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## February 2008 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Ft. Smith Church League was held on Monday, February 11th, 2008 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is attached).

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. Doug Faries offered the opening prayer.

The minutes for the January 2008 were corrected regarding dates of the coaches meetings and then unanimously approved. Motioned by Eddie Norman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Schwartz.

### Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle discussed the revenues and expenses for general operations during the recent month. In general, there was approximately \$53 from restitution from the stolen tractor and interest totals. There was \$467 in expenses. The primary expenses were for ground keeping supplies, miscellaneous, and PO Box rental. A detailed statement is available upon request.

### President's Report

Don Eveld stated that the current waiver release form is now on the website along with a "things needed to know" for all commissioners was listed under the News tab on the website.

He also stated that the plaque for the Ballman concession stand was located and will be displayed this season. Don also stated the need to locate the actual Hank Feldman trophy. He also reiterated that we still need to find a Director of Umpires.

### Old Business.

Rick Deramus proposed the following rule changes for Prep League, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Schwatz  
*This rule was amended by a vote of 24-0, and subsequently passed by a vote of 23-1.*

Article X

K - Prep League Rules

1. The current official rules of the National Baseball Congress shall apply except in the cases where the Babe Ruth International rules provide otherwise. The FSCL teams will also be

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governed by all applicable rules found in Articles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X A-F of the FSCL baseball rules except those listed below.

2. All Fort Smith Church League member churches shall conduct sign ups and submit a list of Prep players by March 1<sup>st</sup>. All additional players who meet the membership requirements (ie. live in Fort Smith) may register by phone to a designated number to be determined yearly. Other players may be approved by the FSCL executive board as space allows. The players who are church members and signed up accordingly will be placed on the draft list first. The players registering by phone will be placed on a list in chronological order based on time of registration. A maximum of 72 players ( 6 teams with 12 players each ) will be on the draft list. All players registering after 72 will be placed on a waiting list.
3. Each team will be assigned a head coach by the FSCL executive board. Interested coaches should contact the executive board by March 1<sup>st</sup> so they can be considered.
4. Each head coach may select one assistant coach with approval of the FSCL executive board. If the two coach's children are playing in the league they will be placed on their team. The FSCL executive board will consider these players ability when allowing placement of two children on a team. If this gives teams to much of an advantage then the assistant coach's child must be placed in the draft. Each head coach and assistant coaches child will be required to try-out and will be evaluated and ranked by the FSCL executive board. They will be placed into a draft round based on ability and their team will skip that round during the draft.
5. Try-outs will be held for the purpose of displaying baseball talents to the coaches for evaluation for drafting of players. Depending on the weather conditions and turnout, a second try-out may be scheduled by the FSCL executive board.

Each team manager will draw a number representing the sequence in which they will draft, (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.). The first round will be in numeric sequence, the second round in reverse sequence, the third round back to numeric sequence and so on until the draft is complete.

6. All players must attend the try-out to be eligible to be drafted. For a player to be eligible to pitch in the league they are required to try-out as a pitcher during try-outs. Penalty for using an ineligible pitcher is forfeiture of the game in which he pitched.
7. The registration fee will be set by the FSCL executive board. Uniforms will be identical except for color and sponsoring church name. The uniforms will be assigned and selected by the FSCL executive board.
8. All eligible 13 year old players will be placed on teams before allowing any 12 year old players to play up.
9. FSCL executive board and League President will settle any issues resulting from registration, try-outs and the draft. This rule expires December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

The following rules were proposed by Wes Young and seconded by Bobby Aldridge:

- Passed 24-0*** Replace all USSSA references in our rules with Super Series Baseball of America
- Failed 9-11*** *Amended to exclude big barrel bats by a vote of 22-1*  
Article X Section I  
Split the Pony League into Pony and Super Pony Leagues. The Pony Division will play rules as they exist. The Super Pony will play FSBCL Midget rules with the exception of pitching and bases lengths. They will remain the original Pony lengths.
- Passed 24-0*** Article X Section A  
24. All FSCBL league teams are eligible to compete in the USSSA A Division State Tournament. Any fee's or sanctions are the responsibility of each team.
- Omit this rules since we are not sanctioning with USSSA league this season.
- Passed 21-2*** *Amended rule by a vote of 22-2 to keep any 10 year old playing in the American League at the 46' distance. Nine year olds can pitch from the 44' rubber if they choose.*  
Move pitching distance for Pony American (1<sup>st</sup> year) to 44'. The intent is to have more strikes and speed up the game.

Bobby Aldridge proposed the following rule change, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Clark

*This proposal was **amended by a vote of 24-0** and subsequently **passed by a vote of 24-0**.*

Article V. Managers and Coaches

*Add E. No convicted sex offender shall be allowed to manage or coach in FSCL baseball.*

## **New Business**

Wes Young proposed that FSCL host the odd ages for Super Series baseball on June 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> pending approval from the national office.

May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> were proposed as Rain out dates.

Prep tryout date was set to be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and March 15<sup>th</sup> if necessary.

Bobby Aldridge proposed to bring in his 11 year old travel ball team to play the 12 year old teams in Midget at a per game fee to be determined later. Executive committee okayed the idea and will determine the details at a later point after team declaration.

Doug Schwartz motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie Norman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 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) Jason Vrazel      | IC               |
| 6) Donald Schwartz   | Christ the King  |
| 7) Pat Mickle        | Central Pres.    |
| 8) Doug Schwartz     | Christ the King  |
| 9) Paark Wolfe       | Grand Ave        |
| 10) Greg Schmitt     | St. Boniface     |
| 11) Wes Sadler       | FBC Greenwood    |
| 12) Darel Williamson | FBC Greenwood    |
| 13) Mark Wallace     | Grace            |
| 14) Mark Burgess     |                  |
| 15) Brent Lewis      | Eastside         |
| 16) Michael Clark    | First Baptist    |
| 17) Michael Thames   | First Methodist  |
| 18) Rick Deramus     | Central Pres.    |
| 19) Chris Honaker    | Harvest Time     |
| 20) Mark Haywood     | Butterfield      |
| 21) Bill Thomas      | IC               |
| 22) Dale Seiter      | IC               |
| 23) Wes Young        | Grand Ave        |
| 24) Glenn Patterson  | Harvest Time     |
| 25) John Mobley      | St. Paul         |