

Glenmoore Eagle Little League Meeting Agenda

Eagle, PA

February 18, 2016

Order of Business

1. Call meeting to order.
 - a. **The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM**
2. Roll call via sign-in sheet.
 - a. **Attendees included Gray Lambe, Todd DiFonzo, Brad Rasco, David Vrobel, Kevin McWilliams, Michael Godoy, Chad Naggy, Pat Kelly, Bill Mackiewicz, Dan Connolly, Rob Herbein, Dennis Pomager, Chris Capobianco, Bob Graw, Geoff Capell, Chuck Mahon, Joe Bojko, Geoff Sellers, Bob Armstrong, Brian Miles, Devon Grunwell**
3. Approval of the January minutes.
 - a. **The Board approved the January minutes.**
4. President's Report
 - a. Township / Hickory Park Update
 - i. **Township (Lou) indicated that GEYA now and moving forward needs to work with Al Gaspari on any improvements, including anything discussed/committed to date.**
 - ii. **Improvements discussed/committed to date include: bleachers, press boxes, wall/fence/net, etc.**
 - iii. **Todd DiFonzo to meet with Al Gaspari (Code Admin / Zoning Officer) and Cary Vargo (Township Manager) to discuss improvement commitments and next steps.**
 - iv. **The Township has specified a \$20K budget for the press box. They also desire the box to architecturally match the snack bar.**
 - ❖ **HP2:**
 - a. **GEYA demo existing box?**
 - i. **Saves cost**
 - ii. **Helps ensure new box by May**
 - iii. **Township can supply dumpster**
 - iv. **GEYA to demo HP2 box on/by field day**
 - v. **New box by June 1st (deadline)**
 - vi. **If we spend less than \$20K on 1 box can the remainder be put towards other proposed/necessary improvements?**
 - ❖ **HP1:**
 - a. **No new HP1 press box in 2016**
 - b. **Township indicated that they're looking into the water/swamp issue behind 3rd base dugout.**
 - ❖ **Snack Bar:**
 - a. **Township indicated that GEYA can utilize the snack bar back room as necessary.**
 - b. **Bathrooms to be updated. Basic updates such as floors and paint.**
 - v. **Turnpike Update: Park Rd Bridge construction begins early 2019 with 18-24 month duration (target completion fall 2020). The bridge will be kept open to**

traffic during construction (explains long construction duration as bridge is constructed in two halves). The issue of baseballs fouled off into Park Road has been discussed with the Turnpike's design team and township. The GEYA big board is aware of this issue and is reviewing the current insurance policy.

- vi. **HP Field 4: field is reserved for rugby 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Monday – Thursday**
 - ❖ This does not leave much useful time for baseball, if any.
 - ❖ HP4 will not work for Rookie 7s with this rugby availability constraint.
 - ❖ HP4 field condition is also a major concern.
 - ❖ West Vincent to be reserved for 2016.
- b. **District 28 Update**
 - ❖ **Umpire Meeting: Pat Kelly to attend District Umpire Meeting on February 19th 7:00pm. to discuss the potential for district-wide umpire scheduling for 50/70 and above.**
 - a. **GEYA is interested in this concept for 50/70 and majors**
 - b. **Should foster balance throughout the District**
 - c. **Open to this idea for Minor A and Minor B as well**
- c. **GEYA Board Update (anything related included elsewhere)**
- d. **Registration Update – impact on age groups**
 - i. **Lengthy discussion involving registration numbers and allocation into divisions with productive input from all meeting attendees.**
 - ❖ **Several player allocation strategies were discussed in order to achieve the desirable team configurations for each division. This included several scenarios of players playing “up” and “down” vs. their league age.**
 - ❖ **50/70 target is 4 teams made up of all 12s and the number of 11s needed to make 4 teams. The remainder of 11s not drafted to 50/70 will play with the Minor A group.**
 - ❖ **Minor A target is 6 teams made up of all 10s and remainder of non-50/70 11s.**
 - ❖ **Minor B target is 4 teams made up of all 9s and the number of 8s needed to make 4 teams. A pool of potential 8s to be asked to attend the mandatory evaluations for inclusion in the Minor B draft pool.**
 - ❖ **Rookie 8s target is 4 teams made up of all remaining 8s and the number of 7s required to make 4 teams. Commissioner, coaching coordinator and player agent to work on a list of potential 7s to play up with 8s.**
 - ❖ **Rookie 7s made up of all remaining 7s and any younger players with at least 1 year of tee ball experience.**
 - ❖ **The above is subject to change per final registration numbers.**
- e. **Commissioners by age group (discussed and finalized post-meeting via email)**
 - ❖ **50/70 – Bob Armstrong**
 - ❖ **Minor A – Brian Miles**
 - ❖ **Minor B – Bob Ferraro**
 - ❖ **Rookie 8s – Rob Herbein**
 - ❖ **Rookie 7s – Devon Grunwell**
 - ❖ **Tee Ball – Bill Mackiewicz**
- f. **Volunteer Forms**
 - i. **4 or 5 checks/forms are required (depending on 10-year residency or not)**
 - ❖ **See GEYA Baseball website for more info on forms/requirements**

- ❖ **Send to Chad Naggy (Safety Officer) upon completion**
- ❖ **PO Box is a slow route to Chad, email is much faster**
- ❖ **Lanyards will be required for all coaches and assistant coaches.**
- ❖ **Commissioners and head coaches to help ensure all assistants comply.**

g. Evaluations

- i. **ASBA waivers required for evaluations – form online**
- ii. **Birth certificates required for 9s at evaluations**
- iii. **It was discussed that “School Rule” Forms should be signed by principal during school year and provided to league for any/all 9s and above playing GEYA under this rule.**

h. Draft Timing

- ❖ **50/70 - Sunday 2/28 from 6-8 PM at Eagle Tavern**
- ❖ **Minor A – Monday 2/29 from 7-8 PM at Eagle Tavern**
- ❖ **Minor B – Monday 2/29 from 8:15-9:15 PM at Eagle Tavern**
- ❖ **Attendees for each draft should include respective division coaches and commissioners.**

i. **Snack Stand Captains Update (no time to discuss)**

5. **Player Agent Update**

a. **Evaluation Volunteer Plan**

- i. **Should have plenty of division coach volunteers in addition to board members**
- ii. **Assist with stations, player check-in, and moving between stations.**

b. **8U Clinics: March 6 and 20th at USTC (no additional discussion)**

c. **Division Rules Update (no time to discuss)**

d. **Parent Handbook Update (no time to discuss)**

6. **Information Officer Update (no time to discuss)**

7. **Sponsorship Update (no time to discuss)**

- a. **Identify a volunteer to coordinate the beef and beer.**

8. **Safety Officer Update**

- a. **First Aid Basics Class – location, date, time (TBD)**

b. **Fundraising Idea**

- i. **Chad Naggy briefly presented a fundraising idea from his previous league that worked well and helped offset registration costs. The idea involves the selling of raffle tickets with prize winners to be awarded at celebration day or another pre-determined date later in the season. [Post-meeting an email was drafted with more details on this raffle ticket fundraising idea and the general board’s consensus is that it is worth a try for this upcoming season – more details to follow soon].**

9. **Coaching Coordinator/Field Maintenance Update (no time to discuss)**

- a. **Coaches Clinic (no time to discuss)**

10. **New Business**

- a. **Recommendation to change the March meeting date. (revised date/time still TBD)**

11. **General Meeting Adjournment**

- a. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM (Eagle Tavern closes early on Sunday evenings)**

12. **Executive Session**