



INSTILLING IN OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH THE IDEA OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

February 2007 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Ft. Smith Church League was held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is attached).

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Eddie Norman, who was filling in for Don Eveld who was not present. Rick Deramus offered the opening prayer.

The minutes for the January 2007 were unanimously approved, motioned by Rick Deramus and 2nd by Bobby Aldridge.

Roll was taken to find out what Churches were represented and to document participation. (An attendee roster is attached).

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle discussed the revenues and expenses for general operations during the recent month. This month there was only \$4.00 in income from the soda machines. Pat also explained that he had convinced the city of Fort Smith to curb west of the railroad tracks on "O" St. all the way to Old Greenwood Rd. They also told us if we were able to gravel the Flocks parking lot that they would pave it for us. Bobby Aldridge is contacting local contractors to see if we can get the gravel for a substantial discount in order to get the parking lot taken care of.

President's Report

President Don Eveld was not present at the meeting.

Old Business

The following rule change submitted by Donald Schwartz and seconded by Jeff Schwartz **FAILED** by a vote of **1-13**

Article X, Section I Pony League Rules, Rule 8

From

8. All runners may advance only one (1) base, at their own risk, if on an overthrow at home plate, the ball becomes lodged in the backstop.

To

8. All runners may advance only one (1) base, at their own risk, if on an overthrow at home plate, the ball becomes lodged in the backstop, **except a runner on third base may not cross home plate on the overthrow.**

The following rule change submitted by Donald Schwartz and seconded by Jeff Schwartz **FAILED** by a vote of **1-12**

Article X. Section I Pony League Rules, Rule 9

From

9. Runners may steal any base, except home, at their own risk after a pitched ball has reached the Plate. Runners may steal Home on a throw to any base, or on a wild pitch that falls outside the chalked Home Plate circle in foul territory. On a pitch that falls outside the chalked Home Plate circle in foul territory, the runner cannot advance Home on the throw back to the pitcher if the runner has already conceded and been run back towards 3rd Base by a defensive player. If the runner on 3rd Base crosses Home Plate illegally, he shall be declared out.

To

9. Runners may steal any base, except home, at their own risk after a pitched ball has reached the Plate. Runners may steal Home on a throw to any base, **but may not steal home on a wild pitch or a throw back to the pitcher.** If the runner on third base crosses Home Plate illegally, he shall be declared out.

Rick Deramus withdrew his motion about the changing the Pony League All Stars and will submit the committee's recommendations.

New Business

During the January 2007 Commissioner's meeting of the Fort Smith Church Baseball League, a committee was appointed by President Don Eveld to review and recommend changes to the current All Star team selection process as defined in Article X Section A Rules 20 through 22 of the 2006 Fort Smith Church Baseball League Rules as adopted on March 6th, 2006.

The following individuals were appointed to the committee:

- Eddie Norman
- Rick Deramus
- Darrell Stovall
- Donald Schwartz
- Mark Burgess

After discussing the issues, the committee is recommending the following rule changes intended to insure that all-star player selection is based on player's age as defined in Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth rules. For example, an 11 year old is only eligible for the 11 year old all-star team regardless of which age league team he/she played for.

Article X, Section A of General Rules and Policies rule 20.3

From

3. Any league with fewer than ten teams will select one all-star team from each age group.

To

3. Any league with fewer than ten teams will select one all-star team from each age group **as defined in Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth rules.**

Article X, Section A of General Rules and Policies rule 20.4

From

4. Any league with ten or more teams will select two all-star teams from each age group – one team from each age group per division (e.g. American and National)

To

4. Any league with ten or more teams will select two all-star teams from each age group **as defined in Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth rules** – one team from each age group per division (e.g. American and National)

Article X, Section A of General Rules and Policies rule 21.6

From

6. After the master list has been compiled, each coach has the option of submitting a write-in ballot with up to three player(s) from any team in his respective league or division (10+ teams) whose name does not appear on the master list, but who he/she feels warrants consideration.

To

6. After the master list has been compiled, each coach has the option of submitting a write-in ballot with up to three player(s) from **any each** team in his respective league or division (10+ teams) whose name does not appear on the master list, but who he/she feels warrants consideration.

