

West Regions Community Coordinator's Meeting (Scheduling Meeting)
Springdale Recreation Center
Thursday, March 1, 2018

1. A list of attendees is attached. Also attached is a copy of the Agenda that was distributed to all attendees.
2. Gene was the primary presenter – and major focus was on completing the requisite paperwork and paying the \$125/team registration fee
 - a. March 1 is the deadline for all Communities in the West Region to complete and return the Scheduling Form AND pay the \$125/team registration fee.
 - b. Different community coordinators asked questions and Gene collected the forms and funds. Board members stayed at the conclusion of the meeting to allow community coordinators sufficient time to complete and turn-in scheduling forms and registration fees.
3. The following additional items were discussed;
 - a. All information as to the start of the West Region is on the website (start date is Saturday, April 14).
 - b. Funds in the West Region bank account are currently \$666.23 (some teams have already paid their registration fees).
 - i. It was emphasized that the West Region attempts to operate under the concept of matching revenues and expenses (i.e. to operate on a break-even basis).
 - c. Competitive League within each age division of Knothole (starting in D-2)
 - i. Initial effort was last year in the D-2 age level.
 1. The goal was to have 6 teams. Ultimately (one team dropped out), there were 4 teams (less than ideal for scheduling purposes).
 - ii. This year we will play with (and under the auspices of the North Region)
 1. Fees are \$275/ team and payable FULLY in advance
 2. The North and West Region teams will play each other during the regular season. North Region rules will govern.
 3. Top 4 teams from the competitive league will qualify for the World Series (all other teams eligible and encouraged to participate in the regional tournaments – thus this tournament will be for the regular knothole teams (those not competing in the competitive division).
 4. At the D=2 level, all regular knothole rules will apply (e..g dropped third strike will be in play and NOT an automatic out).
 - iii. In 2019, we will probably not combine with the North Region (current theory – “walk before we run” in 2018).
 - iv. In 2019 it is anticipated that the competitive division will become a separate part of Knothole Baseball (in 2018, the West Region joined

with the North Region as the North has previously had several teams playing at the competitive level

- d. **Regional All Star Teams – point of emphasis for the West Region to participate (we did not last year due to lack of sufficient information at the start of the 2017 season).**
 - i. **Bill from Finneytown will coordinate this**
 - ii. **Two players from each team**
 - iii. **Round robin tournament (with All Star teams from the other 3 divisions)**
 - iv. **Play will start after 4th of July**
- e. **Awards and the like – no change from last year.**
- f. **Rules for 2018 Season**
 - i. **All on West Region Website**
 - ii. **In the Competitive Division, in 2018 North Region Rules will apply.**
- g. **State of Ohio requirements – IMPORTANT**
 - i. **Lindsay’s Law (sudden cardiac arrest).**
 - 1. **Forms on line – parent and player EACH must complete**
 - 2. **Again, forms on West Region website.**
 - 3. **Coach must watch the ‘required video’ and distribute to each family a copy of the SCA Informational Handout and Signature Form (to be signed by both player and parent).**
 - 4. **Requirement must be completed before a team gets on the field (what PYO does to insure compliance).**
 - 5. **Coach to turn in completed forms for each player on the team to Community Coordinator who will get the forms to Glenn.**
 - 6. **Requirement exists even if player/parent have completed the form for another sport (thus, even if previously completed for another sport, the form must be still be completed (separately completed) to participate on a Knothole baseball team).**
 - 7. **Again, the Required Signature Form (on the website) must be completed separately for each player/parent on the team.**
 - ii. **Concussion Training (one coach for each team)**
 - 1. **Again see West Region website for link to the course.**
 - 2. **Coach to retain certificate.**
- h. **Player Agreement (formerly the Knothole Contract)**
 - i. **Coach and Player/Parent forms are both available online**
 - 1. **Form can be completed on-line.**
 - 2. **Coach to turn in form for the coach and each player/parent on his team to the Community Coordinator (who then will get this information to Glen).**
 - 3. **Glen recommended not giving out player uniforms until paper work requirements completed.**
- i. **Player Agreements, Lindsay’s Law Forms (and coaches training) and Concussion Training are obligations of each coach**

- i. No player should be permitted to play in any game without first completing the paperwork described above.
 - ii. Goal is for Community Coordinators to delivery player/coach agreements and Lindsay's Law (the parent/player required signature form) no later than the end of March.
- 4. Scheduling
 - a. Gene quickly reviewed the timeline
 - i. Community Coordinators to turn-in completed Scheduling forms for each team by March 1 (and pay the \$125 registration fee).
 - ii. Preliminary schedules (ONLY for use of community coordinators and NOT to be shared with coaches will be distributed March 15 and March 20 (these are target dates and not absolutes)
 - iii. Community Coordinators will have an approximate 5 day window to review and either approve or make modifications and resubmit to Gene.
 - iv. Final schedules will be issued on/about April 1.
- 5. T-Ball/Coach Pitch and Pre-Tball
 - a. Finneytown is sponsoring a Pre-Tball league again this year. (FAAbaseball@gmail.com)
 - b. Ages 3 to 4 (co-ed).
 - c. 6/8 kids per team and parents on the field with their child.
 - d. Season will start in May and end 5/6 weeks thereafter (Sunday afternoon only).
 - e. Regular Pony/Coach Pitch will also be played with neighboring communities as in past years.
 - i. Each community is responsible to form its own team.
 - ii. Organizational meeting in late March and season will start about the last weekend in April and extend to middle of June.

Attachments:

- 1. Meeting Agenda
- 2. Attendance Roster