

West Region Knothole Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 22 at PYO

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

Time: 90 minutes (9:00 to 10:30)

Approved the December 2016 and January 2017 Meeting Minutes

Discussion items:

1. **Primarily a review of Glenn's notes of the items discussed at the GCKA meeting of 2/21**
 - a. **South region is experiencing growth – particularly in the younger age groups which accounts for about 60% of the growth.**
 - b. **Two reps at present, but South will follow structure of management of the other regions by 9/30 (will elect a President and officers).**
 - c. **Account balance of GCKA account: \$11,842.57**
 - d. **Discussion of adding recreation level world series**
 - i. **We had concerns about timing**
 - ii. **Regional Tournament is the World Series equivalent for the recreational teams.**
 - e. **March 20 meeting at CRC – next date and location (7PM) for GCKA meeting**
 - i. **Field supervisors from Cincy Rec will be present**
 - ii. **Salway is in the Central Region of CRC**
 - iii. **North Hills and Mt. Airy are in the west region of CRC**
 - iv. **Supervisors to be introduced and will be the contact person(s) if there are problems with field conditions at CRC fields.**
 - v. **Bill will attend this meeting**
 - f. **Patches - \$2/patch with order by March 20**
 - i. **We will stay with original plan to award trophies to tournament and division winners.**
 - ii. **Primary reason for this – timing. Historically patches not given out until the following season (delays in delivery and logistical problems were the basis for our deciding not to order patches.**
 - iii. **Funds for awards are sourced from the \$25/team fee.**
 - g. **Regions and Registrations**
 - i. **North – same number of teams (approximately) as last year**
 - ii. **Are using 3/1 cut-off date (as we are).**
 - iii. **South – as noted much growth – 1,000 sign-ups (approx..) (mostly in the younger age divisions)**
 - iv. **East – no report**
 - h. **Year-end tournament (was discussed in 2016 and did not occur primarily due to timing)**

- i. Discussed as a possibility for 2017 – but same problems relative to timing (will occur in mid/late July following all of GCKA tournaments – probably too late to generate much interest)
 - ii. Goal is to have 8 teams from each division in GCKA participate – this is aggressive in light of the timing issue discussed above.
 - iii. Handled by the north region
 - iv. There is interest from out of area teams – including one from the Chicago area (but again timing problems)
 - v. From a GCKA perspective, All-Star teams could participate and so could teams not affiliated with Knothole.
 - i. Tim Rappee (sp??) will under the auspices of GCKA conduct a coaching clinic on hitting
 - i. March 25 (Saturday) @ 2:30 (location TBD)
 - ii. Tim runs camps for various MLB clubs – quite experienced and training could be particularly helpful to new coaches.
 - j. Green Diamond – honoree dinner for long time GCKA HOF REcipients – in discussion phase.
- 2. Contracts**
- a. Hope to have written contracts to distribute at the 3/1 meeting
 - b. Do not know if contracts will be in electronic format by this date
 - c. Note to be sent to Jeff stressing the importance of the West Region being in receipt of all necessary information by 2/28
 - d. We will determine how to handle the contract issue based upon information received from GCKA.
- 3. Northwest baseball**
- a. May play with GCKA at the A level in 2017.
 - b. Still working thru the logistics
 - c. But a potential positive for increased participation in Knothole.
- 4. We will send a note to all community representatives as to the importance of attending the 3/1 meeting**
- a. Relatively poor response to Gene’s request (about 50% participation) for a preliminary team count
 - b. Potential issue as to our region being under represented in age groups. This could require out of region play (B – Senior a possible concern).
- 5. Treasure’s Report – West Region**
- a. Account balance - \$1,132.71
 - b. Minor expenditures (related to January meeting)
 - c. Some deposits collected for team funds.
- 6. Will also send out an email to all communities about rosters (suggesting that communities reach out to other communities if they need players to fill out a team roster or conversely have some kids registered but not a sufficient number to form a team)**