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November 2010 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Fort Smith Church Baseball League was held on Monday, November 8, 2010 at Christ the King Church.

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Don Eveld. Brent Lewis led opening prayer.

March meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle presented the finance report. Checking account has \$10,003.17. Capital improvement fund has \$16,264.72. FSCL will have a loss from operations of approx. \$15,000 for 2010.

Presidents' Report

Old Business

Rule change: Article X (G) (24) Currently reads *Play is dead when a player enters the pitching circle with both feet and the game ball. At that time any player less than halfway to the next base must return to the base from which he came, unless forced. If the player is over half way to the next base he may advance to said base. The pitcher will be given a chance to make a play on any base when fielding a batted ball within the circle.*

Change to:

*Play is dead when a player enters the pitching circle with both feet and the game ball **OR play is dead once the lead runner is stopped and the umpire has declared the ball dead and called time.** At that time any player less than halfway to the next base must return to the base from which he came, unless forced. If the player is over half way to the next base he may advance to said base. The pitcher will be given a chance to make a play on any base when fielding a batted ball within the circle.*

Motion made by Brent Lewis, with multiple 2nds.

Rule PASSED 12-0

Rule Change: Article X (A) (11) currently reads: *Parents or friends of the game participants shall not interfere with the coaching or umpiring of the game and shall not enter the dugouts or the playing field except in the case of an emergency.*

Change to: *Parents or friends of the game participants shall not interfere with the coaching or umpiring of the game and shall not enter the dugouts or the playing field except in the case of an emergency.*

There will be no photography on the field or from the dugout except by the official league photographer.

Rule Passed 12-0

Rule Change; Article VII (E) (1) Currently Reads: *Effective January 1, 2006, Churches must pay a \$25.00 per player fee for all leagues to meet to the association's funding needs. The fees are payable to the Fort Smith Church Baseball League in one check per team in each league according to the player totals on the official team rosters. The fees are due by April 15th each year and shall accompany the official team roster. Players added to the roster after April 15th will be assessed player fees to be collected by the league president. Failure to pay fees and turn in completed, official rosters by April 15th will result in the non-complying team not being scheduled and as such will not be allowed to participate for the affected season.*

Change to: *Effective January 1, 2011, Churches must pay a \$30.00 per player fee for all leagues to meet to the association's funding needs. The fees are payable to the Fort Smith Church Baseball League in one check per team in each league according to the player totals on the official team rosters. The fees are due by April 15th each year and shall accompany the official team roster. Players added to the roster after April 15th will be assessed player fees to be collected by the league president. Failure to pay fees and turn in completed, official rosters by April 15th will result in the non-complying team not being scheduled and as such will not be allowed to participate for the affected season.*

Motion made by Bobby Aldridge, 2nd Pat Mickle

Rule Passed 11-1

Nominations were opened for officers for the 2011 season during the Oct 2010 meeting. The slate of officers from 2010 was re-nominated, with no additions:

President – Don Eveld

1st Vice President – Eddie Norman

2nd Vice President – Donald Schwartz

Treasurer – Pat Mickle

Secretary – Brent Lewis

OFFICERS WERE APPROVED 12-0

If anyone is interested, or knows someone who is interested, in being director of umpires please contact Donald Schwartz. 459-3731.

New Business

Rule Addition Proposal :

Article X (I) 23: In Pony American League only each at bat will begin with a count of 1-1 (one ball and one strike).

Motion by Brent Lewis 2nd by Donald Schwartz

Rule Change

Article X 1: 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.

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

FSLC will offer a 4yr old t-ball league. We will begin advertising this on the marquee at the fields, and on the website. Final rules for this league will be presented at the Dec 2010 meeting.

Travel ball teams will be allowed to use the fields during our season, for a fee to be determined, to fill slots in which FSCL does not have games scheduled. The times will not be known until after team declaration night in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41. Please see the attendance list below.

Eddie Norman - St Paul – FSCL Officer
Don Eveld - FSCL President
Donald Schwartz – CTK – FSCL Officer
Bobby Aldridge – FSCL League Pres
Pat Mickle – CP – FSCL Officer
Brent Lewis – ESBC – FSCL Officer
Mark Nelson – CBC
Jason Vrazel – IC
Philip Doss – IC
Mike Bishop – SB
Mike Clark – FBFS