

PA District 5 Little League Meeting
Sunday, February 15, 2009
1:00 PM
Bellefonte, PA

DA George Baughman called the meeting to order.

Tom Soccio called attendance:

Leagues Present: Bellefonte, Big Valley, Clearfield, Curwensville, Four Leaf, Mifflin County, Milesburg, Mountain Top, Penns Valley, PO, Pleasant Gap, State College, Tri County, Mifflin Co. Girls Softball, Marion Walker

New presidents were introduced and their contact information was confirmed.

The treasurer's report was given by Frank Germino as follows:

Opening balance in 2008: \$385.39
Opening balance in 2009: \$1122.22

The majority of expenses for 2008 were pins and flags. A detailed report was given to all present to review.

Items of Discussion by George Baughman:

- **Charter Information from Williamsport** - Everyone confirmed receiving this
- **Boundary map for Williamsport** - everyone has these to send; may need more information specific to the area
- **When contacting Williamsport** - BE SPECIFIC (use appropriate names of personnel)
- **Background checks** - be careful when doing these. Do not go into detail when checks are failed. Must be done for anyone who has repetitive access to children
- **Fall program participation** - kids do not have to sign up in the spring in order to sign up for fall - must be reported as new kids for fall
- **League Bylaws** - if league bylaws or charter says that a parent is a member of the league, make sure that they actually do something (don't give out membership)
- **Girls Softball** - in State College runs under Little League - dual participation allows them to start play whenever until they start playing postseason
- **Mandatory Play rule** - when rule is broken, no longer is player ineligible - manager is now responsible
- **Insurance questions** - secondary policy picks up everything after primary insurance minus \$50

- **ASAP** – will have presentation at March meeting
- **Playing season/ interleague play** – make sure paperwork is completed and signed by George
- **Player waiver** – 2 player waivers – 2H (parents move from one district to another) 4H (DA moves boundary lines) – must be waived the entire way through – make sure George has a copy
- **Residency Waiver** – if a child is in one league but wants to play in another league, he must have a waiver signed and cannot play all stars
- **League Tournaments** – Brian Halberg has taken over the website for the district – any dates for tournaments should be given to Brian ASAP so he can update the website –if independent leagues are brought in to tournaments, you may have to charge a fee for participation to cover with insurance
- **Make sure charters are submitted and approved** in order for it to be in effect. Will receive a copy from Williamsport when approved (one to league, one to DA)
- **Individual league bylaws** are up to the leagues but **must be in accordance** with LL – if no changes have been made no need to resubmit another one.
- **Constitution** refers to how the league operates, **Bylaws** refer to how the game is played (rules of league)
- **District Website** – report by Brian Halberg – added schedule of meetings, agendas, minutes, documents, past all .star tournament brackets, - would like to include district maps, field locations, etc. www.padistrict5ll.org

2009 Rule Changes:

Baseball: Tom Soccio – reviewed rules and regs – copies given to all in attendance, rule 5.07 change proposal: (minor league only BB and SB)

1. 3 outs are recorded **OR**
2. all players on the roster have batted once in that inning **OR**
3. five runs have scored (would not apply to one/half inning)

Those in attendance discussed and voted to do away with 5 run scored in last half inning at bat

Pitcher can pitch up to 40 pitches and then go in to catch

Option 2 for pitching days rest - league may pick option 1 OR 2 but not parts of each option

Rule 1.10 – diameter of bat changes

Rule 1.11 (k) – clarification of cast wearing

Rule 3.02 – penalty change

Rule 3.03 – clarification of substitution rule

Rule 7.10 (d) – clarification of proper appeal by players
Tournament - # of senior leagues players on roster max. is 16, up to 17 for Big league

Participation in other programs
League eligibility clarifications

Charters and Waivers are to be in by June 9

Softball: Mike Pierce - Tournament play rules for SB – 10-11 & 11-12 yr olds will use 12 inch softballs, 9-10 yr old 11 inch softballs

Pitching rules changes

Local Problems:

- Mountain Top – tax form question – required by LL – needs to file if over \$25,000.

LL international Tournament Information:

9-10, 10-11 start June 29
11-12 June 26/27

Next scheduled meetings: Sunday, March 29, ASAP program
Sunday, June 7