

GLENMOORE EAGLE YOUTH ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2012

In attendance: Paul Ricken, Tom Graybill, Jim Emig, Andy Bellwoar, Mike Maher, Kevin Robinson, Chip Ashenfelter

Members not in attendance: Jeff Ericson, Rob Welsch, Al White

1. November 2011 Board Minutes (as amended) were approved by all present.

2. **Treasurer's Report (Jim Emig)** –
 - a. Jim presented the year end 2011 financial statements for the organization. The financial statements were reviewed. Jim commented that the financial performance of the organization was strong in 2011 considering the capital and field improvements made during the year.

3. **Baseball Report (Tom Graybill)**
 - a. Registration for the Spring 2012 season is open. Recruitment signs have been placed throughout the territory.
 - b. Boy Scouts of America tree planting around Hickory Park Field #1 (HP1) had been completed Thanksgiving weekend. We are very thankful to the BSA for their volunteer efforts.
 - c. (HP1) permanent fencing has been approved by the Upper Uwchlan Township (UUT).
 - i. Preliminary estimates for installation of the fencing is approximately \$7,000.
 - ii. UUT will control and oversee the installation of the fencing.
 - iii. There was discussion of the dimension of the fencing, the Baseball Board recommended 200 ft.
 - iv. There was discussion, and the Board approved an expenditure of up to \$8,000 for the installation of the permanent fencing at HP1.
 - d. Tom updated the Board on the status of the Major League Baseball's "Baseball for Tomorrow" grant program, which provides funding to Little League organizations. The grant proposal is still pending.
 - e. Tom provided an updated on the new website www.geyabaseball.org
 - i. The website is functioning well, and preliminary reviews are positive.
 - ii. Team schedules will be entered on the site.

- iii. There was discussion of the economics of the new website. It is expected that the new website will be economically favorable to the prior website resulting from reduced transactional related fees.
- f. Uniforms – competitive bids have been sought for the fulfillment of uniforms for the Spring.
- g. Registration Update:
 - i. 165 players have been registered as of today, which is approximately 10% lower than 2011 Spring Season was at this time (early January). 23 coaches have registered as well.
 - ii. There was discussion of the “Out of territory registrants” – we will no longer accept out of territory registrants (based on territory established by Little League Baseball) for the older age groups. This is functionality that we can implement with the new registration system.
- h. Tom commented on the 2011 financial performance, and noted that there were several large, non-recurring expenditures in 2011 (Springton Manor field improvements, bleachers, etc).
- i. Anticipated 2012 capital expenditure projects were discussed.
 - i. HP1 Fencing (estimated at \$7,000)
 - ii. Springton Manor dugout improvements (estimated at \$7,000)
 - iii. Scoreboards for Hickory Park (estimated at \$30,000)
 - iv. Overall, the proposed budget for 2012 should be similar to the 2011 performance.

4. **Soccer Report (Paul Ricken)**

- a. As of today there were 100 registrants and 18 coaches.
- b. The Soccer Sponsorship program has been initiated. Approximately 300 organizations have been identified and a targeted mailing has been done to these organizations.
- c. There was a review of the UUT Fee Schedule for the UUT Field rental (which was recently updated for 2012 rates).
 - i. The fee schedule was reviewed by the Board and there was discussion regarding the increase in fees for field use. Of particular interest and concern was the session fee schedule for the Turf field. Paul will address these concerns with the Twp manager to see if any relief is possible.
- d. Pickering Valley Elementary school fields will be shut down for the Spring 2012 Season and the soccer program will utilize the Larkin’s Field location as an alternate.

- i. There is a need for additional fencing to be installed at Larkin's Field (Upper Field), estimated at \$3,500. The Board approved funding of the Upper Field fencing.
 - ii. There was discussion of the Larkin's Field (Lower Field) utilization. Additional fencing is also needed at the Lower Field, with an estimated cost of \$7,000. The Board discussed the need for the Lower Fields, and concluded that there was no current need to utilize the Lower Fields.
 - e. Paul updated the Board on realignment amongst the Soccer Board – Division Vice Presidents were changed recently to better align the age groups. 2 VP's were put in place, one for the older age groups and one for the younger age groups.
 - f. Paul discussed the Special Needs Program.
 - i. There has not been much movement forward on this program since prior meetings.
 - ii. There is a West Chester University professor who will be present at the Soccer Board meeting next week to provide guidance on the establishment of such a program along with potential guidance on obtaining grant funding.
- 5. **Safety Report**
 - a. In light of recent events at Penn State University the Board agreed that we should develop and implement guidelines and policies around sexual harassment.
- 6. **Old Business**
 - a. Meeting Minutes need to be added to website.
 - b. Updated By-Laws
- 7. **New Business**
 - a. 2012 capital budgets to be submitted and discussed February meeting
 - b. Soccer Board to investigate and determine whether there is an interest in migrating to the new registration system being utilized by baseball.
- 8. Next meeting to be held on February 8, 2012.
- 9. Motion to adjourn made at 8:35 PM, motion was seconded, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Robinson