



Rockaway Borough LL League Meeting



Friday, January 30, 2009

[Next Baseball Meeting scheduled for 2/27/09, 8pm at Community Center](#)

Topics of Discussion

1: League Goals and Objectives

- Rich to put something together on goals and objectives.

2: Treasure's Report

- Current Financials and Budget Update
- \$100 Gift Certificate to Cris Tuhy for creating our new logo

New Business

1: Changes for 2009 Baseball

- Meeting occurred last night with Presidents from all 4 towns
- Chester will not be joining this year possibility in 2010.
- Morris Plains is going to be entering the league on the Minor and Major Levels.
- Morris Plains to be adding 4 teams on both levels
- Discussed a divisional format of 5-6 teams per division
- Teams within the same division would play each other twice, teams from other division once. League anticipates a 15 game regular season. All teams must play a minimum of 12 games per season.
- A playoff week will occur on or around 6/7 thru 6/13 as follows
 - First place team from each division would receive a 1st round bye
 - 2nd and 3rd place teams would play in playoff from each division
 - Winner of that came will play the regular season division winner
 - Winner of that came to play the winner of the other division for overall league champion
- Major level will follow all the rules of the "little green reader"
- Minor league will be setup the same way as the majors with some "league rules"
 - 4 steals per team per inning increased from 2 last year
 - No stealing home
 - No stealing if leading by 10 runs after the conclusion of the third inning
 - No scoring home on overthrow from catcher on a steal
- Williamsport has two Pitching Options that has to be agreed upon for the regular season and playoffs:

Option 1	# of Pitches	# of Days of Rest	# of games
	61 or more	3 days	1 game
	41 – 60	2 days	1 game
	21 – 40	1 day	0 game
	1 - 20	0 day	0 game
Option 2	# of Pitches	# of Days of Rest	# of games
	61 or more	4 days	0 game
	41 – 60	3 days	0 game
	21 – 40	2 day	0 game
	1 - 20	0 day	0 game



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2. Changes for 2009 Softball

- Girls Interleague Meeting scheduled for 2/6/09 – More information to follow at next LL meeting

3. Baseball Bat Requirements

- For Baseball Minors and Majors all bats must have printed on them and legible a BPF no greater than 1.15
- If a child is struck by a ball and injured with a bat without these ratings your league will be liable

4. Field Modifications / Changes

- Painting Dugouts
- Portable Announcer's Booth
- Concrete Floor between dugouts at Smith Field

5. Umpire Clinic

- Six week umpire rules clinic given by Tom Reynolds - Mine Hill Rec Center Thursday 2/19 @ 6:30PM

6. League Events

- We are hosting a Challenger Game on Saturday, June 20th.
 - This is a six hour day and we are going to need a lot of help
- We are hosting the Girls 10/11 year old NJ State Softball Tournament from Monday, August 10th thru Friday, August 14th @ Donatoni.
 - More information as it becomes available but we are going to need a lot of help
 - Host a Dinner for the event
 - We need to reserve Hotel Rooms for the event
 - Might be a good opportunity for local restaurants

7. Fall Baseball and Softball

- We want to continue the fall ball season for both baseball and softball thru Rockaway Township.

8: End of the Year Parties

- T-ball and Farm combined RB event, not individual teams.
- Minors and Majors Combined RB event, not individual teams.
- Recognize all kids moving out of the program with sweatshirts with new logo.

9. Signups and Draft

- Signup #'s are down only 120 to date signed up with the last signups tomorrow.
- Late signups will be accepted. If provided after the draft, player agents will determine which team the player will be assigned to.
- Draft is tentatively scheduled for 3/6/09, Times and Location to be determined.
- Managers will be announced at our next LL meeting

10: Uniforms

- New Shirts for Boys Majors
- Look into utilizing the original uniforms for Boys Minors and possibly Farm Teams
- Clothing options with new logo



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11: Evaluation Days

- Morris Hills Gym Saturday, February 21st from 2-5pm and Saturday February 28th from 2-5pm.
 - Farm Players from 2-3pm
 - Minors Players from 3-4pm
 - Majors Players from 4-5pm
 - No T-Ball Players
- Players should bring gloves. No bats.
 - Evaluations will be throwing, catching, fielding type drills.

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1: Code of Conduct

- Penalties
 - Yelling at Kids or Kid Umpires
 - 1st Offence = Verbal Warning
 - 2nd Offence = 1 game suspension – **Note to Recreation Commission**
 - 3rd Offence = 3 game suspension – **Note to Recreation Commission**
 - 4th Offence – Suspension – **Note to Recreation Commission**
 - Swearing
 - 1st Offence = Verbal Warning
 - 2nd Offence = 1 game suspension
 - 3rd Offence = 3 game suspension
 - 4th Offence - Suspension
 - Smoking
 - 1st Offence = Verbal Warning
 - 2nd Offence = 1 game suspension
 - 3rd Offence = 3 game suspension
 - 4th Offence - Suspension

2: Field Maintenance

- Royal Lawns will be providing 5 step fertilizer/feeding for Smith Field and Small Field at Donatoni

3: Opening Day – **Saturday, April 18th, 2009**

- Parade Friendship to TJ
- Games immediately afterwards on all three fields

4: Snack Stand

- Volunteers needed to run and stock snack stands

5: Fund Raising

- Car Wash on Opening Day - **4/18/09 / Bake sale with Cub Scouts**
- Fish & Chips Dinner – **Friday, May 15th, 2009**
 - Raffle off 4 Mets Tickets, 4 Yankee Tickets
- Baseball Mania Raffle
 - **Each player to sell a minimum of 2 Tickets**
- **Outdoor Movie Night in Spring ?**



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6: Field Cleanup, **Smith Field and TJ**

- Need better parent participation, **Tentatively Scheduled for 4/4/09**

7: Summer Tournament

- Wharton "Clash of the canal" **All indications is Wharton doesn't want to host it, we do!**
 - 8,9,10 year olds
 - 8 Teams from last year; Chester, Wharton, RB, RT, PTW, Roxbury, Hanover Park, Morristown
- Rename it "Clash at the River"

8: Miscellaneous Items:

- Head coach responsible for equipment return and inventory.
- Park Lake Fence will be used around Blacktop at TJ for opening day

Open Discussion:

Board Members			
Rich Varellie	League President	John McNally	Treasurer
Bob Lenahan	VP Baseball	Russ Greuter	Safety Officer
Amanda Dreiss	VP Softball	Lew Ritz	Umpire in Chief
Tom Haynes	Player Agent - Baseball	Shawn Connington	Secretary
Mike Mastras	Player Agent - Softball		