HAAA May 2024 Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2024 @Liljas

Organizations in Attendance:

[x] Central Hempfield [x] Maxwell [ ] Scottdale

[x] Connellsville [x] Mt Pleasant [x] Southmoreland

[x] Delmont [x] PAL [x] West Hempfield

[ ] Derry [ ] Penn Trafford [x] West Point

[x] Greensburg [ ] Rostraver [ ] White Oak

[x] Jeannette [x] Sewickley [x] Youngwood

[x] Latrobe

Board Members in Attendance:

[x] President (Leichliter) [x] Sergeant of Arms (Bentz)

[x] Vice President (Booth) [x] Baseball Coordinator (Biondi)

[x] Treasurer (Miller) [x] Softball Coordinator (Miller

[x] Secretary (Vas)

Meeting Called @8:12pm by President Leichliter

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Youngwood/Connellsville

Treasures Report

* 2695.87 starting
* 2,345.87 ending balance
* Pony fees were paid
* Organizations were given HAAA/Pony fees owed – Due by June 12th Meeting to be eligible for playoffs

Presidents Report

* Fall 2024
	+ Rosters will be required in the Fall
* Releases
	+ Releases are needed for all out of area kids
	+ All releases must be emailed to HAAA email (Hempfieldaaabs@gmail.com)
	+ Releases are only good for (1) year unless granted prior to 2023 when bylaws were updated
* Recommendation – add elementary school to registration process as a quick look for out of area kids for release purposes
* Coaches issues
	+ If any coach other than head coach challenges, umpires have been instructed to toss the coach for the game, If continued violations additional actions will be taken
	+ Umps are younger, if they make an incorrect call, please coach them vs. belittle them as we are struggling with getting people
* Make sure we are cancelling umps when cancelling games
	+ If Rob Miller (Baseball) or Glenn Hart (Softball) are not notified, home organization is responsible for paying the umpire

Baseball Coordinator

* Rules Clarification
	+ Substitution Rule – needs added
		- If kid gets ill or injured during the game, individual will be skipped over without taking an out for his/hers batting position
	+ Slide Rule/avoid contact
* Parent/coaches complaints received
	+ Please reinforce conduct guidelines to coaches and parents
	+ Head coaches are only person that can challenge a call to the umpire
* Baseball Coaches Meeting
	+ 14u and 19u – 5/15/2024 @ 8pm – Location - WH pavilion – Location may be moved but will be communicated to organizations.
* 14u/19u Schedules
	+ 14u – Schedules released
	+ 19u – Schedules to be released by Monday 5/13

Softball Coordinator

* Nothing to report

Old Business

* Wyano Softball contacted about playing in HAAA
	+ 8u-15u
* Playoffs locations –
	+ Baseball
		- 8u – Southmoreland, Greensburg
		- 10u – Southmoreland, Greensburg
		- 12u –West Hempfield, Sewickley to take Overflow
	+ Softball
		- 8u – Greensburg, Sewickley
		- 10u – Youngwood
		- 12u –Maxwell
* Playoff dates
	+ Baseball
		- 8u-12u
			* Season End – 6/12
			* Seed Meeting – 6/13
			* Playoff Begin – 6/15
		- 14u
			* Season End – 7/10
			* Seed Meeting – 7/11
			* Playoff Begin – 7/13
		- 19u
			* Season End – 7/17
			* Seed Meeting – 7/18
			* Playoff Begin – 7/20
	+ Softball
		- 8u-12u
			* Season End – 6/14
			* Seed Meeting – 6/16
			* Playoff Begin – 6/18
* Rules questions
	+ Softball – Leichliter and Miller
	+ Baseball – Leichliter and Biondi

New Business

* Looking into adjusting age groups
	+ Possible Fall 24 trial
* Fall Ball
	+ August 26th Season start
* Confirmation of Umpires
	+ Text will not be sent by coordinators
* Cancellations
	+ Please cancel with as much advance notice as possible
	+ Noted in master schedule with reason for cancellation
* Process of reporting issues at 8u
	+ Send controversy to HAAA email address (Hempfieldaaabs@gmail.com)
	+ Organizations need to be ensure code of conduct is followed
		- Coaches, Parents as well as Players

Player Releases

* None presented

Next Meeting – June 12th 8pm @ Liljas

Motion to adjourn @ 9:21 – Youngwood/Delmont