

FLCP Spring Pre-Season Meeting 2009

1. Staging Area- permanent structure?

We discussed a permanent structure for our staging area. Dale has telephone poles (courtesy of the Malanga family) that he will be setting, and has a 16 x 30 piece of the old tennis bubble that was in Canandaigua that he plans to use as a covering. He will be able to set the poles pretty much by himself (he thinks), but we will put the covering up on our work day, as it will take a little help from many hands.

2. Paint- Get from Ross or buy a skid?

We discussed paint for this year. Dale can get paint from Performance sports in Rochester at a pretty reasonable price (about \$25/case), but wants to know who would be interested. We did test the paint, and would like feedback from those that are interested in using it this season. Dale will most likely use this paint for himself, as well as for our rentals this year. We will not be making trips to Geneva for paint, but everyone is welcome to continue to bring their own if they choose not to use the paint from Performance. The plan is to have everyone chip in to buy however much paint they think they will need (we can make more than one trip to Rochester to pick it up, but would like to keep the number of trips do a minimum), and Dale can go pick it up. Dale offered to store it at the house (we would track the number of cases bought by each person), or you can take it home with you. Please let us know if you are interested in buying this paint and which type you prefer (solid orange/ or camo).

3. Insurance Cost- just an overview

Insurance cost stayed the same from last year (\$500), and as always we put the club membership fee towards paying off the insurance cost at the beginning of the season. Club membership allows you to pay lower field & rental fees and will save you money if you plan on playing more than four games this season.

4. Weather Proof Bunkers- pre season prep

The existing bunkers absolutely need to be weather proofed. We have a collection of some paint and stain, and anyone that has some they would like to donate, we would gladly accept. We need to get them protected before the season starts, and also repair/ enhance the existing ones.

5. New pallet bunkers- ?

We discussed building a few new pallet bunkers, and would like everyone's input on where to put them. We also discussed enhancing existing bunkers- making them a bit taller, etc... as well as making some bunkers more mobile, to switch up game play by blocking off corridors for certain games.

6. Foliage protection-

The foliage on the field has taken a beating, and we need to take steps to protect it and enhance new growth, otherwise we will be left with few places to hide ☺ Dale has netting that he bought last year, and plans to put it up around the areas that take the hardest beating.

7. Staging area protection-

Dale has chain link panels to cover with netting and put up in front of the staging area to protect anyone that is not out on the field playing.

8. Field map-

Cannon brought along a laminated field map, and everyone loved it! Thank you Cannon! He will be bringing along a larger laminated one that we can post in front of the staging area where teams can lay out their battle plans.

9. Game ideas-

Everyone's mission for our next meeting and/or work day is to come up with one game (with description) that we could play out on the field. We will be compiling them into a notebook, and will be trying many new games this season.

10. Game timing-

We discussed a few different time issues regarding our game days. Game play will start at 12:00 sharp. Please be at the field early enough to set your equipment up and be chrono'd and ready to play at noon. Anyone that is running late or can't make it until later in the day, will jump into the next game.

Also discussed was game time and down time in between games. It seems that everyone agreed that the down time in between games is a bit much, so along with timing the length of the game, we will also be putting a time limit on the time in between games.

11. Wood chips-

There is a big pile of wood chips free for the taking (for anyone living in Yates county) in the town of Jerusalem. Dale asked that anyone that has free time, and would be willing to help him collect these wood chips please contact

him. Dale has the truck and a trailer, just needs help loading and unloading. Any help in getting the wood chips to the field would be greatly appreciated!

12. Night Game-

We also discussed another couple of night games. We are going to "tentatively" schedule 2 night games this season (once we get our day games schedule, then we can set the night ones). We say tentatively because weather affects what we do- so barring any weather issues, the dates we set will be the ones we play on. The general agreement was that the tiki torches, though they were pretty cool, did not work out well... along with the full moon. Different ideas that floated around were using spotlights from the big tower, attaching a light on the end your marker barrel, using glow sticks to mark areas such as the bridge, wearing glow necklaces, wearing bright shirts, etc. We can fine tune the game details, and are very excited with the enthusiasm we got from everyone about having another night game.

Our work /field prep days will be announced (Dale will let us know when the field is starting to dry out enough to where we can work on it), as well as our official start date for the season. Work on the field improvements will be completed prior to starting our season, so please come out to help... many hands make light work and get our season underway faster (weather permitting, of course). The question of games on or around holidays (such as July 4th, Labor Day, etc) was also brought up- please let us know if this is something you would be interested in!

Also, anyone that knows of schedule restrictions for this summer (days that won't work well for them, etc), please let us know as soon as possible. We want to try to accommodate as many people as we can, so the sooner we know of any issues, the better we can plan around them.

*****Our Goal- to be caught up financially by the end of the season, and start giving back!*****