



INSTILLING IN OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH THE IDEA OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

**FSCL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Church League Commissioners Meeting 01.14.13**

January 14, 2013 Minutes

Roster of Attendance:

Eddie Norman-VP, St. Paul
Jason Sharum-CTK
Don Plunkett-Trinity JH
Becky Berch-UCA
Brent Dorrough-Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist
Brent Lewis-ESBC
Jimmy Wright-Grace
Donald Schwartz-CTK, VP
Trey Jackson-IC, Secretary
Greg Farris-ESBC
Curtis Osier-FBC Greenwood
Lyndell Oxford-CBC
Bill Hollenbeck-St. Boniface
Bobby Aldridge
Alan Riskey-FBFS
Jason Brasher-ESBC
Bill Murray-CTK
Pat Mickle-CP, Treasurer

Called to order 5:36—Farris gave Opening prayer

Pat Mickle—Treasurer's Report

Big project was door work which is recorded as capital improvement project

New Business:

Eddie Norman passed out capital improvement project wish list.

Van Buren has taken away our state tournaments (so we will only have 2 travel tournaments this year). This will hurt our capital improvements fund. VB is now USSSA sanctioned league, so USSSA is giving them the state tournament.

Bobby Aldridge—says we need to discuss our future affiliation with Cal Ripken as there is no tangible benefit.



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Don tasked Bobby and get with Brent Lewis and Jason Brasher to study advantage of joining USSSA over Babe Ruth/Cal Ripkin or some other league.

UCA and Trinity want to do the same thing as they did last year as far as renting the fields. Donald will send them contracts for review/renewal

New church looking to join Church League—Brent Dorrough and another VB representative. They want to join a “competitive” league as Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist. Some of their boys go to FS churches, but not quite 50%.

--They want three teams 5-6, 9-10 and 11-12

--VB not competitive enough and not enough teams to have many games

Probationary period proposed—will give CL an out in the event that VB brings in a bunch of ringers

Don wants a probationary period with a limit on number of travel kids---might not use term “Probationary Period” but put them on notice that we may revoke membership in the event that they are all travel caliber players.

Vote to allow—**Unanimous** to allow up to 2 travel kids per team—Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist is **approved**.

Donation made by Chay Tidwell for scholarship \$15,000: \$2,000 scholarship and \$1,000 scholarship per year for former players, ump's, grounds crew. Must continue to fund in order for it to last.

Vote on new Rules: Vote on rule change for age change for T ball—**Passed unanimously**

New Rules:

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 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.

JR. PEE-WEE: Players must be five (5) 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 six (6) 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.

PEE-WEE: Players must be at least five (5) years old 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 seven (7) years old before May 1 of the current year.



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Vote to allow one team free for Mike McKeown as part of his director fee—passed unanimously

Robert Brown from Fall Ball wants to keep Fall Ball here—will meet with a few CL reps in coming weeks

New Business:

No new business

Motion to adjourn 6:40pm