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Subject: RE: Travel Committee Meeting Notes 7/10/2016

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Attendees:

Dan Gromko
Tom Cantillon
Pete Christopulos
Chris Repetto
Matt Ponpipom
Dave Lanka
Bill Willard
Darren Cray

1. Team Formation criteria to be used for 2017 was the first order of business. All recipients of the Travel Committee were invited to attend or if unable to attend, to vote their preference in advance. Two votes were submitted by return email.
2. Thorough discussion of the four proposals put forth from two prior meetings followed. Results summary:

Option 1:	No change, leave as is.	6
Option 2:	Players compete for roster based on Field Size	1
Option 3:	Move April 30 cutoff date for eligibility to December 31.	1
Option 4:	School grade level establishes eligibility	2
Abstain:		9
Total:		<hr/> 19

The Committee recommends leaving the team formation criteria unchanged for 2017, however are open to allowing players to compete for roster positions at other age levels where appropriate (as done during formation of the 2016 rosters for certain age groups). Specifics on how this might be applied were not formed and therefore must remain a topic for future discussion.

3. Somerville and Non-resident eligibility for Branchburg Travel: This is a difficult subject due to precedence for eligibility set in the past. It was unknown to the committee if any prior BBC published rules for eligibility exist but without the benefit of same, defer to those published in 2015 and 2016. Specifically that a Somerville or non-resident player be precluded from taking a roster spot of a Branchburg Gold Level Travel Team player if a sufficient number of Branchburg players are available. Discussion with regard to precedence and the awkwardness that this creates followed, as well as it being substantially a 13U and above issue. Since those committee members with younger boys will confront this in subsequent years, their vote was likewise of

interest. By unanimous vote the committee members present felt that until and unless Somerville and Branchburg Baseball Programs are merged into one, eligibility as written and published in 2015 and 2016 should remain. This would not preclude Somerville players from participating in PONY Baseball if they so desire. Filling Travel rosters from Somerville or other neighboring towns based on need would not change. The committee recommends that the rule as written and published for 2015 and 2016 be re-confirmed and that it be followed for 2017.

The next step is understood to be in the hands of the BBC Board of Directors and we await concurrence or comment.

End.

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