

October 3, 2017

Winter Workouts:

availability based on age groups/coaches
200 hours for our use
new allocation process for splitting turf
may be paired with cage time

Filed closings to be coordinated with George

all gear/boxes, tools, etc get stored. Field boxes must be cleaned out. No Turface, or
filed liner to be left
walk-through of all fields will be done

Greater Hudson Valley - Updates:

issue with coaches from White plains using profanity. Umpire did NOT do anything (Vin
Pietrazio's game at High Meadow).

other teams enjoying league play without issues

Sandy Hook field update given:

P&R does not want to take ownership for the builder's mistake even though the project
was signed off by town. If P&R fixes it, "they own it." Andy is suggesting going to the First
Selectman (Pat LLodra) to ask for her intervention.

Glander Update:

Contract signed with Verdi - will see some savings. Cages are different design w/cranks
and lower installation costs. This design is NOT bolted down, so we can remove/move them -
they are OURS. \$8K savings. Will also see savings on shed costs.

Travel tryouts:

starting this weekend. Must attend at least one day- multiple days are scheduled for
most age groups.

12's, 10/9, 7's, 10/11's will have a call-back-type tryout

15/16's: we've spoken with Ian Theosen to get a qualified high school level coach

Hannan's 15's may be light. concerns that they may migrate to the surrogate high school
16 team

13's - Steff Burns & Geoff Curtis

12's - George Conklin

11's - Bruce terry

10's -

9's - Josh Place

Tryouts will happen; kids will be ranked; A Teams will be built across all age groups THEN the B
Teams will be formed

- Once a kid makes the A team, he/she will NOT have a choice to drop to the B Team
 - discussion ensues...
- George states that out of the 22 registered, 12 will be taken and the rest won't play.

- Competition at the C level is frustrating at best; some kids do not care if they win or lose, other can't tolerate it.
- Anthony Formic suggest that putting a C team together or playing them into a lower division does nothing to help develop the kids
- Karen(?) suggests that Fall ball be used to develop players by using the more skilled players to mentor the less skilled.
- Mike P suggests: holding a "non-travel" player clinic. Just a show up type of clinic. The biggest issues for the lower B players is that there is no pitching. After an hour of clinic they could scrimmage.
- Michelle suggests using coaches to rotate through each week
- Will keep players working developmentally and playing without being set up to fail on a C team.
- Mike P offered to help run

Karen (has twins) spoke about 14y.o. Fall Ball:

- Not fair to keep the travel team together
- If that was the case, an open tryout should have been held
- An incident where a non-NBR player was recruited
- The A team then pulled players from B leaving the B team with no pitching.
- Players are leaving NBR for AAU because they don't feel that they are wanted or appreciated. More players will leave because the teams are being hand picked without regard as to who is registered. The Fall should NOT be a travel program
- Andy states that nothing brings a kid's spirit down like losing constantly

Finances:

- All bills are paid
- Looking to keep a cushion of \$65K after Glander 3 completed

Travel:

- Independent Evaluators
 - Steff Burns asked who is organizing, Andy asked if Steff could handle his team
 - George is using HS pitching coach + 1 (Geoff)
 - Another guy (Bob O) is willing to work with teams and individuals (he was drafted by Mets, played in minors. Excellent with kids, teaches out of his house. Michelle has kids training with him and they are very happy. He is NOT volunteering, but will scale rates if we can get him linked up with NBR.

Around the Room:

Mike P spoke about bats. Bats must meet size dimensions. He can make custom bats. Left card.

Meeting Adjourned 8PM