East Hanover Florham Park Girls Softball Association

January 22, 2018

* Brian Dooley, President of EHFPGSA opened the meeting.
* To date the EHFPGSA account has $30.890.70

UNIFORMS

* Uniform fittings will be held by Don Vitale on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** at East Hanover Rec Center from 9am-11am and will be held from 12pm-2pm at Extra Innings during the evaluations.
* Currently there are approximately 18 sponsors. Doug Sward is handling the sponsors again – both team and league sponsors.

REGISTRATION

* Kindergarten 15
* Bonnies 23
* Juniors 50
* JV 42
* Seniors 45
* Registration deadline is extended to Friday, January 26. 2018.
* The registration numbers are down for Juniors and Seniors from 2017.
  + Seniors down 15
  + Juniors down 10
* Kindergarten and Bonnies are about the same as 2017. Some girls play baseball in Florham Park for those years.
* Doug Sward will ask John Timmons of Florham Park Recreation to send out a Community Pass email about the EHFPGSA registration.
* Brian Dooley will attend the Florham Park Little League Baseball meeting to discuss the condition of the Elm Street fields. He will request that the mound is maintained properly and the infield is in better condition so it is playable.
* Opening Night is currently planned for **Friday, April 13, 2018**. “Friday Night Lights” will be a theme and the evening will include, food, games, raffles, 50/50 and a senior game.
* Florham Park and East Hanover Little League Opening Days are both on Saturday, April 14, 2018.
* Doug Sward spoke about a “Coach the Coaches” clinic that could be held for the coaches of the lower divisions to cover the basics and offer a consistent way of coaching.
* It was suggested that we utilize current coaches in the older divisions with more extensive experience to assist with this program.
* Also, suggested to reach out to the softball coaches at Hanover Park to speak to the coaches and assist with the clinic. Steve Alfano will reach out to the HPHS coaches.
* There was also discussion about creating pitching clinics for the JV and JR divisions. Keep the clinics separate due to age difference and skill level.
* The question about developing 6th grade pitchers came up and concerns that if they are not developed we will not have any pitchers moving forward.
* It was also discussed that we need to develop catchers as well.
* Travel Team Try Outs will be held at an Indoor Facility for the 12U-A, 12U-B and 10U teams. The travel teams will play in the Cedar Grove league for 2018.
* Brian Dooley will review the By-Laws of the EGFPGSA and will make any necessary updates and changes.
* Agreed upon that the 2nd and 3rd grade teams will have practice twice a week and one game. They will also incorporate games into practices and review situational plays.
* The next meeting is scheduled for **February 12, 2018 at 7:00pm** at the East Hanover Rec Center.