



**INSTILLING IN OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH THE IDEA OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER**

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**FSCL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Church League Commissioners Meeting 02.11.13**

Sign-In Sheet Passed around:

Donald Schwartz  
Eddie Norman  
Don Eveld  
Pat Mickle  
Trey Jackson  
Doug Schwartz  
Alan Schwartz  
Bobby Aldridge  
Dennis Botteicher  
Mike Bishop  
Greg Farris  
Brent Lewis  
Curt Osier  
James Carter  
Bill Murray  
Lyndell Oxford  
Dave Adams  
Jason Sharum  
Mark Nelson

Called to order 5:31pm followed by opening prayer by Greg Farris

Minutes from January approved

President's Report

Treasurer's Report--handout

--Operational Expenses--\$1400—grounds crew

--Less Than \$500 in checking account; We will need to borrow from Capital Fund until team \$ starts coming in

Motion to Grandfather in all starter kids from last year with birthdates from August 1-August 15—have the option to continue with last years team or play Starter League again. Vote unanimous in favor of allowing kids (with birthdates from August 1-August 15) that played Starter last year to choose to play either Starter again this year or Junior Pee Wee

Bobby Aldridge Report regarding USSSA sanctions—defer until Jason arrives



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Donald Schwartz—UCA schedule to use Hernreich--\$1200; Trinity wants to push practice back to 5:30 -- \$1000. Donald will ask Trinity if they can push at least one game to Wednesday (second week)  
→ Unanimous Agreement to give schools the field until 5:30

Question whether these school teams will vacate when needed—consensus is that they will vacate on time

--consensus is that we can work out the schedule with the schools—hope to bump the night back 30 minutes for their practices and accommodate their schedules

Chay Tidwell—Scholarship—Overview—We need to name a board quickly so this can be in effect for 2013 season

Motion made for Lucas Jackson Tournament to be new name for Mother's Day Tournament—vote---passed unanimously

Robert Brown—going to try to start a Fort Smith Fall Ball League—will split from group going to VB Field of Dreams—FS group wants to play at CL fields

No rule changes

Eddie Norman—suggested adding one adult umpire to each field—Discussions started  
Brent Lewis—suggested one pro ump on kid pitch, and kids on pitching machine and tball

Bobby Aldridge—talked to Doug Pough—he said he had plenty of umps available

Don Eveld—recommended raising rates to get the better kids umping in the lower leagues

Pros will work for \$25/games for 1 hour or less per game

Doug Schwartz—don't we need to make ump decision now since we are late in the game

Bobby Aldridge—where will \$ come from...Eddie will workout how much more it will cost—  
Donald said about \$7000 more with T-ball and Pitching Machine included

Motion to Table Sanctioned Ump issue for a year—seconded and passed via majority vote

Bobby and Jason Brasher—Report on USSSA sanctioning:



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½ price this year to get in and we will be awarded smaller state tournament this year (11 & 13 yo) Majors

- \$800 total cost to join USSSA this year for all teams
- contingent on sanctioning entire league (6-12yos)

In return, we will get--11-13 team state tournament—Which will gross about \$3000

- Member churches could go through USSSA insurance carrier, which should be lower than current rates (not confirmed)

--6-10yo could enter into a league team all-star tournament (Single 'A' USSSA) but could not play in any other USSSA classification tournaments or USSSA teams

- Bobby Aldridge—motion to sanction 6-12 as USSSA and drop Babe Ruth for 11-12s

Vote 18-2 Passed—We will be sanctioned USSSA this year, dropping 11-12 from Babe Ruth (Overturned see immediately below)

Eddie makes a motion to duel sanction 11-12 USSSA and Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth  
Vote: 10-5 Passed previous vote overturned via this vote

New Business:

Mark Nelson proposes new rule—however it deals with USSSA post-season play, therefore rule proposal is discussed—asked to Clarify New Rule. Mark makes motion to change language for all leagues regarding post-season play. Mark will bring language to next meeting

Coaches meeting March 4, 12, 14

Team Declaration March 11

April 15-18 "Spring Training Games" (don't count...in place of preseason)

April 21-June 21—Regular season

June 24-29 or July 1, or 2 (rainout)

Workdays March 30, April 6, April 13

Doug Schwartz makes motion to adjourn: 7:08pm