



INSTILLING IN OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH THE IDEA OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

December 2007 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Ft. Smith Church League was held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is attached).

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Chris Stark offered the opening prayer.

The minutes for the November 2007 were unanimously approved, motioned by Bobby Aldridge and 2nd by Brent Lewis.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle discussed the revenues and expenses for general operations during the recent month. In general, there was approximately \$91 from restitution from the stolen tractor and a total of about \$2900 in expenses. The primary expenses were for ground keeping supplies, mowing, and tournament fees. A detailed statement is available upon request.

President's Report

Don Eveld stated that all discussed dates were now confirmed. March 11th, 13th, and 27th will be our coaches meeting dates with March 10th being the early team declaration. March 24th will be the team declaration deadline. It was also stated that Church League is going to try and keep the maintenance crew chief all winter long and keep him busy.

Old Business.

The following rule **Failed by a vote of 7-11.**

Article X Sect. A. Add Rule 27

27. For all age groups through Pony, a legal team roster may not consist of more than 3 players that are rostered on an AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team.

The following rule **Passed by a vote of 9-6**

FROM

A. GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

1. All players shall be placed in the various leagues according to their age, as follows;

JR. PEE-WEE: Players must be at least five (5) years of age by October 1 of the current year and may not be six (6) years of age before May 1 of the current year.

PEE-WEE: Must be at least five (5) years old by October 1 of the current year and may not be seven (7) years old before May 1 of the current year.

SUPER PEE-WEE: May not be nine (9) years old before May 1 of the current year. The team roster cannot consist of more than 4 players who turn eight (8) years of age before May 1 of the current year.

BAMBINO: May not be nine (9) years old before May 1 of the current year.

PONY: May not be eleven (11) years old before May 1 of the current year.

MIDGET: May not be thirteen (13) years old before May 1 of the current year.

PREP LEAGUE: Must be thirteen (13) years old by August 1 of the current year, may not be fourteen (14) years old before May 1 of the current year.

BABE RUTH: May not be sixteen (16) years old before May 1 of the current year.

If fewer than eight (8) teams declare for Jr. Pee Wee, Pee Wee, Super Pee Wee or Bambino then the teams will be combined into Pee Wee and/or Super Pee Wee.

TO

B. GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

2. All players shall be placed in the various leagues according to their age, as follows;

JR. PEE-WEE: Players must be at least five (5) years of age by October 1 of the current year and may not be six (6) years of age before May 1 of the current year. **Players also CANNOT be on any AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.**

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SUPER PEE-WEE: May not be nine (9) years old before May 1 of the current year. The team roster cannot consist of more than 4 players who turn eight (8) years of age before May 1 of the current year. **Players also CANNOT be on a 8U AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.**

BAMBINO: May not be nine (9) years old before May 1 of the current year.

PONY: May not be eleven (11) years old before May 1 of the current year.

AMERICAN LEAGUE ONLY--Players also CANNOT be on a 10U AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.

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The following rule change was **Passed by a vote of 14-0.**

Article X Sect. I Pony League Rules - Add Rule 22

22. Runners can advance, at their own risk, from 1st base or 2nd base to 3rd base on any pitched ball once it has crossed the plate, but CANNOT advance from second base to home plate on the same play, unless the defense attempts a play on that or another baserunner. If the runner scores illegally, they will be called out.

For example.... runners on 2nd and 3rd, wild pitch outside the circle.... runner from 3rd slides into home safely. While making the play on the runner at home, the pitcher misses the ball and it goes into the playing field. The runner that advanced from second base to third base, is NOT allowed to continue home on that same play unless the defense attempts to make a play on that or another baserunner.

New Business

Jason Vrazel proposed the following rule changes, seconded by Darrell Stovall.

Pony League Rules

Increase the dimensions by 6" in width to allow for a larger strike zone in 1st year Pony League.

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There was a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of going to a draft system for all ages. One proposal was brought forward by the Draft Committee and discussed heavily. After discussion, the committee decided to table the proposal, amend it, and possibly put it back up next month.

Doug Schwartz motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Eddie Norman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Signature:

Approved: (date)

Or Corrected: (date)

Attendee Roster

1) Don Eveld	Christ the King
2) Eddie Norman	Central Pres.
3) Jason Brasher	Eastside Baptist
4) Bobby Aldridge	St. Boniface
5) Darrell Stovall	St. Paul
6) Jason Vrazel	IC
7) Donald Schwartz	Christ the King
8) Pat Mickle	Central Pres.
9) Doug Schwartz	Christ the King
10) Paark Wolfe	Grand Ave
11) Greg Schmitt	St. Boniface
12) Jerry Chastain	Community Bible
13) Chris Stark	Grand Ave
14) Tom Smith	Grace
15) Mark Wallace	Grace
16) Mark Burgess	
17) Brent Lewis	Eastside
18) Michael Clark	First Baptist
19) Jeff Schwartz	Christ the King
20) Rick Deramus	Central Pres.