

GEYA Baseball Board Meeting - August 21, 2013

Board members in attendance: Rob Welsch, Todd Difonzo, DJ Massa, and Brian McGonagle

Other attendees: Chuck Mahon, Peter Kern, and Stephen Mullin

Meeting called to order at 7:42 pm.

Minutes from June's meeting were approved. There was no July meeting.

I. President's Report (Rob Welsch):

- A. A total of 181 players registered for Fall Ball.
 - 1. Practices/games will be played at Hickory Park (HP) and Springton Manor (SM).
 - 2. The focus of Fall Ball will be on skills development.
 - 3. There will be (3) GEYA 11/12 year old teams. GEYA will play against District teams from Caln, West Bradford, and West Side. An open 50/70 practice will be held on 22 August for any kids interested in learning new skills, i.e. pickoffs, leads, etc.
 - 4. There will be (4) GEYA 9/10 year old teams with ten total teams in the District.
 - 5. There will be (4) GEYA 7/8 year old teams (47 kids). The first (3) practices will consist of skills development clinics.
- B. The GEYA Board purchased (2) new mowers for field maintenance.
 - 1. Chuck Mahon will provide a class on how to properly operate the mowers.
- C. Field Maintenance:
 - 1. HP Field 3 improvements include a new fence after the fall season, infield cut-out, and a new batters' eye.
 - 2. HP Fields 1&2's pitchers' mounds will be rounded out with sod.
 - 3. HP Field 2's infield will be expanded after the fall season to allow for 50/70 baseball in the spring and a warning track will need to be cut.

II. Unfinished Business:

- A. District 28 Team Results – Congratulations to the 8 year old team for finishing 2nd and the 9 year old team for finishing 3rd in their respective tournaments. The future looks bright!
- B. Finnegan Tournament Debrief:
 - 1. The feedback from other District managers was very positive, especially in regards to the fields and HP complex in general.

2. The tournament committee model established this year should be used every year.
3. Pete recommended sending emails requesting support for the tournament in late winter/early spring to allow parents to plan their summer schedules and ensure more volunteers.

III. New Business:

- A. Schedule the indoor space for spring evaluations now and determine the evaluation process for each age group.
- B. Assign a Field Committee commissioner for HP and SM. These commissioners will then seek volunteers to assist with field maintenance throughout the spring season.
- C. Start seeking new sponsors for the spring season.
- D. Determine the Spring 2014 League structure, particularly the 50/70 age composition.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.