

Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2019

Registration:

@ 340 kids, down 7% vs last Spring
Major reduction is in BR division; younger divisions are increasing

Fields Setup:

Middle School field got new clay in the Fall – looks the best it has in years

Walnut Tree to get a spruce up. Need to repair dugout where it has rotted.
Clasp on shed needs to be realigned or door fixed.

Dicks Day:

Went well – based on Andy's observations

Sponsor Drive:

We should have a name on every team

Drafts:

Must have a Board member at every draft. Teams NEED to be balanced

Al Leonard:

Any interest - NO. NOT a good experience last year. Bethel had a shake up 2 years ago and the league has gone downhill.

Travel:

Coaches to double-check all registrations for tournaments, etc. to make sure all requirements are met.

Umpire Clinics:

Sean Kerins still doing the umpire coordination and training

Middle School & High School Baseball:

9-12 grade players CANNOT play on any team until released in May. MS players can play – coaches must coordinate with the MS coach for pitching

Picture Day:

Now working around St Rose Confirmation schedule

FanFest:

No one has stepped forward. Need either a point person/coordinator or a group to run it. Maybe use coaches & dads from the divisions. HS team will be available. Kids love it.

Memorial Day Tournament:

9 teams so far. Need 12 y.o. teams and 10 y.o. teams
11s: Stratford, Newtown, Fairfield, Oxford

Background Checks and APS Training:

Background checks are mandated every 2 years. We are now required to undergo training to spot "groomers." League has purchased codes for the course. (\$10 a piece). All coaches & anyone with direct contact with players must complete the course by 4/15. We will not get signed off by the State for letters of eligibility.

Dugout Covers:

George spoke with Rob Sibley who mentioned the town may have to move the underground fiber optic cables by Glander 3, so we may be able to stick with our original plan for the covers, which will save us money. Covers have been paid for but are on hold until we get the situation settled and stamp from the town.

Treasurer's report:

The current balance of \$135K includes the payment of 21K for dugout covers. It does NOT account for Spring and Travel uniform purchases.

- Glander nets need to be installed: Batting cages – it is suggested that we get new turf at the same time that Tilson is being renovated – we would get a deep discount
- Hawley 2 will not be open for the next 2 weeks at a minimum due to water
- All remote boxes have been filled per Steff B; MS field is all set. Walnut Tree needs net hung (using one of the old Glander nets)
- High Meadow – remote has been located
- T-Ball will play on Sandy Hook only
- 5/6 – Watertown 2&3 – they will pull backstop off of 2 & use temp backstop from Walnut Tree
- 7s – Watertown 1
- 8/9/10 – Hawley 1, Glander 2 & Watertown 1 for beginning of season. Can put 8s on Sandy Hook for practices
- Jeff – Tball?
- George – 5/6
- Registration is open until all spots are filled. We will not add to the max/cu off.
- Peter will follow up on Glander remote
- Coaches Meeting scheduled for April 10. Peter to confirm.