



2012 GRAA Baseball Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting

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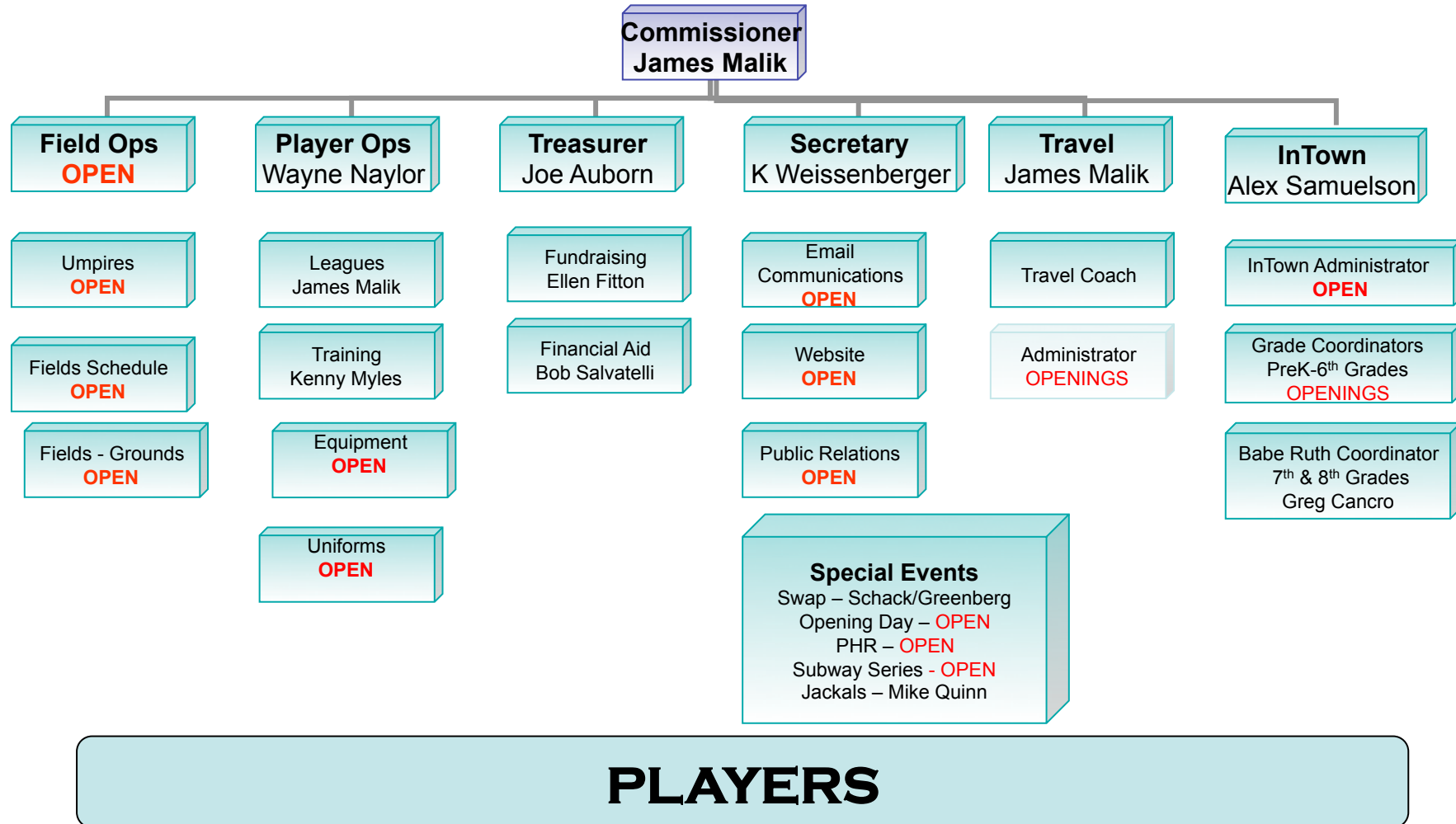


Agenda

- ✓ Overview
- ✓ Organization
- ✓ Fields
- ✓ Travel Baseball
- ✓ In Town Baseball
- ✓ Finance & Fundraising
- ✓ Upcoming Events
- ✓ Questions & Answers

The Key to Success is filling in the Opens with Parent Volunteers

GRAA Baseball





2012 GRAA Baseball Overview



MISSION

- Establish an environment of learning, enjoyment & competition.
 - Promote fair play & sportsmanship.
- Develop players' skills to prepare them for the GRHS baseball program.

Achieve our goals by.....

1. Managing **policies & procedures** for an effective baseball program;
2. **Supporting volunteers coaches** with training and resources;
3. Providing **safe, educational, fun environment to all players**;
4. Obtaining **suitable playing facilities & equipment**;
5. Striving for **timely and informative communications** to all involved;
6. Producing the program at a **zero cost to overall GRAA** umbrella.



