positive.
- B. Recommendations for future evaluations:
 - 1. Run 5 players from each age group through once to serve as a baseline reset for the evaluators.
 - 2. Assign coaches to escort groups to ensure smooth and quick transitions from station to station.

IV. Unfinished Business:

- A. Schedule a date sometime this spring for groomer training at HP by Jim Lukens.
- B. Schedule a “skills day” as the weather permits.
- C. It was recommended to start the weekday games in April at 5:45 pm due to limited light.
- D. Chris requested to be notified of any upcoming scrimmages to serve as his umpire clinics.

V. New Business

- A. Assign a Finnegan Tournament Committee.
- B. Provide guidance for team/division baskets in support of the Beef and Beverage.
- C. Provide commissioners with web access for their respective divisions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.