

February 13, 2012

Church League Commissioners Meeting

Called to order 5:30

Opening Prayer Mark Nelson

“Pogue” spelling correction to last month’s meeting

He was referenced as a possible →director of umps for tournaments

Minutes approved with above corrections...Motion by Eddie Norman, multiple seconds

Grounds Update

Doug Schwartz— Sandpro—out of commission, destroyed during fall ball, ran without oil

Found a place in Barling to repair--\$1815.17

Big 4 wheeler serviced, smaller serviced--\$482 for smaller one

Dirt work done on Hernreich, sod laid, hope to get rolled this week.

Flocks bases set at 90ft.

Pat will show Wayne what needs to be done on Hernreich

Don Eveld (started Treasurers report before Pat Mickle arrived)—bought load of turf for approx. \$3000.

We are close to spending all we typically budget for

GW fields are a concern—they need to be top notch with all these teams coming in

Eddie Norman—Jerry Glidwell said he did not think using Evans for tourney would be a problem

Bobby Aldridge—Greenwood gets their fields ready at last minute, but they are always rough, however this should not be that big of an issue because they host trips all the time; facilities are still subpar. No fields around here but VB are up to par. We can’t host this number of teams without using another facility like Gw.

Jason Brasher—Teams seem to be OK with playing at Gw, younger kids may be at Gw entire tournament.

Doug S.—We do not want people to bash CL because of Gw.

Bobby—We could disassociate the Gw portion from CL. We would need to cherry pick teams to play at FSCL. VB does not want to associate with non—AA teams. No Major or AAA.

Doug S—We should not disassociate with Gw.

Bobby and Jason—Fields are fine, facilities are lacking

Doug S.—fields are what matter, we can deal with poor facilities.

Donald S.—After pool play better teams will come to FSCL. Jason confirmed that all teams are aware of this.

Bobby—we have not talked about how the tourney will be seeded yet. If we lose 30 teams because of Gw we still could have a large team tourney the following year.

Donald—don't want to scare off teams in the future because of bad facilities.

Bobby—6 states represented in 7 year old league alone.

Eddie Norman—Wants to make move at getting VB.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle--\$2171.00 checking acct., \$15,700 expenses, \$300 income. \$8,800 on Hernreich, typical expenses, \$2,800 crew.—Financials to be attached

Eddie Norman—all fields but Kelly and Kurkendall have clay base. Doug would like to put sprinklers at Skokes and Higgins, but we don't have the \$ now.

Pat Mickle—actively working on shade canopy on Parker—should be there by beginning of season

Don Eveld—Tournament shirt—nothing new.

Mark Nelson—asked to table SPW pitcher rule. Withdraw rule until fall....**RULE WITHDRAWN** (discussed below)

New Business

Bobby A. – 15 yo and older must use BB Core 0.5 bat required. Must be stamped on handle. Only applies to -3 bats. Can't use BB Core 0.5 on smaller bats. 14 and down through pitching machine—must use small barrel bat—2 ¼, bpf 1.15 (bat performance factor) with sticker. USSSA must have their own hologram. Bobby recommends for 7-10yo use any bat stamped bpf 1.15. 11-13 All bpf 1.15—Do we want to stick with big barrel bat. Rating system allows for change as technology improves.

Little League approves t-ball bats, but Bobby thinks that is overkill. At Tball it will not matter.

PM—what will 13 yo USSSA tourney do → bpf 1.15.

Bobby—13-15 Cal Ripkin—34, 2 5/8 bat, All aluminum bats allowed, and all composite handle with aluminum bat. But if composite barrel has to BB Core 0.5

Eddie Norman—in Midget we use all USSSA rules.

Question: why don't we make kids use small bats during regular season?

EN and Donald S.: You are not handicapping most kids only the best that will play all stars.

Bobby—reason is safety, hot bats were dangerous. Want to simulate wood bat. Keeps scoring down. Some leagues in NE only use wood bats. That may be the way we are going.

Eveld—wants to call a vote. Bobby wants motion to decide the whole rule tonight—and put on website

Rule Passes by unanimous vote as written below.

FORT SMITH CHURCH LEAGUE NEW BAT RULES

Article X.