2012 GRAA Baseball *Fields*



InTown Baseball

Glenfield – County Permit
Brookdale – County Permit
Clay
Sherman
Hurrell – Babe Ruth 7/8

50/70 Field for U12

Glenfield – County Permit

46/60 Field for U8 to U11

Brookdale – County Permit
Glenfield – County Permit
Sherman
Field Behind GRHS

60/90 Field for U13 & 14

Hurrell – Primary
Carteret – Back up



2012 GRAA Baseball *Travel Baseball*



- ✓ GRAA Travel Baseball is a recreational program, not a Club Program.
- ✓ Travel Baseball is designed for players who show a desire to play additional baseball at a more competitive level. Rosters are determined by tryouts.
- ✓ Travel Players are not required to play In-town baseball, but highly encouraged and incented to with a reduced InTown Fee of only \$25.



2012 GRAA Baseball *Travel Baseball*



U8: Black Montville League

Coach: Greg Morvillo

Administrator: **OPEN**

U8: RED League

Coach: Dr Johnny Peppers

Administrator: Beth Low

U9: Montville League

Coach: Mike Quinn

Administrator: **OPEN**

U10: Black Montville League

Coach: Jim Crutchfield & Bobby
Woghelmuth

Administrator: **OPEN**

U10 RED League

Coach: Mark McKinney

Administrator: Lisa Bannon

Spring Season last Sunday March through first week of June, leagues include Cerbo & Montville.

Summer Season June & July, Summer Leagues include Suburban, Cerbo and Cedar Grove.



2012 GRAA Baseball *Travel Baseball*



U11 Montville League

Coach: Tony Mitzak

Administrator: Christine Mitzak

U12 Montville League

Coach: Sean Looney

Administrator: Carolyn Twitchell

U13 Cerbo League

Coach: James Malik

Administrator: Tania Liddy

U14 Cerbo League

Coach: Greg Cancro

Administrator: **Open**

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2012 GRAA Baseball *Travel Baseball*



Winter Training

- ✓ Focus is on individual needs of players, as well as whole team.
- ✓ Why is training held outside of Glen Ridge?
- ✓ Players & teams benefit from a different Coach's perspective.

U8 Black & Red	Baseball Academy
U9	Baseball Academy
U10 Black & Red	Baseball Academy
U11	Baseball Academy
U12	Frozen Ropes
U13	Baseball Academy
U14	Baseball Academy

Over 95% participation for 2012's Winter Training Sessions



2012 GRAA Baseball *Travel Baseball*



Uniforms

- ✓ Commitment to use same uniform for multi-year periods
- ✓ Same Uniform as 2011
 - Red vest with name & number
 - White pants w/red stripe
 - Red socks, Red Belt
 - New Hats for All
- ✓ Orders being placed by 2/16 – Lisa Jacobson coordinating
- ✓ Ready for GRAA Opening Day!



2012 GRAA Baseball *InTown Baseball*



- ✓ The GRAA In-Town Baseball Program is a co-ed program for children living in Glen Ridge, with divisions by grade, PreK through 6th.
- ✓ Training & games are designed to
 - (1) develop a child's ability and
 - (2) provide enjoyable competition.
- ✓ All enrolled players have the opportunity to participate in games and training.
- ✓ PreK-2nd End of Season Recognition rewards provided by GRAA
- ✓ **Uniforms**
 - Hat & T-Shirts – **Looking for Coordinator**
 - Uniforms available prior to Opening Day Ceremonies



2012 GRAA Baseball *InTown Baseball*



PreK & K

- *Coordinator: PreK & K OPEN*
- One day per week on Saturdays.
- Introduce baseball and team play to young children.
- Baseball tees are used and all players bat each inning.
- Enjoyment, Skills & Drills are the primary goals of the trainers & coaches.

First & Second Grade

- *First Grade Coordinator: Jason Gottlieb*
- *Second Grade Coordinator: David Campbell*
- Build upon foundation, by continuing baseball fundamentals and team play approach.
- Baseball tees are used for 1st grade & at time for training for 2nd grade. All players bat each inning.
- Skills & Drills continue to be developed by trainers & coaches.
- 2nd grade (Sherman Ave field) – introduce coach / player pitching.



2012 GRAA Baseball *InTown Baseball*



3rd & 4th Grades

Coordinator: *Mike Quinn*

- Focus continues on baseball fundamentals and team play.
- Skills & Drills continue to be developed by trainers & coaches.
- Each town team will periodically play a visiting team during the season.
- Nine players are in the field at any time; the three out rule begins.
- Players will pitch.
- Baseball stealing is introduced.

5th & 6th Grades

Coordinator: *Andy Ogilvie*

- Focus continues on baseball fundamentals and team play.
- Skills & Drills continue to be developed by trainers & coaches.
- Each town team will periodically play a visiting team during the season.

7th & 8th Grades

Coordinator: *Greg Cancro* - Babe Ruth Bloomfield League



Training

PreK though 2nd Grade

- First five weeks held in Montclair soccer dome, run by baseball trainers, focus skills & drills.
- Moving to outside fields, continue skills & drills.
- First & Second Grades move to weekday practice, weekend game.

