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February 2011 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Fort Smith Church Baseball League was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 at Christ the King Church.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Don Eveld. Wes Sadler led opening prayer.

January meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Presidents' Report

Old Business

Proposal to change some time limits, submitted by Eddie Norman at the January meeting was discussed. A vote was called and the new times were passed by a vote of 12-1. Following are the new times as adopted:

JR PEE WEE and PEE WEE game time limit is now 55 minutes.
Super Pee Wee and Bambino game time limit is now 65 minutes.
Pony American and National game time limit is now 1hour 40 minutes.
Midget game time limit is now 1hour 50 minutes

Prep & Babe Ruth were unchanged at 1 hour 50 minutes

New Business

New Covenant International Christian Center made application for membership. Ray Nellum, representing NCICC, said they would be fielding a Prep league team this year. A motion was made by Eddie Norman to accept NCICC into the league, with a 2nd by Bobby Aldridge. Vote to accept was unanimous. It was also agreed that NCICC could pay the \$500 new member fee over two years, in the form of two \$250 payments. All other applicable FSCL fees will be applied as rules provide.

Season dates were discussed and verified as follows:

Coaches meetings will be March 15, 17 and 21. All meetings will be held at 5:30pm at Christ the King

April 25th will be the start of the pre-season tournament in Jr PEE WEE, Pee WEE, SPW, Bambino, Pony American and Pony National. It will be the start of the regular season for Midget, Prep, and Babe Ruth.

May 2nd will be the start of the REGULAR SEASON in all t-ball leagues, machine leagues, and pony leagues.

July 15th will be post season tournament championship games and league trophy night.

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Rainout dates are Saturday May 14, Saturday June 4th, and Saturday June 25th.

The new bat standards, in accordance with Babe Ruth Rules, was discussed. Composite barrel bats will be illegal in FSCL in 2012. FSCL recommends these bats not be used this year.

Pat Mickle discussed the lease line behind Flocks Field. Girls Inc lease actually encompasses some of the parking lot behind Flocks. This does not appear to be an issue at this time, but future plans by Girls Inc may take a few parking spots at some date.

Pat Mickle introduced several rule changes and a deletion that will remove references to Super Series, and to clean up some other language in the 2010 rules. These rules proposals follow the attendance roster at the end of these minutes. The proposal was given a 2nd by Donald Schwartz

Mike Bishop, representing Saint Boniface, suggested coaches be given instructions on how to coach at our coaches meetings in addition to rules review.

A list of things needed at declaration was reviewed:

Rosters (due at declaration by league rule)

Name of Head coach for each team

Number of teams in each league for each church

Head Coach phone Numbers and email

Proof of Insurance for EACH TEAM your church is sponsoring

FSCL recommends this work be done prior to declaration night. It makes the process much quicker, and keeps down errors in assigning teams to leagues, providing practice times, and setting up the schedule.

Motion to adjourn was made by Eddie Norman, with multiple 2nds. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. Please see the attendance roster below:

Don Eveld - FSCL President
Donald Schwartz – CTK – FSCL Officer
Bobby Aldridge – FSCL League Pres
Doug Schwartz – CTK
Pat Mickle – CP – FSCL Officer
Brent Lewis – ESBC – FSCL Officer
Tom Caldarera – IC
Philip Doss – IC
Trey Jackson - IC
Eddie Norman – FSCL Officer
Brett King - Grand
Michael Wesson – Grand
Chris Hall – NCICC
Ray Nellum – NCICC
Mike Bishop – SB
Brad Kohler – FM
Mark Nelson – CBC
Cy Walden – Harvest Time

Article X, A. GENERAL RULES & POLICIES:

Existing:

22. If a player has played on an AAA/American or Major/National Division traveling team during the season they will be ineligible to participate in the post season Super Series State Tournaments. The player may participate in FSCBL league tournaments. This rule is mandated by the Super Series National Office to discourage these players from dominating league play. An “A/Minor” division player may participate on an “AA/American” division team for weekend tournaments but cannot play for both teams on the same weekend.

Proposed:

22. If a player has played on an AAA/American or Major/National Division traveling team during the season, the player may participate in FSCBL league tournaments. An “A/Minor” division player may participate on an “AA/American” division team for weekend tournaments but cannot play for both teams on the same weekend.

Existing:

23. All rules associated with Super Series league questions will be interpreted by the FSCBL President, or appointed FSCBL representative, and SUPER SERIES Regional Director. All rulings are final and not disputable.

Proposed:

23. DELETE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Article X, C. GENERAL PLAYING RULES:

Existing:

1. The official baseball rules of the National Baseball Congress shall apply except where CHURCH LEAGUE rules or the Babe Ruth International Rules specifically provide

otherwise.

Proposed:

1. **The official baseball rules of the National Baseball Congress shall apply except where CHURCH LEAGUE rules, or USSSA rules in the case of Midget League, or the Babe Ruth International Rules specifically provide otherwise.**

Article X, G. PEE-WEE & JR. PEE-WEE LEAGUE (TEE BALL):

Existing:

1. Sanction with Super Series “Minor” Division for both age groups in T-Ball Division. Players who are listed on AAA/Major or American/National division Competitive League rosters are not eligible to participate in post season play.

Proposed:

1. Players who are listed on AAA/Major or American/National division Competitive League rosters are not eligible to participate in post season play.

Article X, H. SUPER PEE WEE & BAMBINO LEAGUE RULES:

Existing:

1. **Sanction with Super Series “Minor” Division for both age groups in Pitching Machine Division.** Players who are listed on AAA/Major or American/National division Competitive League rosters are not eligible to participate in post season play.

Proposed:

1. **Players who are listed on AAA/Major or American/National division Competitive League rosters are not eligible to participate in post season play.**

Article X, I. PONY LEAGUE RULES:

Existing:

1. Sanction with Super Series “Minor” Division for both age groups in Pony Division. Players who are listed on AAA/Major or American/National division Competitive League rosters are not eligible to participate in post season play.

Proposed:

1. Players who are listed on AAA/Major or American/National division Competitive League rosters are not eligible to participate in post season play.

Article X, J. MIDGET LEAGUE RULES:

Existing:

1. The CHURCH LEAGUE Midget League playing rules and infield size will conform to the Super Series Rules of Baseball except where FSCBL rules provide otherwise in Article I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X A-F and K.

2. The FSCBL infield dimensions will conform to Super Series Rules. The bases will be seventy (70) feet apart and the pitchers rubber shall be forty-eight (48) feet from home plate. If Cal Ripken baseball makes the change to 50' the pitching distance shall be 50' from home base.

Proposed:

1. The CHURCH LEAGUE Midget League playing rules and infield size will conform to the USSSA Rules of Baseball except where FSCBL rules provide otherwise in Article I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X A-F and K.
2. The FSCBL infield dimensions will conform to USSSA Rules. The bases will be seventy (70) feet apart and the pitchers rubber shall be forty-eight (48) feet from home plate. If Cal Ripken baseball makes the change to 50' the pitching distance shall be 50' from home base.