

Knothole West Regional Board Meeting of Wednesday, November 30, 2016

LOCATION: PYO – 9124 Cincinnati-Columbus Road – West Chester, OH 45069

ATTENDEES: Glenn Schaaf, Gene Drozd, and Bill O'Brien

Time: 90 minutes – 10:30am to Noon

Primary Focus: Review and discussion of possible changes to West Region Rules

Topics discussed:

1. Umpire Training – (two day event on January 7 and January 8 (\$25 fee will be charged).
  - a. 9AM to 4 PM on Saturday, Jan 7 and noon until 5PM on Sunday (January 8)
  - b. Age 13 and older are eligible to attend
  - c. **All necessary information on attached brochure (received 12/16)**
  - d. Location is at the Urban Youth Academy
  - e. 2<sup>nd</sup> day involves on the field training (focus on positioning)
  - f. Ken Gallo (and possibly Jeff Kenny from West Chester) could coordinate umpires for local communities within the West Region.
2. Riddell equipment ([www.riddell.com](http://www.riddell.com))
  - a. Uniforms and equipment can be purchased at a discount
  - b. GCKA will get a rebate on all sales to knothole teams
  - c. Baseballs will have the new GCKA logo
    - i. Will sell both higher and lower quality baseballs
  - d. Uniforms also available – approximate cost for shirt and pants -- \$40
    - i. Order from website – custom uniform builder.
3. Need to pass-out at next West Region Meeting (January) the GCKA contact information
4. 5 Kid Glove Games – April 18 vs Baltimore, May 1 & 2 vs Pittsburg, May 21 & 22 vs Cleveland
5. Glenn will supplement the above information (with respect to umpire training and Riddell) once the GCKA 11/21 meeting minutes are circulated.
6. Some general discussion of Reds Fest – which will occur on 12/2 and 12/3 (not enough time to notify the individual communities of differing types of activities)
7. GCKA exploring 'franchising' some communities (e.g North West Baseball) that currently do not have a Knothole Baseball Program.
  - a. Affiliation arrangement under discussion at this time and nothing has been finalized.
  - b. May also follow the same concept for communities in NKY that do not have knothole baseball.
  - c. Ultimate goal – Knothole Champions play champions from unaffiliated communities (a 'Super Bowl' of sorts).
8. Minutes of West Regional Board Meeting of 10/28 approved and have been posted on the West Region Website.
9. Need to confirm availability of Springdale location for West Region Meeting on January 10 @ 7pm).

- a. Location of meeting – Springdale Recreational Center.
10. Region has \$1,239.90 in the Bank
- a. Only expenditures following meeting of 10/28 totaled \$47.
11. An extensive discussion of the Rules (West Region and GCKA Rules) – Gene will circulate the revisions agreed upon for review and approval at the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting (or such earlier date as the Board shall determine)