

# Knothole West Baseball

1-10-19 ---- Springdale Recreation Center ---- 7pm

## Meeting Agenda

Officers – Glenn Schaaf - Executive Supervisor -- Bill O'Brien – Secretary -- Gene Drozd – Treasurer

- Review of 2018
  - Number of Western Region Teams in 2018
    - AA – 4 teams
    - A- 10 teams
    - B-2 – 7 teams.
    - B-1 – 10 teams.
    - C-2 – 11 teams
    - C-1 – 15 teams
    - D-2 – 16 teams
    - D-1 – 17 teams
    - Coach Pitch (not directly supervised by Western region) – approximately 40 teams
    - T-Ball (not directly supervised by Western Region) – approximately 30 teams
- League Play Beginning in early April to Mid-June followed by World Series invitees and Regional Tournaments – Tournaments begin Mid-June and End by June 30<sup>th</sup> – Other Tournaments available through Mid-July
- Need Spring Break Dates and or other organizational dates from all to aid in Game Scheduling
- 2018 Financial Review -Began Season with \$ 293.73 – Ended with \$2083.94
- Plan for 2019 - Time line handout and Posted on Website
  - Scheduling info and League Fees to Drozd for League Scheduling by February 28th
  - Game Schedules Published by April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - League Games See Time line handout or website
  - Regional Tournaments – for those teams not invited to the World Series
  - World Series – 4 Teams Invited D2 to A
  - Regional World Series for Regional tournament Winners on July 13<sup>th</sup>
- Knothole House to host “Global Knothole League” –
  - Travel to other Region’s venues and Higher Level of competition
  - 9u to 13u Age levels
  - Need to know interest level of any teams ASAP
- Website
  - Each team will have their own website
  - Mobile Communication App for each Team
  - West Region League info to be posted on West Website

2. The new 'Global Knothole League' was reviewed. It is not anticipated that the West Region will have many teams participating in this league.
  - a. Teams playing in this division will have their own World Series
  - b. League is reflective of Knothole Baseball's desire to offer a price friendly alternative to South West Ohio's select baseball program. (while relatively cost friendly, participating fees will be higher than the fees for 'regular' Knothole).
3. The West Region Website was reviewed and its features were discussed
  - a. Each team has its own website
  - b. The site can be used as a communications system for any one individual team (for communication between/among team members).
  - c. The training aids available to a team to comply with the current regulations in Ohio pertaining to your sport were reviewed.
4. Additional Requirements/Aids to Teams:
  - a. Completion of Player/Coach Contract (forms and instructions included as a part of the Agenda) – forms can be completed on-line, but MUST be printed separately for each player/coach and turned into the local community coordinator.
  - b. Concussion/Cardiac Arrest training requirements and the information on the website for the West Region.
  - c. The potential applicability of additional federal requirements to our baseball program as a result of U.S. Senate Bill 534 was mentioned – the Board will review this legislation in more detail and provide further information.
  - d. Kid Glove – an excellent source of revenue for local communities was discussed.
  - e. Red's Youth Academy – the January 27<sup>th</sup> training session (handout in Agenda) was reviewed and there was a general discussion of equipment and GCKA baseballs and purchase of the same.
5. Additional Discussion Items.
  - a. The West Region Rules were reviewed and any community representative was invited to make any proposed modification to those rules. No modifications or clarifications were requested. It is anticipated 2018 Rules will apply without change or modification in 2019.
    - i. The Bat Rule (or more specifically the non-applicability of the Bat Rule to any Knothole Baseball's games in 2019 was discussed (and this was a follow-up to the same discussion in the October Meeting).
    - ii. There was a general review/discussion of the West Region's Rules pertaining to start times and length of games, minimum participation, protests, and conduct.
  - b. T-Ball/Coach Pitch participation in each of the local communities was discussed with each community rep providing an estimate of the number of teams participating in youth baseball at this level. All Communities were encouraged to try to grow participation at the T-Ball/Coach Pitch ages.
  - c. Tournament Fees (regional fees will remain at \$125/team. All teams are encouraged to participate.

