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November 2008 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Ft. Smith Church League was held on Monday, November 10th, 2008 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is attached).

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Doug Faries offered the opening prayer.

Motion to approve previous minutes was made by Wes Young. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers' report given by Pat Mickle -available in writing by request

- Paid off Kubota tractor
- Need for insurance regarding all "stuff" @ the ball fields
- Mickle provided information on storm damage from city estimates ranging in the \$44,000.00 area
- Current and future improvements include: scoring hut on Skokos, re-roof Flocks bathroom, 5 new sets of bleachers, paved parking lot, new batting cage, etc.
- John Glidewell of Coke gave \$5,000.00 check for donation to FSCL.
- Doug Schwartz discussed estimates regarding replacing Hernreich marquee along with input from Bobby Aldridge. It was decided that it would be best to table this decision.
- Wes Young did make a motion to purchase the S/O street letters for the marquee 2nd by Bobby Aldridge. Passed by all.

President's Report

President Don Eveld discussed the Babe Ruth Age Divisions Change Survey regarding the three options. Online registration starting next year was also discussed

Old Business

Don Eveld made a motion to approve all five officers in, 2nd by Eddie Norman. All approved.

Eddie Norman reminded all of help needed at the fields regarding assembly of bleachers and other projects. He stated that work would most likely be going on every Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday plus emails would follow regarding other times.

New Business

-Bobby Aldridge made a motion to sod pitching machine fields, 2nd by Doug Schwartz.

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Discussion ensued regarding pros and cons and the need for “lips” to be taken off the infields. Bobby did say that the estimated cost to sod both fields would be \$700.00.

-Eddie Norman made a motion to sod Flocks/Hernreich fields home to first and third to home, 2nd by Bobby Aldridge.

Brent Lewis was introduced as Machine Pitch president.

Still need Prep/Babe Ruth presidents.

-Brent Lewis made a motion regarding **Pony League Rules**, 2nd by Wes Young.

The motion is as follows: 18. (a) No Pony National League pitchers is allowed to pitch over three (3) innings per game, exceptions being extra innings, then the pitcher of record at the end of regulation play is allowed one (1) extra inning for a total of four (4) innings. One pitch constitutes an inning. Violation of the innings pitched rule will be forfeiture of the game.

(b) No **Pony American League pitcher is allowed to pitch over two (2) innings per game**, exceptions being extra innings, then **ANY** pitcher is allowed one (1) extra inning for a total of three (3) innings. One pitch constitutes an inning. Violation of the innings pitched rule will be forfeiture of the game.

H. Super Pee Wee & Bambino League Rules

Existing

7) The pitcher must stand either to the left or right of the pitching machine with both feet inside the circle and must remain in that position until the ball is pitched.

Robert Burriss was introduced as T-Ball president.

Proposed

7) 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.

New rule 7 is actually 2008 rule 27 moving to rule 7 location for clarification and removal of duplication. Rule 27 should be stricken.

Jeremy Groce spoke on his behalf regarding umpire provision for tournament play. Recommended \$30.00/game vs \$35.00. Reportedly have 32 available Umps. Does not have to be an “all or nothing” deal if FSCL wanted to use other services. Finally, it was brought up that Jeremy does not charge a “scheduling” fee.

Wes Young spoke regarding Sothside/Northside coaches and Hum Baby Tourney. FSCL still Tourney Director. Eddie Norman asked Wes to discuss with the coaches about getting parents to volunteer concession time.

Doug Schwartz motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Eddie Norman . The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Signature:

Approved: (date)

Or Corrected: (date)

Attendee Roster

1) Eddie Norman	St. Paul
2) Brent Lewis	Eastside Baptist
3) Bobby Aldridge	St. Boniface
4) Jason Brasher	Eastside
5) Wes Young	
6) Jason Vrazel	IC
7) Donald Schwartz	Christ the King
8) Pat Mickle	Central Pres.
9) Doug Schwartz	Christ the King
10) Robert Burris	
11) Doug Faries	Butterfield
12) Chris Honaker	Harvest Time
13) Greg Schmitt	St. Boniface
14) Mark Haywood	Butterfield
15) Mike Clark	FB Ft. Smith
16) Rodney Woods	IC
17) Dale Seiter	IC