

Open Meeting 12/14/09

minutes:

- Philosophy & Policy of DGS reviewed

- New 2010 BOD introductions

Fundraiser coordinator position still open, please apply if interested

- DGS Website www.danversgirlssoftball.com - primary tool for league communication

- Field upgrade

looking to outsourced weekly line painting to get the fields done consistently

- New snack bar

Seeking Selectman final approval

Looking to break ground Feb/March

Please contact DGS if interested in providing labor or materials for the project

Hoping to be open for 2010 season

- DGS establishing sub committees with chair person looking for members, email website

- Tournament committee Chair, Jon Palermo

- Travel League Committee Chair, Jon Palermo

- Draft Committee Chair, Sevan Demirdogen

- Banquet Committee Chair, Jeff Clickstein

- Mandatory "Al & Al" coaches clinic -sponsored by DGS at DHS Field House

- new program with new material & drills

- January 17th Check website for the times that apply to your coaching level

- Head Coaching positions

Apply now, forms can be found on website

Coaches will be assigned in March

Coaching is a one year term! Need to re-apply each year

Coaching pool will be big for 2010

Attending the clinic will provide you an advantage (attendance will be taken)

We are looking for coaches to only head coach in one league

- Team Sponsors

Looking for sponsors for all teams, spread the word

\$250 per team gets your choice of team, company name across uniform,& plaque

forms can be found on DGS website. Get your team request in early

- CORI process

Tighter for 2010

Any adult with child interaction at practice or games must complete and pass form

Head coach will be responsible, and failure may result in loss of team

Board will look into removing SS# off the forms

- DGS Logo

currently looking to refresh the logo

two companies are in the design process

BOD will review them

There has been discussion of a competition for the kids

update will follow

- 2010 time line reviewed

- Currently conducting due diligence regarding a transition to 7 new leagues

U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

All aspects are currently being reviewed

Now is the time to attend meetings and give your input

Decision will be made over the next 3 months

- Some benefits to this conversion include

Players would be playing a two year age gap at all levels

Allows for 18 year olds to play

Allows for more common and physical skill sets per league

Maximizes player to coach ratio

OPEN DISCUSSION

- The board is looking into a transition, but at this point we are not strongly committed in either direction. Please come up, attend meetings and share your thoughts!

Questions & comments regarding the transition of the league

- when some girls reach senior in HS they are disappointed they cannot play DGS. The change would allow them to continue playing

- This change would mean a re-draft of the entire league

- Girls would have a new coach, new team, & make new friends every 2 years

Q: Will you allow girls to "try out to play up?"

A: No, The board will reserve the right to make a decision based on the safety of all, if a player is not ready for a higher age.

Q: Will there be enough girls to make a U-16 league?

A: we are looking at the numbers and may have to combine that league

Q: Do you have a commitment from the older girls?

A: We are going by last years numbers to see if we would have enough to support all leagues

Q: What do other towns do?

A: From attending meetings we are the only town I know of not currently using U league

Q: How would the umpires work? some of the current umpires used for Minor league would be needed

A: That could be an added expense, would possibly need to use ASA umpires for more games

Q: Would there be enough fields to support this many leagues?

A: Yes, we are currently under using many of our permitted fields.

Q: Would there be different rules for each league? Would they all change?

A: We will spend time looking at this, we are hoping to combine rules, not planning to have 7

Q: Safety if girls are not allowed to play "up"

A: The BOD will continue to look at this and will make determinations on individual basis