Section H. Super Pee Wee and Bambino

22. Add: Bat must be marked with a manufacturers mark or label certifying the bat to be "*BPF 1.15*".

Section I. Pony

16. Add: Bat must be marked with a manufacturers mark or label certifying the bat to be "*BPF 1.15*".

Section J. Midget

12. Add: Bat must be marked with a manufacturers mark or label certifying the bat to be "*BPF 1.15*", or certified and marked BBCOR 0.5

BABERUTH LEAGUE

FSCL rules state this age division is governed by Babe Ruth Rules. The Babe Ruth bat rules are as follows:

13-15 BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy barrels are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

16-18 BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter or be greater than a .3 length to weight ratio. Only metal/composite bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 are allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

T-Ball bat rule remains unchanged--6 under stay same

Bobby A.—March 13—vote for continuation of existing tax—encouraged committee to get on Parks website and look at issue—continue tax, wet weather, sewer, fire station, quarter split between Fire and Parks dept.—please vote **FOR** because Parks Dept has been good to us and this would give them the budget to continue do so. Water park also on ballot—make your own call.

Bill Hollenbeck—wants us to support fire station in Chaffee.

Back to proposed rule re: SPW coaches feeding ball. Eddie continues discussion. Ump behind plate may become pitching machine feeder...

Mark Nelson—thinks commissioners can police league better so no need to change rule now

Eddie—game better with coach pitching—ump remains behind plate. Best to fix if we can do it ourselves.

Doug S.—now we have 3 coaches on field vs. 2 umps.

Robert Burris—USSSA—umps feed at big tourneys, but either is OK per rules.

Brent Lewis—game slowed by catcher. But rule change needs teeth.

Robert B.—placing ump there will not be time saver.

Doug S.—kids should be in box and ready to hit. Kids not being in box slows game.

Mark N—umps can throw balls back. Still wants to table rule until fall. Will back off rule, but we may change during season.

More New Business—Rule Proposal—Coach Ejection—Rule X. A. 16

Coach ejected for profanity will be banned from next game—codifying unwritten rule that has been enforced for years.

Another proposal—Ejected for questioning judgment call—banned for next game as well—see handout

Existing Rule:

ARTICLE X GENERAL

A. GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

16. Profanity of any kind by players or coaches will not be tolerated. If a player or coach is heard using profanity he or she will be ejected from the game by the umpire. If the umpire desires, he or she can ask a CHURCH LEAGUE official to eject an offending coach. A CHURCH LEAGUE official shall be notified immediately if a coach is ejected from a game. If a coach is ejected for profanity two times in one season, including tournament games, he or she will not be allowed to coach in the FSCBL for the remainder of the season. An ejected player may remain the dugout but shall no longer be able to play in that game.

Proposed Change:

16. a. Profanity of any kind by players or coaches will not be tolerated. If a player or coach is heard using profanity he or she will be ejected from the game by the umpire. If the umpire desires, he or she can ask a CHURCH LEAGUE official to eject an offending coach.
- b. A CHURCH LEAGUE official shall be notified immediately if a coach is ejected from a game. A coach ejected from a game for any reason must leave the field immediately and will not be allowed to coach the next game played. If a coach is ejected ~~for profanity~~ two times in one season for any reason, including tournament games, he or she will not be allowed to coach in the FSCBL for the remainder of the season, including tournament games. An ejected player may remain in the dugout but shall no longer be able to play in that game.

Proposed New Rule:

ARTICLE V MANAGERS AND COACHES

F. Managers and coaches are not allowed to question judgment calls made by the game officials. Violation of this rule can result in the offending person being ejected from the game at the discretion of the on-field officials or church league officials. NO WARNING IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO EJECTION. Ejected coaches are then subject to Article X section A number 16b.

New Ump rule—see handout new rates of pay.

Increases expenses by exactly \$1000/yr.

Pat Mickle—we could raise price of ice-e or sodas. We have not raised prices for 4 years on ice-es

Brent Lewis motion to vote on rule next time—multiple 2nds

Doug S.—Coke wants to park trailer at ball parks. Will take up one spots near Old Greenwood Rd.

Actually two spots because of doors, but Eddie suggested parking on grass

Annie would like for it to be parked by concession stand. We need to discuss exact location...Annie ok with trailer...best to be inside gate.

No more new business

Next month team declarations—roster and \$.

Doug S. motion to adj. multiple seconds—6:51pm.