

NHAA General Meeting

March 9th, 2021

Zoom Call 7:00 PM

Call to Order: __7:05PM_____

Board Member Attendance: __Filisky, Nowlin, Hermann, Graham, Lanzilotta, Gvora, Moran, Lanese, Sprang, Reville, Papile

Approval of last General Meeting Minutes:

1st: Graham_____ / 2nd: _Hermann_____

Financial Review (Scott Lanzilotta)

Budget Review: Includes Budget for Fall Ball Program

- \$46,962.44 – Updated \$49,591.44
- Donations from Bernie Hovan's Family \$2,605
- Expense Report / Quickbooks Update - accountant reviewed directly from NHAA bank account.
- Toro Lease Agreement: \$214 month x 3 years
- Goal of fully Funding League / Long Term Strategy

Old Business:

- New Software
- Scheduling
- Registration
- 1st fall ball program in 2020 – 330 athletes
- Review of 2020 Season (COVID)

New Business; 2021 Season:

Schedule: Posted on website: Most up to date

- Coaches Training: 4/15/21
- Equipment Pick Up 4/17 and 4/24
- Field Prep 4/24 and 4/25 – Jim Filisky asked for volunteers
- Practice starting 4/26, two weeks then scrimmage
- First week of Games 5/17
- Picture day 5/22 (tentative)
- All Star Weekend at Sagamore Hills Park 6/26/21
- Playoff week 7/5

- Championship weekend 7/10 or 7/17 (weather depending)

Software Update / Registration:

- Last count about 351, Registration closing 3/12/21 at MN, late fee after
- Draft to be instated this spring for teams / Each League Trustee will hold separately
- All coaches must register on website

Equipment / Purchases:

- New toro in 2020 - 3 year payment plan (as discussed in Financial report)
 - o This was decided upon due to trade in value and repairs needed each year to previous machine
- Insurance active 3/1/21
- Donations from Chevy Youth Sports
 - o New catchers gear, hitting screens, first aid kits, misc.
 - o Opportunity for up to \$1000 through their test drive program
- Misc equipment needed on fields
 - o i.e bases, feathers, wind screens, replacement parts for fences, etc

Fund Raising:

- Chipotle : 3/30/21
- Chick-fil-A – will likely look for an alternative just this year; dining room is closed
- Culver's – no response yet

Field Updates:

Sagamore Park:

- Secured fields / NHAA will maintain the fields, add dirt as needed, make decisions on play due to weather conditions
- Field 4: approval to cut larger infield to allow for 70-80 foot bases / dirt will need added

Nordonia School:

- No new updates / same as previous years

Macedonia: Longwood/Sugarbush Park:

- More access in 2021
- Lights are available to teams should you want to play a night game. Email playnhaa1@gmail.com and will assist with scheduling. Each team will get a game under the lights as last year. More games per team can be a coach decision further in the season

Northfield Village:

- Fields not secured as of today, still working on approval for access to fields

St. Barnabas field access. More access this year compared to last year.

NHAA 2021 Season:

Prepare for another Covid Year:

- Covid waiver signed at registration
- SOPs of all spectators and Coaches (Posted on the Website as well)
- Watch the NHAA home page for most up to date changes to the ODH recommendations and guidelines, constantly changing
- NO SPECTATORS are to be behind the fence or benches, all spectators must be seated at the end of the dugout and down each foul line (Coaches can name a parent to help with adherence to this mandate)
- Only 2-3 children in the dug out at one time, while maintaining safe distance.
- New Mask Mandates have not come out for 2021 season (while in the field of play no mask is worn for player)
- Stay Safe, do as much as you can to allow the season to progress to a normal year

League Updates:

WM, PWR, SK, and COLT:

- We are partnering with TBL this year for the above leagues
- With registration still down in both leagues it is a great opportunity to play in other communities close to home, most games will be played here in the NHAA community, but some games will be in Twinsburg

TB / BR / GMP:

- No new updates: Coaches please focus on development of the children skills and not focused on runs scored. Keep them entertained and having fun

A/AA: Fast Pitch

- Girls softball will be play with boarding communities to the west
 - o VV, Brecksville, Independence, Brooklyn hts, seven hills.
 - Games will start May 24 with 6-7 weeks of play prior to Playoffs and championship games
 - o Working on rules with surrounding communities

AAA: Fast Pitch

- AAA will be full fast pitch league this Season
- Working with other communities to try and get a few more teams to play to keep engagement high

Clinics planned to teach girls pitching-dates TBD

Accepting BIDs:

- Uniforms

- Currently 4 BIDs Submitted – common logo
 - Primetime
 - Badlime
 - Imagine That
 - Wild Bill Promotions
- Fields Maintenance:
 - Best Landscaper – Brian James

League Sponsors:

- Accepting sponsorship for teams and league
- Corporate Sponsor Chevy Youth Sports and Spitzer Chevy – Northfield
- \$275 per team (Discussing sponsorship as a board with uniform contractor or banner)

League Trustee Reports: assigned last week. Trustee comments.

Dan Lingo –Umpire Coordinator, training class will be in April before practices. 2x 1.5 sessions.

Open Forum:

1. Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente, and Babe Ruth merging? No. Babe Ruth and Willie Mays stay, RC goes away. Due to registrations
2. AAA registrations: ~30 so far, probably will be about 3 teams. Still looking at partnering with other communities
3. AAA draft procedure? Yes. Draft as normal
4. AAA coach registrations so far – only 2 head coach so far
5. Is the draft for all teams and leagues? Mainly yes, sometimes the younger leagues keep kids together and don't use draft. Trustee decision.

Meeting Adjourned: __7:57PM_____

Next General Meeting: Early May, TBD