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## November 2007 Commissioner's Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. Paark Wolfe offered the opening prayer.

The minutes for the October 2007 were unanimously approved, motioned by Bobby Aldridge and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell Stovall.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pat Mickle discussed the revenues and expenses for general operations during the recent month. In general, there was approximately \$1,200 in income from Fall Ball and a total of about \$5000 in expenses. The primary expenses were for ground keeping supplies and mowing. A detailed statement is available upon request.

### **President's Report**

Don Eveld stated that Fall Ball had turned the concession stands back over to Church League. He also confirmed all dates discussed last month except for the March 24<sup>th</sup> date which is being considered for a "late" declaration date.

### **Old Business**

All existing officers were re-elected for the 2008 season. No nominations different from the previous month were heard. All officials were ratified by unanimous vote of 14-0.

The 2008 officers are as follows:

President	Don Eveld
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Eddie Norman
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	John Mobley
Treasurer	Pat Mickle
Secretary	Jason Brasher

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After serious discussion regarding Church League's team selection process, Darrell Stovall volunteered to chair a committee to investigate and come up with ideas and possibly bring a proposal for a change regarding the draft/selection process for all age groups. That committee will consist of Jason Vrazel, Rick Deramus, Darrell Stovall, and Tom Smith.

The following rule change proposed by Bobby Aldridge, which was seconded by Rick Deramus, passed.

**Article X, Section H. Super Pee Wee and Bambino League Rules:**

27. All Infielders (1st, 2nd, SS and 3rd) must have both feet within the dirt baseline when the pitched ball crosses home plate. The pitcher must have both feet in the pitching circle and shall be beside or behind the pitching machine when the pitched ball crosses home plate.

*Change passes. Vote was 13 for and 1 against.*

**New Business**

Jason Brasher proposed the following rule changes:

**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.

**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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**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.**

Mark Wallace asked that the scheduling committee consider making some dates during the week for rain outs to eliminate growing problems of teams forfeiting games on make-up Saturdays.

A discussion was then initiated about the number of players playing both FSCBL and also USSSA baseball. It was discussed whether or not these players and/or coaches were causing the increasing number of forfeits.

Doug Schwartz motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Schwartz. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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) John Mobley	St. Paul
13) Chris Stark	Grand Ave
14) Tom Smith	Grace
15) Mark Wallace	Grace
16) Mark Haywood	Butterfield