

2008 Coaches Meeting agenda:

1. Welcome coaches or team representatives.
 - a. Introduction of 2008 board members.
2. Information of upcoming events
 - a. Registration – February 23rd at Taft from 10:00 – 2:00.
 - b. Draft – tentatively March 20th
 - c. Opening Day – May 31st (with the possibility of games beginning the week of May 19th).
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Notification of new league rulings:
 - a. The board has ruled that there will be **no use** of batting tees in our Jr. Pigtail division, no matter the circumstances. The pitching distances will remain 40 feet, so please have your players prepared to pitch from this distance.
 - b. In an effort to increase the amount of games played by our instructional division, the board would like to change their days to Tuesdays & Thursdays. We intend on increasing the number of games played to 9.
5. All teams will have a representative that belongs to a committee. That teams representative can be the coach him/her self, the assistant coach, head/assistant coaches spouse, or a parent of a player from your team. The teams of board members will not have committee obligations, as the board will oversee all committee's. Committee's will be offered up to any parents that wish to get more involved in OUR organization. The more people we have involved, the jobs become easier and the ideas more creative. The committee's for the 2008 season are (based on 15 non-board member teams from 2007):
 - a. Registration (1 team)
 - i. Assist the board during physical registration
 - b. Opening Day – (4 teams) Starting this year we would like to have a more legitimate opening day.
 - i. Announcing of players before their games.
 - ii. Maybe have some sort entertainment.
 - iii. Possibly have some Lake County Captain participation. Skipper?
 - iv. Coordination with the photographer, to make these things happen.
 - v. Mayor of Eastlake? First pitch?
 - vi. Donations for prizes?
 - vii. Alternate raffle?
 - viii. Get the most out of your budget (TBD).
 - c. Field Maintenance (4 teams)
 - i. Pre-season start-up (fixing filled in base holes, putting tarps on the dugouts, etc.).
 - ii. Identification of damage/graffiti.
 - iii. Coordinating damage/graffiti repair.
 - iv. Any other positive changes that can be made.
 - d. Concession Stand (Pete to Chair) (2 teams)
 - i. Help stock the concession stand, and/or find help to assist.
 - ii. Voice ideas for new/changing of product offering and pricing.
 - iii. Staying on top of who has concession stand duties, maybe even “friendly reminders”.

- e. End of Year party (4 teams)
 - i. Coordinating tables and chairs
 - ii. Coordinating menu
 - iii. We had an issue 2 years ago running out of food (largely due to extended families in attendance), so last year we had the idea of charging everyone not in uniform \$1.00. We should probably have something like this in place again.
 - iv. Coordinating entertainment
 - v. Donations for prizes?
 - vi. Alternate raffle?
 - vii. Get the most out of your budget (TBD)

*Unless you intend on donating your product/service of your own business, please do not sign up for a committee that would create a conflict of interest.

6. At the draft this year, teams will now only draft one player more than their max that can be fielded. Meaning if you can play twelve girls at one time, then your draft will stop at 13 girls. Remaining girls will be distributed at a later date; once it has been determined that another team can or cannot be formed.
7. We will reinstitute the Division Director/Commissioner positions.
 - a. Responsibilities include:
 - i. Collection of scores and players of the game for your division
 - ii. Communicating those scores to our webmaster Matt Staton (matt@webgoose.com), copying our league secretary Pam Huling (maxphotos4u@yahoo.com).
 - iii. First line of contact for intra-divisional disputes.
8. Head Coaches will again be responsible for taking the NYSCA certification course (<http://www.nays.org>). Those who did so last year, can just renew their certification.
 - a. EGS will reimburse Head Coaches for this certification. You will receive an e-mail from NYSCA stating that you have paid. Please forward that e-mail to Jackie Romano at romano77@sbcglobal.net.
 - b. Certifications WILL BE required before the first game of the season. Teams with uncertified coaches may be forced to forfeit their games, until certified.
 - c. It is suggested but not mandatory that assistant coaches take this certification course as well, however they will not be reimbursed by EGS.
 - d. The earlier that we all take this course, the less confusion there will be in reimbursing fees to coaches.
9. New for 2008
 - a. EGS will be purchasing a snow cone machine for the concession stand.
 - b. EGS has been invited to join the Eastlake Boys Baseball League for a discounted outing to a Cleveland Indians game on Friday, May 23rd. It will be a fireworks night. Tickets prices will be \$9.00 for players, and \$13.00 for parents. More details as they become available.