

Woodstock Pony League



2006 Plan

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October 2005 Board Meeting

Woodstock Pony League 2006 Plan

presented to:

Woodstock Little League Board of Director's

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Pony League Concept Consideration

Why change from today's model and what are today's core change drivers and what would be different?

2005 Woodstock Pony League Review

- League Management issues & considerations relative to Woodstock Pony League
 - Draft - Nippersink League – Game Schedule - Player Development - Team Mgt – All-Star Teams – City League – Fox Valley Umps – City Field Schedule – Equipment – Registration – Product Quality – Insurance Compliance – Little League National Organizations – Woodstock Little League and Board interaction – Communications and other related matters associated with operating a community volunteer baseball league



2005 Survey

- Parents stated they wanted more choices
- Players stated they wanted another outlet to develop their skills
- Players stated they wanted to be matched up with players with “like skills”
- Parents stated they wanted less travel
- Parents & Players stated they wanted a more balanced league....while other Parents & Players stated they wanted more competitive league

these and other responses lead to 2 new baseball programs – an In-House Pony League & the Nippersink League



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2005 Woodstock Little League & Pony League Interaction

- Recognize that Woodstock Little Leaguer's are not connected to the Pony League in any manner. E.g. Mentor Program, Practices, Player Development etc.
- Recognize that Pony League pulls 12 year-olds up from Little League to the Pony League for player substitutions and roster fill-ins during the regular and *post* season
- Recognize that disorganization exist in determining Little League Player skill level, position proficiency – especially for safety concerns and general desire and availability to play in the Pony League
- Recognize that Pony league is the natural Little League player progression



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- Establish a new baseball organization
- New organization that encompasses Woodstock and the surrounding areas
- New organization offering several baseball products
- New organization that enables all players – of all skill sets
- New organization that utilizes all City of Woodstock baseball assets



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- Create a visible and valuable connection with Little League and players in Little League
- Establish a new baseball organization with a clear focus on providing various relative products E.g. Recreational League – Metro League – Nippersink League, Select - Competitive Team and Handicap – Special Needs League
- Create a strong connection with WHS and Marion HS



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Player Characteristics

- Fun, Competitive, Solid Teaching of the Game, Develop Comrade, Develop Fundamentals, Prep for High School

League Characteristics

- Consistency in Program, Skills/Teams matched to Players, Balanced Experience, Motivate Kids for Life, Regular and Sufficient Practice Time, Safe and Quality Equipment, Knowledgeable & Trained Managers and Teach Rules of Game; IHSA, Little League etc.



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- League Management issues & considerations
- Insurance compliance issue for Pony League
- All-Star Team issues; tournaments, selection of team, management of team
- New Baseball Association that supports the greater Woodstock area
- Multiple products that provide options to players and parents
- Support *all* player skills and desires – versus one program fits all and enables non-interested skilled players to depart community for other programs



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2006 Concept Next Steps

- Little League B.O.D. President determine if acceptable to 2006 Concept
- Little League B.O.D. determine if acceptable and if so – indicate
- If approved; NPO established / League Meetings / Marketing to Players / City Meetings / Funding / Insurance
- Manager Recruitment / Launch Program
- Winter Training / Review and Adjust Program / Other
- Spring – Summer Leagues / Administration / Other



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Thank you for your review

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