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October 2005 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Ft. Smith Church League was held on Monday, October 10, 2005 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is available upon request).

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m. Sean Boyd offered the opening prayer.

There were no prior minutes since this was the first meeting in preparation of the 2006 season.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle discussed the revenues and expenses for general operations during the recent month. A detail report is available upon request. Checking balance was \$10,519.37, and the Capital Improvement Current Balance was \$5,705.71. Total Unencumbered was \$11,225.08. Fort Smith Parks and Recreation reported that FSCBL was scheduled to receive a grant of \$41,000. We need to decide where to spend the capital donates within the next 60 days.

President's Report

Don Eveld advised that Wes Young was to follow-up with an acquaintance about concrete for additional sidewalks and slabs to go under bleachers.

The FSCBL income tax form 990 was due October 15th.

FSCBL needs to send letters to the pastors of all FSCBL member churches requesting that the pastor designate or state their church's baseball commissioners. It is believed this is prudent to insure that the participants in the FSCBL commissioner meetings are qualified to represent their church sponsor. This will be handle by the FSCBL Secretary officer.

Mrs. Pendergraft offered intentions to purchase new scoreboards for Kelley Park. An estimate was given to her. Each scoreboard is \$2,500 to \$3,000 with timers. Clocks only are \$1,500 each.

Mr. Stubblefield, trustee on Reynolds Foundation, requested a list of To-Do items for consideration when new items/budget was given to the Foundation.

Fort Smith Fall Baseball League is interested in building a batting cage behind Parker and Higgins Fields. The City basically wanted to know what it will look like and where it will be under construction. The building is expected to be 80'x30' with 2 interior cages of 70' x 12'. Eddie Norman has apparently received an offer for a donation of steel trusses. Sean Boyd spoke about Fall Ball's offer. He said it was still under consideration. They currently have 450 to 480 children playing.

There was a lengthy discussion about Babe Ruth, USSSA, and all other organizations changing the age eligibility date. It was decided that a rule request would be submitted at the next meeting so it may be voted upon in December.

Rick Deramus suggested a rule change to break the Pee Wee (T-Ball) League into 3 leagues. He will likely submit a motion to divide the league by 5 year olds, 5 & 6 year olds and 6 year olds.

New Business

Don Eveld reminded took nominations for the 2006 slate of executive officers. Those nominated were:

President – Don Eveld

1st VP – Eddie Norman

2nd VP – Darrell Stovall

Treasurer – Pat Mickle

Secretary – *Still Vacant* (Miller and Schwartz adamantly declined)

Pat Mickle advised that during the last two years expenses exceeded operating income absent tournaments fundraisers and capital donations. We may need to raise registration fees if we continue to use tournament and capital donations solely for capital improvements.

Pat Pinter submitted a motion for two rule additions in Article X, Section I, of the Pony League Rules:

Article X Section I, Pony League Rule

New Rule

20. After four balls, the batter may advance to 1st base. If the catcher throws the ball back to the pitcher, the batter/runner must stop at 1st base until the next pitch. However, if the catcher throws the ball in an attempt to stop another runner from advancing, the batter/runner may advance past 1st base at their own risk.
21. A batter may not fake bunt and then swing away. If a batter shows a bunt and then pulls the bat back and swings, the batter will be called out and all runners shall return to their previous base(s).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Signature:

Approved: (date)

Or Corrected: (date)