

Hi Everyone. I have asked Ron to call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the GMSSB league. Ron has asked me to prepare an agenda for the meeting.

Explanation of need for meeting: In the absence of information people assume the worst. I feel strongly that it is best to provide the best information we can to all and to post such information on our webpage. I also believe strongly in being proactive. One does not know what next Spring/Summer will bring but certainly 3 possible options are:

1. There is a vaccine for Covid, or somehow else the present situation has been resolved.
2. All are still living under the cloud of Covid but Dane County has moved to a phase where playing softball is permissible.
3. All are still living under the cloud of Covid and Dane County still is not permitting softball in the county.

If #1 is the case we will all be happy for many reasons reaching far beyond softball. With regards to softball, though, there are the questions of:

1. How many players will have decided after a year without softball to stop playing?
2. How will this effect the number of teams on each day?
3. How will this affect the number of tiers on each day?
4. Is there a minimum number of teams a tier has for a tier to exist?
5. How are we going to attract additional teams / players?
6. Etc.

If #2 is the case:

1. Are the safety and health precautions agreed upon for play in 2020 still applicable for 2021?
2. With teams short of players is the idea of combining teams to get balance which was agreed upon for play in 2020 still applicable for 2021?
3. With fewer teams do we have tiers or a straight schedule?
4. How are we going to attract additional teams / players?
5. Etc.

If #3 is the case:

1. Do we approach Smart Motors to see if they are OK with GMSSB relocating to fields outside of Dane County while play is not permissible in Dane County?
2. Do we want to seek volunteers from the Executive Committee to contact viable fields outside the county? Cost?, Care of field?, Notification if fields are not playable on a scheduled day? Etc.

No one knows what the future may bring but if we have several plans somewhat in place to choose from as the future becomes the present next Spring and it is softball time likely we can move more productively into the season and not have to create a plan on the fly when we also are just wanting to get started.