

Minutes of West Region Board Meeting  
April 19, 2017  
Wyoming Recreational Center

Attendees: Glenn Schaaf, Gene Dros, Bryan Hill, and Bill O'Brien  
Duration: 90 minutes

The primary items discussed were the following:

1. Glenn's summary of the GCKA meeting on Monday, April 17
  2. A review of the number of teams and scheduling issues in the West Region
  3. A brief treasury report.
  4. A review of the West region and GCKA website - and challenges in connection with use of the website for coach and player registration.
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1. GCKA matters:
    - a. GCKA Bank Account - and issue of control of funds
      - i. West region strongly in favor of each region controlling its own funds/ oppose any centralization of finances.
      - ii. West Region also opposes centralization of fees
      - ii. No final decision made by GCKA -
    - b. Insurance - use of fields
      - i. Holy Trinity Church in Norwood is willing to allow use of fields, but requires liability insurance as a condition of use.
      - ii. This is an area where GCKA could be of some assistance to the local regions and communities.
    - c. GCKA website - cost of operation formerly covered by third party sponsors. The hope is that Cincinnati Bell will step up as a sponsor. No final decision on this.
    - d. North Region has the majority of teams and is financially on very solid ground
    - e. GCKA has approximately \$5,200 in its account (\$1,000 in potential cost for the operation and maintenance of the website.
    - f. Next GCKA meeting is Monday, May 22.
  2. West Region Teams
    - a. Wyoming has 10 teams in Coach Pitch and T-Ball (6 in Coach Pitch and 4 in T-Ball)
    - b. Scheduling challenges:
      - i. In the C-2 region the Mt. Airy team was forced to fold. No change of schedule required - games scheduled against Mt. Airy will be declared a forfeiture - score will be posted as 6-0.
      - ii. In D-1, an Avondale team was also forced to discontinue. There have been some challenges in communication with the West Region on the status of this team.
      - iii. The 'good news' is that a team from Cumminsville will replace the Avondale team - thus no re-scheduling will be required.
    - c. A level baseball
      - i. Schedule will be release on/about April 19.
      - ii. Each team will have a 14 game schedule for A-1 (U-14) teams and a 12 game schedule for the A-2 or U-15 teams.
      - iii. The majority of games will be schedule between teams of the same age group (A-1 or U-14 teams will play each other and A-2 or U-15 will play against each other. There will be a few crossover games.

- iv. A-1 will start playing on April 24
    - d. Northwest Baseball elected NOT to join GCKA at the A level this year.
      - i. Coaches decision - reasons for the decision not particularly clear - our presumption is that there was some concern on the issue of completion/competitive games and a reluctance to change.
      - ii. One team from Taylor Creek is playing. It is our hope that this will lead to more teams from the Northwest organization (at least at the A level) participating in GCKA next year.
      - e. The West Region's final team count is 99 - down from about 10% of what we had projected as to the number of teams at the March meeting.
      - f. The north region has the greatest number of teams of any region. The South has somewhere between 60/70 teams. Not sure as to the number of teams in the east region.
- 3. West Region has \$2,727.01 on deposit - virtually identical to the amount in the account as reported in March - only expenses were very minor and routine admin expenses.
  - a. All teams in the West Region paid there \$25 participation fee.
- 4. On-line Website
  - a. Daunting task for probably 50% or more of participants to use.
  - b. All regions struggling with the use of the GCKA website.
  - c. Coaches and community coordinators to take the lead - but this is a very challenging task.
  - d. Gene provided a brief tutorial.
  - e. General agreement that the West Region needs some assistance - ideally have one person in charge
  - f. The system is intended to allow the coach to review on-line is team and determine which players have registered. Achievement of this goal to date is challenging.