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Subject: RE: Travel Baseball 2016
Attachments: Travel Summary Form 2016.xlsx

To: Travel Board Members - Meeting Notes from 4/18/2016.

Attendance:

Tom Cantillon
Natalie Wong Kalinak
Jay Keller
Phil Wengryn
Pete Christopulos
Matt Ponpipom
Tom Ciesla
Mike Kalinak

1. Financial review of payments made by Team and Monies still owed. (See attached and please remit to me, Mike or a Board Member if still owing)
2. Summary form requested received from two Managers. Please send when available. Also, now that the NPGL and perhaps other fees are known, you may update files previously sent for accuracy.
3. NPGL Registration is now open. All Teams playing in this league should register on the NPGL website and remit payment directly.
4. USABL Registration (14U) likewise should be arranged through their website with payment made directly.
5. Insurance Certificates will be available shortly. Mike Kalinak will notify all when ready, but this should not prevent or delay registration.
6. Rich Muratore emailed a summary of the District 10 Tournament Venues to all on Tuesday 4/19/2016. Please email Rich if you have any questions about this Tournament.
7. Tryout process discussion covered the following:
 - a. Tryouts for 2017 to be held at WOP in September or October. (Date TBA)
 - b. The evaluation form (Diamond Nation) used for the last two years is satisfactory for use during 2017 tryouts.
 - c. Evaluators will include all Gold and Blue Team Travel Managers.
 - d. End of Season evaluation by each Gold and Blue Team Manager should be part of the overall player evaluation.
 - e. Outside Evaluators: Diamond Nation evaluators with few exceptions were felt not to have been any better at evaluating our boys than those who did so from Branchburg Baseball. Pitching scores in particular were suspect among the DN evaluators due to the way observations were conducted and relatively small sample of pitches. We have the ability and option to invite third party evaluators to our Venue for 2017 whether it be DN, Zoned, or some other and this needs further discussion and resolution.
 - f. A suggestion was put forth to align Teams by Grade Level rather than the Cal Ripken Method currently used. Older players having to play down was cited as a possible reason for early defection from the Travel Program. It was felt that this subject deserves further consideration and those in favor would tabulate a list

of players from the 2016 Travel Rosters to see what kind of impact this may have had. Those to be included on the list should include players who have left the program for discussion as to whether or not they would have remained in Branchburg Travel Baseball under this scenario. I have comprised a list for Grade 7 and others at the meeting stated that they would do the same for younger grades for further discussion at subsequent meetings.

- g. Review and re-write as necessary for Somerville players who seek to play in Branchburg's Travel Program is needed for 2017.

End.

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Travel Board Members,

Our next meeting will be April 18, 2016 at 8:00 pm (Whiton Hills Community Center) Please mark your calendar.

Agenda:

1. Financial Summary of BBC Travel Fee (\$135 per player)
2. Travel Summary Form Status.
3. Update on NPGL (All Branchburg Travel Teams except 14U)
4. Update on USABL (14U)
5. Update on District Tournament, remind of duties expected by Branchburg Teams.
6. Tryout Process & Player Selection 2017

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