

MBBSB – February 18, 2020

Attendees: MM, DR, EZ, JC, LL , MC & 22 public members

- Updates on Winter Activities and Clinics
 - Coach Pat Cleary Clinics underway
 - Coach Danik winter training open - Catching Clinic 3/8 thru 3/29 ages 8-13 Boys & Girls, register on www.metuchenlittleleague.com.
 - Nicole Camera - monthly agility sessions for Girls & Boys- Private softball lessons. Email nc5toolsoftball@gmail.com for March Agility sign up today!
- Registration Numbers for spring season
 - Break down of Softball and Baseball Registrations- we have 308 players for baseball and 154 players for softball.
 - Juniors Baseball, Seniors softball and T ball still open for registration.
 - We are always trying to maintain our current registrations and find new ways to encourage participation. If parents are excited, your children will be excited and then their friends will be too!
 - Estimated number of teams per divisions reviewed
 - Team creation / Schedule release in mid-March
 - Baseball: Juniors – Local league, total participants TBD
- Review of changes to Softball division structure voted on in January
 - Softball will now be by grade: Rookie K-1, Minors 2nd & 3rd, Majors 4th & 5th, Seniors 6th, 7th & 8th. Softball has inter-league play and this structure matches surrounding towns for equal play.
 - Baseball has not been explored. It can be reviewed if needed for future consideration. Baseball currently matches surrounding towns for Districts, as per Babe Ruth/ Cal Ripkin rules.
- Divisions, Commissioners, Coaches, Team Parents
 - Meeting with VPs of Baseball and Softball and Commissioners- VP's will reach out for scheduling TBD. *Minors division – please review coaches manual - coach pitch /end of season player pitch.
 - Meeting with VPs, Commissioners and Coaching Volunteers -TBD Set meetings and what are our expectations
 - Team Parent Meeting and cascade of information- TBD
- Softball / Baseball Showcase
 - Review of Showcase process- players are privately reviewed by managers and player agent on throwing hitting and catching, to fairly balance the teams and ensure a fun recreational experience for all.
 - Play up and Play Down rules- Upon request. Showcase reviews will be privately evaluated by VP, President and Player Agent who all must agree on decision.
 - Update on preparation activities- we have 90% of players signed up for showcase.
 - Volunteers status – Still need volunteers to make the best experience for all players.
- Equipment
 - Uniforms are in!
 - Purchases are in process (Tball / Softball / Baseball)
- Safety Training
 - Background checks for volunteers will be done this year – kicks off after showcase. Required every 2 years – online / mobile friendly system – roughly 5 min

- Safety Training - All Managers and Assistant coaches need to attend in March Required Every 2 years – sessions on 3/16 and 3/18 you must attend one.
- Identifying Signs of Child Abuse training coordination in process Board working on details and requirements – required for Districts- baseball.
- Quick Review of Season’s calendar- to publish on our website – Dick’s Sporting Goods Discount day 3/1, T ball clinic moved to 3/15, Parade 4/18, Photo night 4/27, Somerset Patriots 5/2.
- Fundraising
 - Sponsorship Update- sponsorships still available- spread the word!
 - Fresco’s, Chipotle day, others in works
 - Future event of some kind- possible March Madness, or Friday Night Lights
- Volunteer Positions to fill- PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD
 - Umpire Coordinator position- do you know someone who can coordinate the Cadet Umpire scheduling using an existing scheduling program? The MBBSB Cadet Umpire program is a successful and fun program for 12-18 year old girls & boys, that gets them involved in the game and can build life skills.
 - Events coordination, Summer developmental league. We are always looking for individual to help with events- if you have ideas or can get involved, we would love to talk with you.
- Open Items to mention for March General Meeting
 - Subcommittee reviewing – Juniors baseball summer league play- Currently 8th graders playing with Coach Danik, opening it up to 7th graders- great opportunity for Summer.
 - Field Maintenance plan- Currently evaluating proposals for scheduled maintenance to care for our fields, reduce field work being completed by managers, commissioners and volunteers.
- Board vote on allowing any approved Babe Ruth Bat in league play
 - USA Bat – aluminum and composite- reviewed that Metuchen is currently the only town restricting composite barrel bats, changes in recent years have made these bats safer for league use , with now minimal difference than aluminum bats. Questions and answers for all to inform and then brought to a Vote.
 - VOTE to approve USA bat- Passed 2/18/2020.
- REFERENCE : www.baberuthleague.org/bat-rules.aspx See page 3 below

OPEN public discussion

- John Risley requested info on Juniors sign up – Dan R to send
- Ken Kacani advised about the need for 13-15 year old players. Players really enjoyed the experience and additional opportunity to play.
- VP of Softball reminds group-travel softball is now available in summer for High School players.
- Ken Kacani spoke about numbers being down all the way through high school and that we in the room are the “ambassadors of the league” and encouraged all of us to promote the league.
- VP of Softball is the central point of contact for scheduling of Myrtle and Charles and will be attending the recreation meeting 2/19. He will prioritize by age down to maximize field usage – priority given to Danik, Seniors/Juniors, then Lower divisions.
- Public question if “Notes” section of registration is reviewed, clarification on T Ball to U6
- Public question on how the Draft process works, detailed by the Board Player Agent for clarification.

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2020 Updated USA Baseball Bat Guide

For comprehensive USA Bat information updated for 2020 [Click Here](#) to view the guide online.

1. Babe Ruth League Bat Rules

2020

T-Ball

USA Baseball T-Ball Stamp

Cal-Ripken Baseball

USA Baseball Marking
2 5/8" Barrel Maximum

NO BBCOR BATS

Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15

USA Baseball Marking or BBCOR .50
2 5/8" Barrel

Babe Ruth Baseball 16-18

All Bats Must Be
BBCOR .50
No Greater Than -3

Babe Ruth Softball

Marked as "Official Softball Bat"
or "Official Fastpitch Bat"

NON-COMPLIANT BATS FOR - *BABE RUTH SOFTBALL*:

Contained below is a current listing of non-compliant bats that are not eligible, or approved, for use in any Babe Ruth Softball program or activity.* Babe Ruth League Softball has been advised that Louisville Slugger is recalling the entire

current line of the OneX fastpitch softball bat (all lengths and weights) from the market. * Easton Ghost (GOLD) is not permitted in any level of Babe Ruth Softball Play. This does NOT affect the (BLUE) Ghost Blue is permitted.