

Glenmoore Eagle Baseball Board Minutes

February 16, 2011

Meeting was held at Brickside Grille beginning at 7:30 PM

Attendees:

Todd DiFonzo, Rob Welsch, Tom McClain, Heather DiLugi, Dina Asmann, Larry Hall, Randy Fingalsen, Mike Maher, Brian Andresen, Tony Alberton, Dave Lear, Craig Mermelstein, Steve Meyer, Jay Shelton, Tom Graybill

Newsletter Update: (given by Heather DiLugi)

- Heather handed out the guidelines and dates for the newsletter for 2011 season. We will be following same format as we have last year. This is a critical part of our sponsorship drive as it gives good visibility to our sponsors on a weekly basis. She will coordinate with commissioners through the season in getting game summaries. It will be commissioners job to receive these from their coaches each week.

Umpire Update: (given by Randy Fingalsen)

- Randy is still looking for umpires. Anyone interested should contact him at BBallUmpires@geyasports.org. He would like to have a coaches meeting with Major Red, Major Blue and Minors to review the rules prior to the season. It is the responsibility of each commissioner to get this scheduled and coordinated with Randy.
- Umpire fees for games will stay same as last year. For Major Red, Major Blue & Minors umpire fees will be \$40 if umpire is over age of 18, \$30 if umpire is under age of 18, or \$20 if you have 2 umpires regardless of age.

Sponsorships: (chaired by Todd Cottingham)

- We are on pace for a record sponsorship year. We will have sponsorship closed sometime in early March once uniforms are ordered. We have a lot of outstanding checks that we need to follow up on to close things out.

Positive Coaching Alliance: (given by Mike Maher)

- We had a coach's session scheduled on February 10. There were over 65 coaches (both soccer and baseball) that were in attendance. Overall, there were many positive comments for the program. (It's about time that we have this etc.)
- We will have have parent's workshop on March 10 at the Inn at Chester Springs 7:00 to 9:00

Evaluations:

- Brian Andresen and his crew did a great job organizing evaluations for close to 231 kids that were held at All Star Baseball Academy in Downingtown on Sunday February 13, 2011. 12's started at 4:00, 11's went at 4:45, 10's at 6:00 and 11's at 7:00. We had two evaluators per

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station that worked the entire 4 hour period. This allowed us to have consistent scores across the board.

- A few tweaks were suggested of:
 - keep parents in lobby area so hallway doesn't get so crowded
 - kids matched with numbers—add shaded column on for spreadsheet
 - have a couple of guides in hallway explaining process/where to go as kids come in
 - ask if kids are playing other organized sports this spring at check in

Composite Bats: (Tom Graybill)

- Little League PA Section 7 is having special “bat approved” stickers that will be given out to GEYA. We will be able to review bats and get approved. The same sticker will be applied through the entire Section 7/District 28 so it will be easier at tournament time to identify approved bats.
- It will be up to coaches to enforce bat rules. Umpires will not be enforcing bat rules.

Treasurer Report: (Kevin Robinson)

- GEYA Baseball budget was approved by GEYA Board the week prior. We have kept most things at the same levels but allocated some additional money towards Springton Manor Field improvements for Fall 2011. We will also host a Beef & Beer in May that will raise some additional funds

Uniforms: (Jay Shelton)

- Jay will order uniforms similar to what we have done in years past. We will go through John Rowe and order two button Majestic MLB uniforms for Major Red and Major Blue. Younger leagues will get Majestic MLB uniforms (no buttons) with Minor league division going with available teams.

Field Day: (Tom Graybill)

- Field day is targeted for Saturday March 5th. In addition to the normal outfield nets, batting cage nets, trash pickup, pitcher's eye netting reattached to backstops....Upper Uwchlan Township is asking us to do some MAJOR repair work on the press boxes! We have asked a couple of contractors to show up and lend some equipment and guidance to volunteers—goal is to re-side the press boxes, redo some of the inside, add crushed stone to the ground levels and get the locks on the doors to line up.
- Tom Graybill will send blast emails to league communicating time and gathering support

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Baseball Ceremony: (Tom McClain)

- Date is set for Saturday May 7. Tom McClain & Larry Hall will coordinate things. We will have to get the word out to sponsors so they have opportunity to set up a booth to market their services.
- The 12, 11 & 10 year olds will start at 9:00 on HP 1. The 9, 8, 7, 6 & 5's will start at 10:30 on HP 1.
- Steve Meyer volunteered to pick up the dunk tank. We will look to possibly get a face painter & moon bounce to spruce things up a bit.

Beef & Beer: (Rob Welsch)

- Date is set for Saturday, May 7 (night of Baseball Ceremony) at Ludwig's Fire Hall.
- Rob Welsch will look to add a raffle/silent auction and will need gift baskets to give out. Anyone willing to help out should contact Rob
- Tom Graybill will get registration system set up to allow for Beef & Beer.

Tournament Teams: (Steve Meyer)

- Steve will organize selection process
- Prospective coaches should email Steve Meyer or Tom Graybill to put their hat in the ring to be considered for coaching jobs.

Next Meeting is March 16, 2011 7:30 Brickside Grille