

Attending: Jason Howard, Don Wallis, Harry Raker, Jason Raker, Doug Booten, Tom Rhoads, and Russ Klicker.

Here is a summary of our discussions:

- Promoting Legion Baseball makes sense using social media.
 - Select/Club Baseball does not bring communities together like Legion Ball.
 - Discussed the importance of Coaches and using PBR in our program.
- PBR (Prep Baseball Report). Can Illinois participate? Yes. Showcase will be held at St. Louis University, June 19th.
 - Jason asked about registration, and how he'd like to get that out on Twitter.
 - Doug Booten forwarded him a link.
- Border War Game at Busch Stadium
 - This year it is June 23rd. Some teams will only have played a week or two.
 - Discussed changing the name and leaving allstars off.
 - The Commission decided against that.
 - Discussed representatives from all teams instead of allstars.
 - The commission decided against that.
 - Discussed that managers/coaches should be trusted to field the best "state" players.
 - Some teams may not be represented.
 - The Commission decided that we would proceed putting a team together with the best that each state had to offer, and that we would trust our managers/coaches to provide the boys for that selection.
- New Risk Policy for 18 year olds.
 - Don Wallis suggested that all teams carry the Form 2 notarized during the regular season.
 - Discussed background checks and how some counties take a long time for this.
 - This could impact teams if they wait till they arrive at the State Tournament, and just start processing this.
 - Better idea to have those boys that are 18 or older to have background checks done prior to the State Tournament. Suggestion to have the Child Safety training done all together when the teams arrive at the State Tournament.
- Round Table Discussion:
 - Don Wallis announced that Aurora, Illinois has announced they are going to put a team into the Illinois program this summer. They said they were doing this because they really liked the ballgame at Busch Stadium.
 - Border War Allstar game.

- Russ Klicker advised that selling these tickets when teams were handing out uniforms, works well. Suggested all teams try that.
- Tom advised that Red Earth Productions would be livestreaming this event again this year.
- Fundraiser: State Store
 - Tom advised that they had started working with Prime Sports Midwest on a State Store.
 - Will share contact information with Don Wallis.

No specific time has been set aside for our next meeting. Expect an invite from me, in late February.

Tom Rhoads
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