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October 2010 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Fort Smith Church Baseball League was held on Monday, October 11, 2010 at Christ the King Church.

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM by Eddie Norman. Mark Nelson led opening prayer.

March meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle presented the finance report. Checking account has \$9,462.00. Capital improvement fund has \$16,261.00.

Presidents' Report

Old Business

NONE

New 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 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.*

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

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

There was discussion about falling participation numbers. Some suggestions to help alleviate this were to:

Hold a membership drive among area churches. This would include contacting church children ministers.

Host a travel team night when field space is available.

Creating a 4 year old t-ball league, and/or allowing 4 year olds to play on JR t-ball teams.

Nominations were opened for officers for the 2011 season. The slate of officers from 2010 was renominated, with no additions:

President – Don Eveld

1st Vice President – Eddie Norman

2nd Vice President – Donald Schwartz

Treasurer – Pat Mickle

Secretary – Brent Lewis

Officers will be voted on at the Nov meeting.

Future meeting dates:

Nov 8

Dec 13

Jan 10

Feb 21 (this meeting was moved from the 2nd Monday in February to the 3rd Monday).

Mar 14 (this is team declaration night)

Coaches meetings will be Mar 15, 17th and 21st.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm. Please see the attendance list below.

Eddie Norman - St Paul – FSCL Officer

Robert Burris – FUMC – FSCL League Pres

Jason Brasher – ESBC – FSCL League Pres

Donald Schwartz – CTK – FSCL Officer

Bobby Aldridge – FSCL League Pres

Pat Mickle – CP – FSCL Officer

Brent Lewis – ESBC – FSCL Officer

Doug Farris – Butterfield – FSCL League Pres

Doug Schwartz – CTK – FSCL Officer

Mark Nelson – CBC