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15 Year-old Swing Player

Nick Venezia is proposing to play as a “swing player” that can play in Babe Ruth (15U) and senior division. The “swing player” rule would be invoked from the Babe Ruth rules.

[Questions about 16-year-old roster composition. The rosters are uncertain. Historically player would be on 15-year-old roster and play “up” occasionally. The desire is not to cut any from the 16+ roster to accommodate a swing player. Should this be open to all 15U players?]

Newtown Baseball Day at Dick’s

It was “wonderful”. Good turnout.

Fanfest

Fanfest is canceled. Too much work and it interferes with schedules. We’ve already had one apparel sale and there will be one at picture day.

Newtown Baseball Day at Yale

It was “fantastic”. Good turnout.

New Umpire Training

Going well. Sean has been training kids. Dan Lynch is taking over for Dusty Tenney. Umpires should make enough money to pay off their gear.

Picture Day

This Saturday. The schedule is on the NBR site. Dave O’Sullivan’s daughter will be running a food drive. Andy will send email to NBR asking for donations. The plan is to take donations at Glander and Watertown, too.

Field Updates

George Conklin is the new assistant field operations coordinator. He will be taking over for Adam Taylor. He will be our liaison with Parks & Rec.

Liberty has been resodded and it looks much better. Work needs to be done at Hawley and the Middle School. Walnut Tree is starting to look better.

Questions and concerns about field or equipment conditions should be directed to George.

[Discussion about rakes “disappearing” from fields and possibly showing up elsewhere with a new paint job, new pitching machine, new catchers gear.]

[Discussions about field allocations with NBR and the Captains.]

[Discussion about lock boxes being left open at High Meadow.]

Travel Tryouts, evaluations, uniform fittings

Pretty much done. "They are what they are." Coaches make the best decision they can.

[Andy read email from an NBR parent concerning being humble sportsman regarding tryouts.]

Uniform fittings are Thursday.

[Discussion about age brackets and if NBR should enforce age divisions more strictly.]

Scheduling meeting for 9-12 divisions on 5/21. 6:30 to 8:00 for 9's and 10's.

We will participate in the Jimmy Fund in 9, 10, 11's (two teams), and 12's (two teams). There will be no "a" division.

Safety issue

An incident occurred where a player was hit by a fly ball at a practice. There will be no live batting practice when another team is on the field.

[Discussion about whether NBR should know about player health issues to know if they should be able to play.]

Treasurer Report

\$71k incoming from in-house.

Travel costs will slightly increase for district teams that play in tournaments (e.g. \$325 for "A" vs. \$300 for "B")

Travel uniforms have been selected.

Division Director Report

8's attached in email.

9's going well despite accident at practice.

10's going well and are playing with Watertown.

11's going well with 6 teams. 51 kids tried out for travel.

12's all set with two travel teams: A and a. Two kids had to be cut.

13's tryouts last night. 34 kids tried out. A team and two equal B teams. Some possible dissention among players not happy with having two equal B teams and players may drop out.

14/15 had 22 kids try out for travel. There should be no cuts and may need some from younger division to play up occasionally. May need to redraft for last month because high school players will become available.

[email from Frank Milano concerning the status of the 8-year-old division]

All –

Unfortunately I am in Atlanta for work and will not be home in time for tonight's meeting. The 8U update is as follows (if it needs to be reflected in the minutes):

- 5 teams with 60 players are 2 games into the season. Games will go through 6/13.
- Still need a pitching machine at Hawley 2 for the Division. Have been using a mix of kid and coach pitch which is going fine.
- Travel evaluations will be Friday 5/15 at 5:00 at H2. Goal is 2-3 balanced teams to participate in Friendship this summer. Will look to not make any cuts, and will work with 7U Division Director to identify players to "pull up" to participate in Summer Travel if needed. Summer Draft will be 5/16-5/17 and is still TBD.
- Division has requested \$350 for registration fee to place an 8U "all-star" team to participate in the Stratford Burdick Tournament 6/15-6/21 (in between Spring Recreation League and Summer Travel). Each Coach will nominate two players to the team, and the remaining two spots will be selected by the 5 head coaches collectively.
- Summer Travel uniforms will be fitted and turned in by 5/20 to have them in time for the Burdick Tournament.

Thanks, and apologies again for having to miss the meeting.

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