Deep Run Baseball Feb 2020 Meeting
Feb 5, 2020

Attendees: Chris DiDonato, Ryan Mulford, Brian Snyder, Gary Bouc, Jason Nadler, Bill Van Sant, Mike Gulbinski, Dan Shollenberger, Chris Boyd, Ryan Alderfer, Evan Lowery

The meeting started at 7pm

In-house info:

- **Spring Registration** - Enrollment is up 21 players Vs this time last year. We will need interleague games in Majors and possibly AAA / AA.
- **Evals / Tryouts** - Two signups have been sent out for Majors tryouts and AA / AAA evaluations on Feb 15, 22.
- **Winter Training** - Ryan Mulford has 4 professional coaches locked in with college+ experience. We're hoping to add an experienced catcher as well. A signup was sent out to families.
- **Volunteer Positions** - We need an assistant umpire director this Spring to help with scheduling AAA / AA games.
- **Scoreboards** - Bill Schlotter has the brackets ready and Chris DiDonato has secured an electrician to help with wiring of our AA / AAA scoreboards. A call for volunteers will be going out once the ground re-freezes to help with installation.
- **Rules changes** - AA ages were shifted from 7-8 last year to 8-9 this year. AAA was shifted from 9-11 to 10-11. In response to the shift, we will be adjusting some rules for both Divisions. A one-page rule list will be posted at all fields.
    - **Tentative A Rule changes**
        - Every game will end in a skills-competition. A prize bin will be located in the shed for the winning team.
    - **Tentative AA Rule Changes**
        - Kid pitch - must earn pitching pin (50 pitch max)
        - Score will be kept
        - 12-year olds will umpire when available, otherwise coaches
        - 3 steals, 3B only in first 5 games, no stealing home
        - 5-run rule per inning, 15-run mercy rule
        - Walks after first 5 games
        - No standings
    - **Tentative AAA Rule Changes**
        - 5 steals, 3B only in first 3 games, no stealing home
        - Walks after first 3 games
        - No standings
    - **Playoffs (A, AA, AAA, Majors)**
        - A, AA, AAA - random seed
        - Majors - based on standings
    - **Baseball cards**

        - Gary Bouc is looking into purchasing a large order of baseball cards which will be distributed to coaches in the Quickball, A, AA, AAA, and possibly Majors levels. These cards can be handed out as prizes by coaches to increase the excitement / interest of players.
- **Uniforms** - We are moving away from majestic licensed jerseys and instead going with "Deep Run" jerseys with matching Major League colors. Total savings ~$3000.
- **Equipment** - We will be purchasing new catchers gear, rakes, a Majors infield skin tarp, and home plate tarps for A and AA. Chevy Sports is donating $500 as well as:
    - 2 L-Frame screens
    - 10 - heavy duty equipment bags
    - 15 industrial strength batting tees
    - Scorebooks
    - Youth t-shirts
- **Trophies** - Bonsall Batt created a sample "bat trophy" which may be used for our Majors Champions and runner-up. Additional champions, runner-up, and participation trophies will be purchased from Bux-Mont Awards for our other Divisions.
- **Inter-League Tournament** - At the end of the season, we will form a non-travel All-Star team for our AA (ages 8-9) players. This team will participate in a tournament Vs teams in local leagues on Fri, Jun 26 - Sat, Jun 27. If this trial run goes well, we may expand to other ages next Spring.
- **Opening Day** - Planning for Opening Day continues. We are in need of a volunteer DJ. Our next Opening Day meeting is Thu, Mar 6 (7-9 pm).
- **Tentative In-House / Travel Dates**
    - Feb 15, 22 - Majors tryouts + AA / AAA evals
    - Feb 21, 22 + Mar 6, 7 - Winter training
    - Feb 24 - Coaches clinic at North Penn HS
    - Feb 25 - Majors draft
    - Feb 28 - Registration closes
    - Mar 2 - AAA / AA teams formed
    - Mar 3-7 - Finalize rosters
    - Mar 8 - Send rosters to coaches
    - Mar 21 - Spring Cleanup, Umpire Training (Mar 28 rain date)
    - Apr 4 - Games begin
    - Apr 18 - Opening Day ceremony
    - Apr 25 - Picture Day?
    - May 15 - DR Night @ Movies
    - May 16 - Dollar Dog / Marathon fundraiser
    - May 22-25 - FOD (10B, 12B)
    - May 29, 30 - Playoffs (Majors / AAA / AA / A)?
    - May 31 - DR @ Phillies 1pm
    - June 5, 6 - Playoffs (Majors / AAA / AA / A)?
    - June 13 - Skills Festival, Home Run Derby, All-Star Games (Majors, AAA, AA)
    - June 18-21 - FOD (10A)
    - June 25-28 - FOD (9A)

    - June 26-27 - Interleague tournament (8-9 All Stars)
    - July 9-12 - FOD (9B)
    - July 16-18 - FOD (8A)
    - July 23-26 - FOD (11A)
    - July 15,22,29 - Summer Sandlot Pick-up games
    - Aug 20-23 - DR Wood Bat Tournament
- **Fundraisers**
    - Phillies game (May 31 @1pm)
    - Dollar Dog / Marathon fundraiser
    - End of Summer Wood bat tournament
    - Fall Softball (Coaches Vs Players)
- **Summer Sandlot Games**
    - Wed, July 15, 22, 29?
        - Free pick-up baseball games at DR, Plumstead, Pennridge, LV, QTown, etc

Travel info:

- **DR Travel Registration Fee** - A $50 (8U) or $60 (9U - 12U) Deep Run travel registration fee added this year to fund expenses associated with our travel program. Costs for field maintenance, umpire scheduling, lime, spray paint, dirt, and other various organizational fees. Any money leftover will go directly back into improving / enhancing our baseball fields the following season. Our goal is to provide an excellent experience for our players, parents, fans, and teams we host at our facility. This Deep Run travel baseball registration fee is not inclusive of individual travel team uniform fees, scrimmage umpire fees, hired coaches, indoor training fees, or tournament entrance fees.
- **Field of Dream (FOD) Tournaments** - The schedule was released in December and coaches are actively recruiting teams.
- **Travel teams** - We expect to have one 7U instructional, one 8U, two 9U, two 10U, one 11U, and two 12U travel teams this summer.

Other info:

- Gary Bouc continues to investigate the possibility of adding a REAL bathroom to Deep Run.
- We will broadcast info about a used equipment exchange to families

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