



INSTILLING IN OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH THE IDEA OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

**FSCL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Church League Commissioners Meeting 12.10.12**

Sign-In Sheet Passed around:

Don Schwartz
Eddie Norman
Don Eveld
Pat Mickle
Trey Jackson
Doug Schwartz
Alan Schwartz
Bobby Aldridge
Dennis Botteicher
Robert Brown
Mike Bishop
Greg Farris
Brent Lewis
Greg George

Called to order 5:33pm followed by opening prayer

Minutes from November approved

Treasurer's Report

--probably have to borrow from capital improvements fund in order to bridge gap until \$ starts coming in end of March

--purchase of red dirt got us in the hole on operating budget

Don Eveld—Request to Rheem about donated AC units was denied

Bobby Aldridge—meeting next week with Parks Commission about \$ for CL

→most promising thing is we might get help with some trees

Brent Lewis—Asked question about length of season: his coaches liked the number of games, but not the gap between end of season and tourney

Bobby Aldridge—Consensus to end season earlier---How do we go about this? Vote, etc.

☑Question: Can Doug get the fields ready a week early? Answer—Yes



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Eddie Norman—Reviewed Calendar---said July 4th is on Thursday. We can end the season before July 4. We could do this by using field when it is scheduled to be rented to Mike McKeown.

Bobby A.--We could take away with preseason tournament, and replace it with a one game preseason game.

Discussion regarding this proposal---call it preseason week.

Eddie N. asked question: Does anybody see a problem starting the season a week early? Consensus: NO

Bobby A. also mentioned (mentioned last month as well) changing to USSSA for Babe Ruth tournaments.

Donald Schwartz—suggested starting the week of preseason tourney and forego preseason tournament all together.

Don Eveld—Do away with preseason tourney—vote—passed 12-0 (14 present—2 abstained)

Mike McKeown—fees schedule discussed (increased from last year)

Only thing approved for tournament last month was the date---not fees, etc.

Trey Jackson proposed new rule regarding age cut off for T-ball in order for kids to play with their classmates since the new FS Public School cut off is August 1. The proposed rule also eliminates the superfluous last sentence which has not been effective for the past several years.

--Don Schwartz seconded the proposal—to be voted on next meeting

Rule below--

Current Rule:

ARTICLE X

GENERAL

A. GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

1. All players shall be placed in the various leagues according to their age, as follows;

STARTER: Players must be four (4) years of age by August 15th of the current year, and may not be five (5) years of age on or before August 15th of the current year. Players also CANNOT be on any AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.

JR. PEE-WEE: Players must be at least five (5) years of age by on or before August 15 of the current year and may not be six (6) years of age on or before August 15 of the current year. Players also CANNOT be on any AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.

PEE-WEE: Players must be at least five (5) years old on or before August 15 of the current year and may not be seven (7) years old before May 1 of the current year. Players also CANNOT be on any AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.



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Proposed Rule:

ARTICLE X

GENERAL

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1. All players shall be placed in the various leagues according to their age, as follows;

STARTER: Players must be four (4) years of age by August 1st of the current year or the then current age cut off of the Fort Smith Public Schools, whichever is earlier, and may not be five (5) years of age before August 1st of the current year or the then current age cut off of the Fort Smith Public Schools, whichever is earlier.

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Discussion regarding McKeown's proposal—is his pay based on a graduated scale?

Bobby talked to Jason Brasher on the phone...clarified it's based on a graduated scale.

Vote: All teams pay (including McKeown's teams) and McKeown keeps \$ based on graduated scale
PASSED 10-0 – 4 did not vote. The passage of this proposal is conditioned on the payment be as follows:

0 - 20 Teams (\$20 per team)

21 - 30 Teams (\$27.50 per team)

31 - 40 Teams (\$33.50 per team)

41 - 50 Teams (\$38.50 per team)

51 - 60 Teams (\$42 per team)

61 - 70+ Teams (\$45 per team)

Example: If 35 teams sign up, McKeown's cut would be
 $(\$20.00 \times 20 \text{ teams}) + (\$27.50 \times 10 \text{ teams}) + (\$33.50 \times 5 \text{ teams}) = \842.50



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No cap was placed on number of teams that can enter—but the Commissioners are considering 9 per field limit.

Eddie Norman makes a suggestion regarding entry fee--\$295 for Mothers Day and \$345 for Hum Baby—McKeown can review charges and may adjust

Robert Brown—Fall Ball Rep. introduces himself and makes a short presentation regarding the possible future of Fall Ball possible future and the Fall Ball / CL on-going relationship

--Suggestion-change trash barrels to city provided cans

--Discussion by former grounds crew guys—This would not work because they have to be dumped daily—no big benefit

Robert Brown presents contract to CL for next season

--Van Buren wants Fall Ball, but Fall Ball leadership is coming back to CL to see what we can work out a deal to keep Fall Ball at CL

--Bobby A.—CL does not need to make \$ or lose \$ on Fall Ball, Suggested a “True Up” Clause in the Contract between CL and Fall Ball to Zero out at the end of the year

--Brent Lewis—discussion of Fall Ball proposal—proposal handed to Don Eveld

--Bobby A.—CL wants to host Fall Ball, but not at the expense of CL...proposal may leave too many questions up in the air.

Robert Brown—asked—is CL willing to work with Fall Ball? Collective Answer: Yes

Eddie Norman—suggested getting 3 reps from each club to sit down and work out a deal, Robert Brown agreed that would be a good idea. No meeting date set, but both sides agreed to a meeting.

Mike Bishop—will submit a rule change regarding travel ball kids—basically count travel ball kids as a year older when considering adding them to a team— Mike will email to Trey Jackson

Motion to Adjourn 7:15pm Doug Schwartz