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## January 2006 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's Meeting of the Fort Smith Church League was held on Monday, January 9, 2006 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is available upon request)

The meeting was called to order by Don Eveld. Wes Young offered opening prayer.

The Secretary position is still vacant.

The December 2005 minutes were presented for approval.

A motion for approval by Shane Medford of the minutes was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wes Young

Pat Mickle presented the Treasurer's Report. The financial statement stated that after income and expenses that our total unencumbered funds was 12,751.20, and that funds were also to be spent on the bleacher pads around the Kuykendal and Pendergraft fields. Copies can be requested of the full financial statement upon request to the executive board.

Pat also stated that the Batting Cages that were being offered to be built with the Fort Smith Fall Baseball funds had been approved by the city.

Karen Schwartz came to discuss picture packages. She is interested in putting Action Shotz on-line, her web site, for additional purchase by parents. She has 18 insufficient funds check that she will be giving to the League for possible collection. Doug Schwartz moved that Karen would be the official photographer again for the 2006 season with exclusive photography rights. Wes Young proposed a written contract be developed for the 2006 season. Shane Medford 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Vote: All in Favor.

### Old Business

Pat Mickle presented an amended contract with Wes Young for the Hum-Baby Tournaments, clarifying responsibilities and how income was to be divided. The amended contract was accepted.

Doug Schwartz has talked to Brad Thompson about field crew maintenance. Jeff had declined the winter month's job. Brad wanted more than \$6.25 per hour for work. Eddie Norman made motion to hire Brad to work 20-24 hours/week at \$7.25 per hour. Wes Young 2<sup>nd</sup>.

VOTE:                      16 in favor      0 against

Rodney Woods talked to Babe Ruth Commissioner and stated that we need to make a decision about All-Star Rules for Players. Eddie Norman suggested a committee of Mark Burgess, Rick Parrish, and Rodney Woods to look into the age/All-Star problem.

Motion to change the policy of dividing PONY LEAGUE TEAMS presented last month by Dale Seiter; seconded by Rick Parrish.

### **CURRENT WAY**

At team declaration Pony teams are chosen to be in a respective division based on the luck of the draw with the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams and 1<sup>st</sup> year teams being divided as equally as possible among each division. These teams then play each other in the PONY league one time.

### **PROPOSED WAY FOR 2006 AND BEYOND**

At team declaration PONY teams would declare 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year based on the age of their players. Mixed teams would be required to declare based on the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> year kids on their roster. If a team has 4 or more 2<sup>nd</sup> year players, they must declare as a second year team

American League and National League would then be split with 1<sup>st</sup> year teams being placed in one division and 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams being placed in the other division.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Teams: Schedules** would be built whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> year teams would play the other 1<sup>st</sup> year teams in their respective division twice during the year with the balance of the total games to be played for each team being randomly selected from the other division that is comprised of 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Teams: Schedules** would be built whereas the 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams would play the other 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams in their respective division twice during the year with the balance of the total games to be played for each team being randomly selected from the other division that is comprised of 1<sup>st</sup> year teams.

There must be at least 6 1<sup>st</sup> year and 6 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams for each division or this reverts to the past way of team selections.

VOTE:                    22 in favor        0 against

Rule change presented by Rick Deramus and seconded by Rick Parrish that was made last month was discussed. Change as follows:

Under Article X General Playing Rules: Jr. Pee Wee General Rules & Policies

Change 7 years of age to 6 years of age. Eliminate 3 players who turn 6 years of age before:

Purpose: Jr. Pee Wee should be only for 5-year-old players

VOTE:                    13 in favor        9 against

Jim Ibison made a \$5000 donation last year which is to be used for new mesh for Hernreich field. Please say thanks when you see him.

### **New Business**

Sean Boyd proposed a rule change that was seconded by Wes Young to add the following:

#### **Amendment to Article X, General, J, Midget Rules**

No player shall be allowed to fake bunt and then pull back and swing away. The player shall be called out for attempting to do so; no warning will be given.

Sean Boyd proposed a rule change that was seconded by Shane Medford to change the following All-Star Selections:

#### **Amendment to Article X, General Playing rule #21**

**FROM:** Each league president will compile a master list comprised of all players nominated for consideration. This list will be separated by division (if ten or more teams) and age (e.g. 11,12)

**TO:** Each league president will compile a master list comprised of all players nominated for consideration. This list will be separated by age only (e.g. 11,12)

Sean Boyd proposed a rule addition that was not seconded by any member to change the following All-Star Selections:  
Addition: If there is to be two All-Star teams per age division, then once selections are started by the coaches, they will alternate turns selecting players from the master list of nominees until the 10 man roster is filled for each team. All other rules will apply.

Wes Young proposed a rule change that was seconded by Shane Medford to change the following:

**Article X, Section I Pony League Rules**

**Old Rule**

3. The pitcher's rubber shall be forty-six (46) feet from home base.

**New Rule**

3. The pitching rubber shall be forty-six (46) feet from home base for 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams. The pitching rubber shall be forty-two feet (42) from home base. Inter-league games will be played with the forty-six foot distance.

Meeting changed from 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month for March ONLY. This meeting will be held on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. So that team declarations can be held before Spring Break. Motion by Wes Young and seconded by Pat Mickle.

VOTE:            13 in favor        0 opposed

Trinity Jr. High has asked to use Hernreich Field and batting cage for practices. No games are scheduled for Hernreich. Practices will start in mid-February. Mark Burgess will incorporate Trinity into the Babe Ruth League practice schedule starting at Spring Break. Motion was made by Norman to permit use, with Trinity paying \$10 for each practice that lights are used. Seconded by Mickle.

VOTE:            15 in favor        0 opposed

Coaches meetings to be held on March 9, 13, and 14

Rodney Woods motioned to adjourn. Sean Boyd seconded.

Meeting adjourned

Signature:

Approved: (date)

Or Corrected: (date)