

## GEYA Baseball Board Meeting - March 20, 2013

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

Other attendees: Chuck Mahon, Tom Downie, Peter Kern, Mike Bassick, Craig Connolly, Jay Shelton, and Rob Dennis

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm.

Minutes from February's meeting were approved.

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

- A. A total of 521 players were registered as of today.
- B. The new Hickory Park (HP) batting cages will remain locked until installation of the netting and turf are complete.
  - 1. Infield blankets will be removed on Friday, 22 March.
- C. Sponsorship: collected \$30k out of the \$40k.
- D. Field Maintenance:
  - 1. Each home team is responsible for raking/dragging the infield and filling in the holes in the pitcher's mound/batter's box.
  - 2. Do not use diamond dry on the infields.
- E. Umpires:
  - 1. Home team is responsible for paying and contacting the umpires if required. Umpire assignments are listed on zebra web.
  - 2. Commissioners will provide coaches with umpire money prior to the first game.
  - 3. Cancel umpires at least 1 to 2 hours prior to game time.
- F. Call-up Rules:
  - 1. Provide the division commissioner with as much lead time as possible.
  - 2. Each team will provide their division commissioner with 3 potential call-ups for the next higher division.
    - a) *10 year olds can be called-up for the Intermediate Division.*
  - 3. A player who is called-up cannot pitch in that game.
- G. There will be no unlimited run innings this year. Teams can only score 5 runs per inning.
- H. Commissioners will post pitch counts on the web site.

1. The home team is responsible for the official score and pitch counts for BOTH teams.

I. Important Dates:

1. 13 April - Picture Day

- a) *DJ will schedule picture times for each team.*

2. 04 May - Spring Baseball Celebration

- a) *Chuck coordinated the dunk tank and fire engine.*

- b) *Guest speaker will be coordinated by Rob.*

3. 10 May - Beef and Beverage at Lionville Fire Hall

- a) *Each division will contribute a basket.*

4. 08 June - Championship Saturday

II. **USTC Practices:**

A. Feedback has been very positive.

B. Recommended to reserve USTC spaces earlier next year to avoid Easter Weekend/Spring Break to ensure maximum participation.

III. **Field Day:**

A. Thanks to all those who supported this season's field day. A lot of work was accomplished prepping the fields at HP, Springton Manor, and West Vincent. In addition to the normal spring clean-up, a warning track was dug at HP1 that entailed a lot of physical labor.

B. The township will remove the sod and install a red diamond mix on the HP1 warning track.

C. The township approved a permanent fence for HP2. Installation time is TBD.

D. Remaining tasks:

1. Move lyme to the sheds.

2. Hang sponsor banners on the fences.

IV. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Assign a Finnegan Tournament Committee.

1. Recommended to involve the 7 & 8 year old coaches/parents similar to last year.

B. Schedule a date sometime this spring for groomer training at HP by Jim Lukens.

**V. New Business:**

- A. Schedule a date and determine the evaluation process for the District 28 Tournament Team tryouts (8 – 12 y/o).
- B. Purchase a GEYA Baseball 25 Year Anniversary banner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.