Article X, Section A of General Rules and Policies rule 11

From

11. In adding additional players to the voted roster of ten, the manager of the older age all-star team in each league may add any number of additional players from the younger age group as long as:

- A. the players were on his own team's roster during the regular season
- B. the total number of players on the roster does not exceed fifteen (15)
- C. additional selections are made from nominees who are on the master list in that age group.

To

This rule is to be completely removed.

Article X, Section A of General Rules and Policies rule 12

From

12. If a player is going to be moved up to the older age group team, this must be done at the all-star selection meeting. After the meeting has concluded, the older age group coach may only add discretionary players from the master nominee list in his own age group.

To

This rule is to be completely removed.

All of these committee submissions were seconded by Pat Mickle.

Rick Deramus distributed copies of the new Umpire evaluation form that will be used this year. There was discussion about how it is going to be used and by whom. (Copy Attached to this document.)

Rick also asked for any nominations for the Director of Umpires position.

Eddie Norman reminded everyone of some upcoming important dates:

Team declaration – March 5th (first Monday in March, not the second)

Coaches meetings – Thursday March 8th, Monday March 12th and Tuesday March 13th

Work days – March 31st, April 7th, and April 14th. Which leagues on what days will be decided at a later date.

Mark Burgess made a plea to all commissioners to communicate with one another and make sure that we keep all kids in Church League that we can by making sure they get on a team somewhere in the league. He suggested emailing one another and sharing players.

Doug Schwartz motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Rick Deramus. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Signature:

Approved: (date)

Or Corrected: (date)

Attendee Roster

1) Mike Thames	First Methodist
2) Eddie Norman	Central Pres.
3) Jason Brasher	Eastside Baptist
4) Brent Lewis	Eastside Baptist
5) Bobby Aldridge	St. Boniface
6) Darrell Stovall	St. Paul
7) Jerry Chastain	Community Bible
8) Rick Deramus	Central Pres.
9) Michael Clark	First Baptist
10) Jeff Schwartz	Christ the King
11) John Mobley	St. Paul
12) Jason Vrazel	IC
13) Donald Schwartz	Christ the King
14) Pat Mickle	Central Pres.
15) Doug Schwartz	Christ the King
16) Mark Burgess	Grace Community
17) Mark Wallace	Grace Community
18) Paark Wolfe	Grand Ave Baptist
19) Doug Faries	Butterfield Asmbly
20) Mark Haywood	Butterfield Asmbly
21) Dale Seiter	IC
22) Matt Whitson	Community Bible
23) Wes Sadler	Greenwood 1 st Bpst



Umpire Evaluation Form



Game Date: _____ Game Time: _____
 League: _____ Field: _____
 Team #1: _____ vs. Team #2: _____

GRADING SCALE:

1. Unsatisfactory – Does not meet expected standards
2. Marginal – Does not entirely meet required standards.
3. Average – Meets required standards.
4. Very Good – Much better than required standards.
5. Exceptional – Some may be equal, but none will exceed.

HOME PLATE/HEAD UMPIRE

Name or Umpire #: _____

CIRCLE ONE

- Did the umpire have a general knowledge of the game and rules? 1 2 3 4 5
- Did the umpire manage the flow of the game? 1 2 3 4 5
- Was the umpire in the right position on the field when making calls? 1 2 3 4 5
- Was the umpire clear & decisive when making their calls? 1 2 3 4 5
- How was their composure handling situations with players, coaches, etc.? 1 2 3 4 5
- Was the Home Plate Umpire consistent with the strike zone? 1 2 3 4 5

Additional Comments: _____

FIELD UMPIRE

Name or Umpire #: _____

CIRCLE ONE

- Did the umpire have a general knowledge of the game and rules? 1 2 3 4 5
- Did the umpire manage the flow of the game? 1 2 3 4 5
- Was the umpire in the right position on the field when making calls? 1 2 3 4 5
- Was the umpire clear & decisive when making their calls? 1 2 3 4 5
- How was their composure handling situations with players, coaches, etc.? 1 2 3 4 5
- Was the Field Umpire consistent with calls in the field? 1 2 3 4 5

Additional Comments: _____

Evaluator Name: _____
(Please print)

Signature: _____