

03/04/2015 (moved due to weather)

Registration Update

Current total is just under 500. The trend has been down about 10% for the past five years. The biggest drop is in the 5/6 division despite some email blasts.

Some discussion about division totals and team formation.

Position updates

New Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken directors Bill Begany and Doug Mahoney.

Patrick McCleary is 14/15 division director.

Greg Horne will be coaching in 14/15 division.

Sean Kerins agreed to be "Umpire in Chief".

Dan Lynch will be replacing Dusty as umpire coordinator.

Newtown Baseball Day at Dick's

April 4th and 5th.

Waivers

Waivers are all in.

Fanfest

Discussions have been started. Date will probably be later than in the past – maybe the weekend after Mother's Day.

Sponsor Drive

Some have come in and some more may be coming. We may need more.

Nighthawks Clinic for 5/6/7

About 60 kids so far.

Drafts

Division directors need to be thinking about drafts.

Website Maintenance

Andy has basically taken over the job of maintaining player database.

Discussion about emails from NBR being blocked.

Newtown Baseball Day at Yale

Discussion about organizing a group attendance of a game on Saturday 4/11. Games at 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM.

Coach Certification

Coaches or assistants for a district team must be certified by the start of the spring season or they will not be allowed to coach.

Background checks

New coaches will undergo a background check.

Cal Ripken District Meeting

Newton is hosting 10 districts.

11A will be pool play.

Monroe 13 Prep

Monroe does not have a 13-year-old team. One or two kids from Monroe may play with Newtown.

Summer Xtreme

Interest in having Andy run a summer league again.

Umpire Clinic

Umpire clinic being held on March 21st.

Park & Rec

Andy attended two meetings recently.

Complaints about pitchers mounds at Hawley.

A third field at Glander is in the works. It just has to pass the budget.

Discussion about NBR paying towards the cost of the field. Why pay toward a field and become just another renter? No current or recent board member knows anything about NBR making a commitment to contribute funding, yet it is showing up in meeting minutes.

Field usage meeting upset Andy. NBR plays by the rules, but rules seem to be “modified” to satisfy others. Park & Rec needs to provide better field scheduling especially with the premier access granted to outside organizations. [Discussion about inexplicably preferential treatment being given to the Captains.] Captains have been given field time already, but P&R claims this was just a training exercise in entering in last year’s schedule even though the schedule was not the same as last year’.

Discussion about why we can’t be given our field time yet and how it is likely that the delay is because all must wait until the Captains finalize their rosters.

Treasurer Report

This month was a light month in expenses. Some big expenses will be coming up next month.

Umpire logs must be kept or coaches will receive a 1099 for the money.

Division Directors Report

Discussion about team formation and coaches who haven’t played baseball before.