



Rockaway Borough LL League Meeting



Friday, March 27, 2009

[Next Baseball Meeting scheduled TBD at Community Center](#)

Meeting Attendance – 2/27/09			
Pete Walls	Tim Liles	Bob Vento	Steve Monargue
Tony Manno	Jim Kohaut	John Pratt	Derek Bascharow
Brian Pelkey	David Pickett	Mike Gosden, Jr.	Mary Ruane
Phil Pydyszewski	Jim Leslie	Make Mastras	Mike Fleming
Joe Vicente	Mark Ortega	Casey Betz	

Topics of Discussion

1: Treasure's Report

- Current Financials and Budget Update

New Business

1: Update on Changes for 2009 Baseball

- Meeting occurred couple weeks ago with Presidents from all 4 towns
- Majors Division will have two divisions of 5 teams. Break down as follows:

American League	National League
Rockaway Boro 1	Rockaway Boro 2
Wharton 1	Wharton 2
Dover 1	Dover 2
Morris Plains 1	Morris Plains 2
Morris Plains 3	Morris Plains 4

- New Interleague Name will be **Northern Morris Interleague**
- Teams within the same division would play each other twice, teams from other division once. 3 games will be added in an unbalanced fashion. League anticipates a 16 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 game will play the regular season division winner
 - Winner of that game to play the winner of the other division for overall league champion
 - Tie Breakers for playoff positions will be based on:
 - Record
 - Head to Head
 - Conference Record
 - Runs Total - Head to Head
 - Coin Toss
- Major level will follow all the rules of the “little green reader”



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- Minor league “AAA” will be setup the same way as the majors with some “league rules”
 - Unlimited steals per team per inning increased from 2 last year – no advancement on an overthrow from the catcher on a steal. No scoring home on overthrow from catcher on a steal
 - No stealing home
 - No stealing if leading by 10 runs after the conclusion of the third inning
 - 5 runs per inning
 - Infield Fly rule in effect
 - 1 base on an overthrow
 - Continuous batting order

- Minors “AAA” Division will have 15 teams. Break down as follows:

American League	National League
Rockaway Boro 1	Rockaway Boro 2
Rockaway Boro 3	Rockaway Boro 4
Wharton 1	Wharton 2
Wharton 3	Wharton 4
Dover 1	Dover 2
Dover 3	
Morris Plains 1	Morris Plains 2
Morris Plains 3	Morris Plains 4

- A playoff week will occur on or around 6/7 thru 6/13 as follows:
 - Same format will be used as Majors for playoffs – see above

- Pitching Options #2 has been agreed upon for the regular season and playoffs for both Minors & Majors:

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

2: Snack Stand

- Volunteers needed to run and stock snack stands. Eileen Haynes will oversee the operation but we need individuals to take responsibility for Smith, Heddy, TJ and possibly Donatoni - volunteers?

3: Field Cleanup, Smith Field and TJ

- Need better parent participation, **Scheduled for 4/4/09 @ 1pm right after the PBA Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Every team needs representation, period!**



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4: Banners

- We need everyone to reach out to as many business' or friends that might be willing to hang a banner on the field. Sponsorship money is way down so we need to make an effort to get more people helping out financially. So if you have a business, know someone with a business please ask. Banners are a one time fee of \$225 to have it made up and a renewal fee each year, approximately \$100-125.
- See John McNally or Tom Haynes for more information and the letter that will go out.

5: Safety Plan

- Safety plans will be distributed to all managers
- Russ Greuter presentation

6. Managers & Coaches

- Code of conduct needs to be signed

6. Umpire Clinic

- Lew Ritz presentation

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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
- **LL will issue an approved bats list that will allow certain bats for this season that do not have the marking on it. List is available on LL website.**
- **Link will be added to our website!**
- **Bats with the markings have been ordered, each team will receive three bats.**

2. 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
 - Might be a good opportunity for local restaurants
 - **No funds are coming from the state we have to pay for everything with all proceeds staying with our league.**

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

- Parade Friendship to TJ
- Games immediately afterwards on all three fields
- **Bob Lenahan will be the liaison at the parade start to line up the teams!**

4: 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



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5. Changes for 2009 Softball

- Softball Interleague meeting was held February 13th – Rich and Amanda attended.
 - **Next Softball Inter League Meeting Scheduled for Friday, April 3rd.**
- Towns involved in the league:
 - Chester
 - Wharton
 - Dover
 - Rockaway
 - Mt. Arlington
 - Lakeland
 - Hopatcong
- Wharton is combining with Dover at all levels of play.
- Chester is in full schedule for Senior level only – Major and Minor they will participate but only doing weekend games due to distance for both towns to travel.
- Rockaway is looking to combine with Mt. Arlington for the Major level.
- Rockaway is looking to Mt. Arlington for our Senior girls.
- Here's the numbers as of the 13th by town:
 - Chester- 2 Senior, 2 Major and 4 Minor
 - Wharton/Dover- 1 Senior, 2 Major, 2 maybe 3 Minor, 1 maybe 2 Farm
 - Rockaway- 2 Minor, 2 Farm
 - Rockaway/Mt. Arlington- 2 Senior, 1 Major
 - Mt. Arlington- 1 Minor, 1 Farm
 - Lakeland- 1 Senior, 2 Major, 2 Minor, 1 Farm
 - Hopatcong- 1 Senior, 2 Major, 2 maybe 3 Minor, 1 Farm
- No new rule changes for girls in 2009.
- ? end of year tournament type play – to be determined
- Schedule will run similar to last year with Seniors scheduled for Fri, Sat & Sunday games, Majors Monday & Wednesday, Minor Tuesday & Thursday s and Farm filling in where able. Will look to schedule night games when able.

6. Coaches/Managers Requirements

- Baseball meetings will be held the last Friday of every month.
- 50% attendance to all baseball events will be required for selection of coaches/managers/board members
- Any coach from Farm level up in both baseball and softball will be assigned to umpire a game.
 - Schedule will be provided by the umpire-in-chief, Lew Ritz.

Open Discussion:

Board Members – 2/27/09 : All in attendance except McNally and Greuter			
Rich Varelle	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		

** All meeting minutes presented at the meetings are available on RBLL website under forms button**