HAAA July 2024 Meeting Minutes

July 10th, 2024 @Liljas

Organizations in Attendance:

Central Hempfield Maxwell Scottdale

Connellsville Mt Pleasant Southmoreland

Delmont PAL West Hempfield

Derry Penn Trafford West Point

Greensburg Rostraver White Oak

Jeannette Sewickley Youngwood

Latrobe Wyano

Board Members in Attendance:

President (Leichliter) Sergeant of Arms (Bentz)

Vice President (Booth) Baseball Coordinator (Biondi)

Treasurer (Miller) Softball Coordinator (Miller)

Secretary (Vas)

Meeting Called @ 7:05pm by President Leichliter

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Youngwood/Sewickley

Treasures Report

* 4269.86 – balance

Presidents Report

* Playoffs
  + Playoffs went off better than in the previous years. We commended all organizations for good sportsmanship and behavior
  + Baseball Playoff winners and runner ups
    - 8u A Bracket Champions – Delmont (Writt)

Runner up – Greensburg (Guzzie)

* + - 8u B Bracket Champions – Maxwell (Cohen)

Runner up – Sewickley (Keegan)

* + - 10u A Bracket Chamipons – White Oak (Minnick)

Runners up – Maxwell (Bullock)

* + - 10u B Bracket Champions – Southmoreland (Coleman)

Runners up – Delmont (Grace)

* + - 12u Champions – Jeannette (Ponzetti)

Runners up – Sewickley (Santi)

* + Softball Playoff winner and runner ups
    - 8u A Bracket Champions – Sewickley (Sciulli)

Runners up – Maxwell (Fiedler)

* + - 8u B Bracket Champions – Central Hempfield (Carson)

Runners up – Rostraver (Giordano)

* + - 10u A Bracket Champions – Rostraver (Cannizzaro)

Runners up – Latrobe (Loughner)

* + - 10u B Bracket Champions – Sewickley (Croft)

Runners up – West Point (Saxman)

* + - 12u Champions – Maxwell (Leichliter)

Runners up – Central Hempfield (Vecchiola)

* + Trophies vs rings
    - The general consenus from players is that the rings are the way to go!

Baseball Coordinator

* 19u baseball playoff host are West Hempfield and Connellsville for weekday over flow.
* The 12u youngwood/west hempfield combined team players can be called up to their registered organizations teams if needed at 14u playoffs.
* No call overs in 14u and 19u playoffs.
* 14u playoffs host west hempfield and youngwood.
* 19u seed meeting in Connellsville 8pm colt field.

Softball Coordinator

* Letter sent to Sewickley in regards to former coach and punishment dealt.

Old Business

* 2 umps at 12 u
  + Needs voted on over winter for registration cost purposes
* Rule changes in fall only
  + Trial and vote for final acceptance
* Rules available at HAAABS.com
* Softball pitching
  + Leap/crow hope will be called
* Age gaps of umps to playing group
  + SAAA had a 16 year old ump at a 14u game
* Fall is the time to move to next age group
* Fall Season
  + August 26th start
  + Rosters/field availability is due August 2nd
* Age brackets
  + Softball
    - Side meeting in July to discuss
      * Possible middle school age group moving forward
      * 15u – no releases?
      * 12u and 16u??

New Business

* Fall Season
  + Fall rosters are due August 16th @ midnight as well as field availability.
  + Don’t use a field availability day for home games as an exemption day. So if your field availability day is Thursday don’t make a Thursday a day you cant play during the season.
  + EVERY COLUMN on the roster is to be filled out.
  + We will schedule 12 games, try and play at least 10 games.
  + Games don’t have to be made up in the fall.
  + Older age groups 10u and up try and bump up game start times to 5:30pm if applicable.
* New Organization request to join
  + Wyano softball was voted on and was permitted to join for the fall. They are on probationary period of 2 years. Ends July 10th 2026.
    - * Organization will have 8u, 10u, and 12u softball teams for fall.
      * Kids that already play in HAAA will have to choose which organization to play for. Their current rosters will be grandfathered in upon board approval.
* Derry baseball inquired about joining HAAA. This was discussed at a later date 7/18/24. The board decision was to decline derry baseball. Main reason was travel distances.
* Rules to be looked at
  + 8u softball catcher records out if they catch pop up ball regardless of standing or crouching.
  + 8u baseball foul arc in front of home plate.
  + 12u softball infield fly rule put into effect.
  + 10u baseball remove infield fly rule.
  + Drop dead end game will change to finish the inning once time limit is reached.
* Rules declined to be looked at
  + 10u and 12u softball crow hopping and leaping.
    - The only way this gets considered is if we move 10u to 40’ and 12u to 43’. Allowing crow hopping and leaping puts the pitcher extremely close to the batter and is a safety issue as well as gives the batters at this age a huge disadvantage with the pitcher releasing the ball so close to home plate.
* Umpires
  + We will continue to discuss the need/want for 2 umpires at 12u baseball.

Player Releases

* None presented

Next Meeting – August 14th 7pm @ Liljas

Motion to adjourn @ 8:38 – Derry/Rostraver