3/4 and 5/6 Grade Groups

- First few weeks training by college aged coaches outdoors.
- Transition to game schedule

High School Baseball Clinic

Training with GRHS Players & College Players



GRAA Baseball Finance 2012 Objectives



(1) Continue infrastructure & equipment improvements

- A. Fields – Sherman – Raised Infield
- B. L-Screens & Equipment Boxes
- C. Shed

(2) Incentives

- A. Co-Payments for winter training
- B. Discount for Travel players who also play In- town ball.
- C. DIBS – Starting Summer 2012 Travel Fees will increase (\$125 w/ 2hrs min of Volunteer work or \$175 w/o).
 - ***Volunteer now during Spring 2012*** to receive \$50 discount credit which can be used to reduce Summer 2012 or Spring 2013 price of \$175



GRAA Baseball Finance 2012 Objectives



(3) Keep Dues Flat / Incent volunteerism

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Town	\$100/pp	\$90/pp	\$80/pp	\$80/pp
Travel	\$135*/pp	\$125/pp	\$125/pp	\$125/pp

*=2009 Travel fee is imputed w/o uniform costs.

- “Late Fee” discontinued. Now using “On-Time Registration Discounts”

(4) Fundraising

2009	2010	2011
\$1.1k	\$4.7k	\$1.4k



GRAA Baseball Finance 2012 Objectives



(5) 2011 Baseball Funded Investments

Mounds at each field

Training Subsidy

All-Star Subsidy

Intown Rewards

L- Screens at each field

Hitting Nets

Field Repairs

(6) 2012 Baseball Funded Investments

Shed at Sherman Ave

Equipment

U13 Cooperstown Subsidy

Field Repairs

InTown Rewards



GRAA Baseball Finance 2012 Objectives



(7) 2012 Financial Policies (posted on GRAA Baseball Website)

Pay To Play – Any child that is involved in GRAA Baseball activities (winter training, travel, in-town, clinics, etc), must pay the registration fee PRIOR to attending the activity. Financial Aid is available as noted below. Children will not be allowed to participate if payment has not been received or Financial Aid has not been requested and provided.

Financial Aid Available – GRAA recognizes the financial hardships many families are enduring. Inability to pay should not hold any Glen Ridge child back from participating in a GRAA sport. **Please visit www.GRAA.org home page and click on the Financial Aid link on the bottom of the page for more information and an application.** Additionally, please feel free to contact Commissioner James Malik to discuss your situation in confidentially.



2012 GRAA Baseball Fundraising



GRAA Baseball Needs Volunteers to run these important Fundraisers!

Source	Program
% Income from Vendor	Burgers for Baseball - Elevation
% Income from Vendor	Modell's Team Week/Weekend
Merchandise Sales %	Bat Bag Sales
Merchandise Sales %	Golf Umbrellas – Inventory Sales
Merchandise Sales %	Photos
Service Charge/Donations	Car Wash
Ticket Sales	GRAA at Jackals Game



2012 GRAA Baseball *Upcoming Events*



- **Baseball Registration – *On-Time Registration - February 1st – 15th***
 - Travel & In-town Online – price increases 2/16
- **Travel Uniform Try On/Orders due – *TBD - Deadline February 16th***
 - Orders placed through Coaches/Admins, Lisa Jacobson Coordinator
- **Equipment Swap – *March 9th & 10th***
 - Lauren Schnack & Sharon Greenberg Coordinators
 - Friday night drop off, Saturday morning “shopping”
- **Modell’s GRAA Baseball Giveback Weekend – *March/April TBD***
- **Opening Day - *Saturday April 14th Glenfield – Coordinator Needed***
- **Team Pictures – *Date TBD – Coordinator Needed***



2012 GRAA Baseball *Upcoming Events*



- **Burgers & Baseball – Elevation Burger - *April TBD***
- **Pitch Hit Run – *Early May* – *Coordinator Needed***
 - Fun after-school competition at Glenfield
- ***Mets vs Yankees Train Station Extravaganza* – *Coordinator Needed***
 - *Friday 6/8 or Sat 6/9; at the Glen Ridge Train Station*
- **Glen Ridge Baseball Night at the Jackals – *date TBD***
 - *U9 Travel Always Coordinates, Team takes the field*
- **Glen Ridge Baseball Car Wash – *June TBD* – *Coordinator Needed***

Event Coordinators needed!!



2012 GRAA Baseball Skin in Game



To encourage greater parent volunteer participation in GRAA baseball, the committee is implementing *skin in the game* for Travel Parents:

- ✓ volunteer 2 hours receive \$50 credit on the Summer 2012 or Spring 2013 increased Travel Registration cost of \$175
- ✓ Earn one credit per season maximum; opportunities each season to earn credit for following season

Coordinator &/or General Volunteers Needed

Field Grounds Coordinator

Umpire Coordinator

Field Schedule Coordinator

Fundraising & Special Events

Communications

Public Relations

Website

Travel Team Administrators

InTown (multi-positions) - Grade Level Coordinators, Administrator, Uniform Coordinator, Coaches